

St. Peter and Paul's Church, Ballymacward.

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- Saturday 2nd. **Vigil Mass @ 8pm. FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT.**
Paddy Joe Laheen, Bawnogues (46th. Anniv)
Michael, Mary and John Creaven, Mounthazel (Anniv)
Michael, Bridget, and J.G. Queeney, Mounthazel (30th., 22nd., and 14th. Anniv)
Thomas and Sadie Lally, Liscune (36th. and 21st. Anniv)
The deceased members of the Ward Family, Alloon.
Marty Dwyer, Ballymacward (4th. Anniv)
- Monday 4th. **Mass at 9am.** Mike Gonley, Whitepark (Birthday Anniv)
- Tuesday 5th. **Mass at 9am.** The deceased members of the Costello Family Annagh,
and the Killilea Family, Doon.
- Wednesday 6th. **Mass at 9am.**
- Thursday 7th. **Mass at 9am.**
- Friday 8th. **Mass at 9am.**
- Friday 8th. **Mass at 7pm. Noel Treacy & Martin Scarry.**
(Requested by Padraic Pearses G.A.A. Club)
- Saturday 9th. **Funeral Mass at 12-30pm., for Carrie Raftery and Bob O'Donnell.**
- Saturday 9th. **Vigil Mass @ 8pm. PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORDS PASSION.**
Paddy O'Brien, Glentane, (2nd. Anniv)
FR. Nicholas Murray, Esker (11th. Anniv)
Margaret, Pat and John Murray, Esker (Anniv)
Tommy Higgins, Cloncah (29th. Anniv)

READER FOR APRIL:

ANN KELLY.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS FOR APRIL:

BERNIE MORRISSEY, ANN PEARSE

(2nd. 9th. 14th. Holy Thurs & 15th. Good Friday)

MARY JENKINS LALLY, PADRAIC QUINN

(16th. 23rd., & 30th.)

YOGA: Every THURSDAY morning in BALLYMACWARD HALL 10-30am to 11-30am.

CALTRA DRAMA GROUP: Present "BUTTERFIELD CROSS" a 3 Act Comedy AS A

FUNDRAISER FOR THE UKRAINEIAN REFUGEES @ 8-30pm on this Saturday Night the 2nd.

APRIL IN CALTRA COMMUNITY CENTRE:

Local Church Responses to Accommodate those Displaced by the War in Ukraine –

Update: The Sisters of Mercy have pledged the former Mercy Convent in Loughrea and in due course will be assisted in preparing the accommodation by the Diocese of Clonfert. Certain parishes within the Diocese of Clonfert have pledged whatever vacant houses are currently habitable and available for use by families as have the Sisters of Mercy. As the situation develops, our local faith communities may be asked to assist with making the available properties as comfortable as possible for those who need them. At the heart of the Christian Gospel is the call to help those in need – we pray that, as a Christian community we might now answer that call as best we can. We also pray for all those involved in this tragic conflict and for peace in Ukraine and in our world.

CHARITY CYCLE IN AID OF CROI: WHEN? - SUNDAY 12th. JUNE.

WHERE? - PEACOCKES HOTEL, MAAM CROSS (START & FINISH)

ROUTE OPTIONS: 40km/80km/120km. REGISTER NOW @ CROI.E/CYCLE

St. Michael's.
Fr. Michael Griffin Memorial Church, Gurteen.
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PARISH WEBSITE: ballymacwardgurteenparish.com

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Sunday 3rd. MASS @ 10am. FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT.

Mattie King, Gurteen (1st. Anniv)

THURSDAY 7th. FIRST CONFESSION FOR GURTEEN N.S. @ 7pm.

(First Holy Communion Saturday 28th. May @ 10-30am.)

Friday 8th. MASS @ 8pm.

Sunday 10th. MASS @ 10am. PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORDS PASSION.

Eileen Kilkenny, Sheاون (Anniv|)

CHURCH COLLECTIONS: BALLYMACWARD/GURTEEN. (W/E 26th.-27th/03/2022)

W/Envelopes.	€494.60	W/Envelopes	€323.90
Loose Plate	€0.00	Loose Plate	€ 1.50
HOLY DAYS	€ 50.00	17 th . March	€ 35.00
UKRAINE	€ 40.00	UKRAINE	€ 20.00
Christmas Day	€ 10.00	Christmas day	€0.00
Priests Collections	€110.00	Priests Collections	€ 40.00
Lenten	€ 15.00	Lenten	€ 60.00
Shrines	€333.46	Shrines	€ 47.65
Missions	€ 5.00	Missions	€0.00
Emigrants	€ 24.20	Emigrants	€ 25.00

GURTEEN SPRING CLEAN: We will be undertaking a socially distanced village clean up on Sunday the 3rd April at 12pm. Small groups from each local area will be gathering to pick litter from the public roads within their section of the parish. Limited amounts of bags and hi-vis vests will be available to participants but bring your own if you can. Litter will be collected from each group and will be disposed of by Galway County Council. All children must be supervised. Local groups will assemble at the following locations at 12pm where some bags will be provided. Filled bags of rubbish can be left in a conspicuous place on the roadside where they will be collected by trailer. All rubbish will be collected by Galway County Council on Monday 4th. The following are the assembly points and contact names for each area:

Tample Cross.	Liam Grady & Paul Hogan. (also incorporating Clough collection)
Mitchells Pub.	Clare Mitchell - Hart.
St. Kerrill's National School.	Pat Roberts
Tommy Roches House.	Michael Roche
Kinreask.	Drew Bardell/Ann Forde
Cloonkeenkerrill.	Gerry Broderick
Colemanstown.	Bernie Burke

Hope to see you on the day. Gurteen Community Council.

PADRAIG PEARSES GAA CLUB. RESULTS OF THE LOTTO DRAW WHICH TOOK PLACE ON MONDAY 28th. MARCH. WINNING No.'s 7,18,25,30 , NO Winner, & NO MATCH 3s. NEXT WEEK'S DRAW TAKES PLACE ON MONDAY NIGHT 4th. APRIL IN McGANN'S, ATTYMON, FOR A JACKPOT OF €5,300. Play the Lotto @bit.ly/ UNTIL 9pm MONDAY.

ACTIVE RETIREMENT: Mountbellew/ District Active Retirement Meeting on Monday 4th. APRIL at 8.00pm, in the Pastoral Centre Mountbellew. New members welcome.

Accord Ballinasloe Going through a difficult time in your relationship? Maybe we can help...**ACCORD** Ballinasloe is open for face-to-face counselling in a safe environment. For more information call 09096 43573 or 086 4149033 or email accordballinasloe@gmail.com

Help for Gamblers: A support group for Gambler's Anonymous meets every **Tuesday** evening at **8pm sharp, in Ballinasloe at the Galway East Life Support Rooms, beside the Credit Union, off the Main Street.** For information **phone 087 6832721**

Free Heartsaver CPR AED Courses will be provided to Family Carers in various Galway City and County Locations by the HSE Carers Department in partnership with Croi. Telephone the HSE Carers Department on 091 546133 or email carersdepartment@hse.ie for an Application Form or for more information

Consecration and Entrustment of Ourselves, the Church and all humanity, especially Russia and Ukraine.

In these days, let us continue to unite our prayers to those of the Holy Father for peace in Ukraine. On Friday, 25th March 2022, the Feast of the Annunciation, Pope Francis consecrated and entrusted ourselves, the Church and all humanity, especially Russia and Ukraine to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Bishop Michael joined him in prayer at that time. This Sunday 27th March 2022, Bishop Michael will travel to the Shrine of Our Lady of Clonfert for 6pm to recite the prayers of consecration with those who may wish to join him there and to pray for peace at this time.

Prayers for Peace

In these days, we implore God for the gift of peace. We pray for peace. We pray for those involved in conflict and we pray for our world at this worrying time.

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:

where there is hatred, let me sow love;

where there is injury, pardon;

where there is doubt, faith;

where there is despair, hope;

where there is darkness, light;

where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console,

to be understood as to understand,

to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive,

it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,

and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.