

St. Peter and Paul's Church, Ballymacward.

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- Saturday 5th. **Vigil Mass @ 7pm. FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT.**
Rita Jenkins, Killahawn (Months Mind)
Martin Crehan, Mounthazel (7th. Anniv)
Oliver, Paddy and John Byrnes, and Winifred and John Daly, Attyregan (Anniv)
- Monday 7th. **Mass at 9am.** The deceased members of the Hynes family Faha/Keave.
- Tuesday 8th. **Mass at 9am.**
- Wednesday 9th. **Mass at 9am**
- Thursday 10th. **Mass at 9am.**
- Friday 11th. **Mass at 9am.**
- Friday 11th. **NO EVENING MASS IN BALLYMACWARD.**
- Saturday 12th. **Vigil Mass @ 7pm. SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT.**
Mass for the People of the Parish.

READER FOR MARCH:

MICHELLE HILLARY.

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS MARCH: ANGELA HARTY, TOMAS HILLARY (5th./ 12th.)
NOEL and MARY HYNES. (16th./19th./ 26th.)**

CHURCH COLLECTIONS: BALLYMACWARD. GURTEEN. (W/E 26th.-27th/02/2022)

W/Envelopes.	€427.75	W/Envelopes	€318.70
Loose Plate	€ 6.10	Loose Plate	€ 31.00
Shrines	€ 49.85	Shrines	€.00
Priests Christmas	€ 50.00	Priests Christmas	€ 10.00
Holy Days	€ 5.00	Holy Days	€ 4.00
Lourdes	€ 20.00	Lourdes	€ 5.00

WINDOW RESTORATION PROJECT.

TARGET TO MEET	€60,000.00
OUTSTANDING BALANCE @ 01/02/2022	€47,625.00
DONATIONS FROM 01/02/22 to 28/02/22 Inc.	€ 4,870.00
TARGET REMAINING	€42,755.00

Window Restoration Fund Donation figures for MARCH in Newsletter W/end 13th.
APRIL. (Reason figures will be a week later in April, Bank statement for the Qtr.
comes early in the second week of the month, and any donations paid directly to the
bank in the First Qtr. will be included in the March figures. THANK YOU)

BALLYMACWARD NATIONAL SCHOOL: Ballymacward N.S. are currently enrolling for the
new school year 2022/2023. Please contact the school office either by phone at (090) 9687696
or email st.peterandpaulns@gmail.com for an Enrolment Form.

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

DRAMA: Missed "**BUTTERFIELD CROSS**" a 3 Act Drama, by the CALTRA DRAMA
GROUP, in Caltra Community Centre last evening. **Not to worry**, you can still catch it this
SATURDAY/SUNDAY NIGHT, the 5th., and 6th. of MARCH @ 8-30pm. It's a Cracker.

St. Michael's.
Fr. Michael Griffin Memorial Church, Gurteen.
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Sunday 6th. MASS @ 11am. **FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT.**
Thomas Lally. (Anniv)
Friday 11th. MASS @ 8pm. Mrs. Clancy Colemanstown (Anniv).
Saturday 12th. MASS @ 2pm. Noel Treacy, Clough (Months Mind)
Sunday 13th. MASS @ 11am. **SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT.**
Private Intention.

**PADRAIG PEARSES GAA CLUB. RESULTS OF THE LOTTO DRAW WHICH TOOK PLACE ON MONDAY 28th. FEBRUARY. WINNING No.'s 5,15,18,30, NO Winner & 1 MATCH 3 ANN NORTON. NEXT WEEK'S DRAW TAKES PLACE ON MONDAY NIGHT 7th. MARCH FOR A JACKPOT OF €4,900 IN PARKERS BAR, BALLYMACWARD. Play the Lotto @bit.ly/ UNTIL 9pm MONDAY. FEBRUARY "250 CLUB DRAW"
€100 WILLIE PARKER, €75 TOMAS FLANNERY, €50 EILEEN O'GRADY.**

ACTIVE RETIREMENT: Mountbellew/ District Active Retirement Meeting on Monday 7th. MARCH at 8.00pm, in the Pastoral Centre Mountbellew. New members welcome.

MORE DRAMA: Not to be outdone by Caltra, FOHENAGH DRAMA GROUP present "THE COUNTRY BOY" a 3 Act play by JOHN MURPHY in FOHENAGH COMMUNITY CENTRE ON FRIDAY, SATURDAY & SUNDAY 11th., 12th, & 13th. MARCH @ 8-30pm Nightly. A Great Night Guaranteed. Please come along, support & enjoy.

Ukraine – Donations to Help and Prayers for Peace

Thank you to all involved in the Vigils for Peace held in Loughrea, Portumna and Ballinasloe on Wednesday last. We continue to remember the people of Ukraine and the world in our prayers at this troubling time.

Building on close ties between many of our clergy and clergy in Ukraine we invite people to make a donation to humanitarian aid for those who are suffering. You can do so directly by cheques made payable to Clonfert Collections, by placing cash in an envelope marked Ukraine and placing it in the collection box in your local church or through iDonate on the Clonfert Diocesan Website noting in the comments that the donation is for Ukraine. All donations will be forwarded to parishes known to us in Ukraine to alleviate the suffering of those most in need at this terrible time for so many.

Trócaire Lenten Collection 2022

The annual Trócaire Lenten Collection is a most important source of funding for Trócaire our Catholic Development Agency, which helps those who are suffering from poverty, a lack of medicine and education in many of the poorest countries in the world. Please pick up a Trócaire Lenten Donation Box from your local church and use it as part of your giving to the less well off this Lent. See www.trocaire.ie for more information.

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. Pope Francis has announced next Wednesday – Ash Wednesday as a day of Prayer and Fasting for Peace at this 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.

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.

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**