

St. Peter and Paul's Church, Ballymacward.

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Saturday 16th. **HOLY SATURDAY: EASTER VIGIL @ 8pm.**
Sunday 17th. **EASTER SUNDAY: DAWN MASS CLOONKEENKERRILL
CEMETERY @ 6am.**

To be comfortable bring a warm blanket/rug, umbrella and stool, it's still advised that people should consider wearing a mask in public gatherings, to try and help keep everyone safe. The ladies committee will be providing tea and bickies afterwards. ((Sorry to say there's no mention of anything stronger))

Monday 18th. **Mass at 9am. EASTER MONDAY.**

Tuesday 19th. **Mass at 9am. EASTER TUESDAY.**

Wednesday 20th. **Mass at 9am. EASTER WEDNESDAY.** Thomas, Agnes and
Brendan Gorman, (Anniv).

Friday 22nd. **Mass at 7pm.** Bridget and Michael Lally, and the deceased members
of the Lally family, Carana.
Margaret Ward, Esker, and the deceased members
of the Ward family.

Saturday 23rd. **Mass at 12pm. Audrey Kindregan, Mountventure (1st. Anniv)**

Saturday 24th. **Vigil Mass at 8pm. SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
(Divine Mercy Sunday)**

Thomas and Julia Tuohy, Carana (Anniv) and the deceased members
of the Tuohy family.

Dick and Rita Behan, Alloon (Anniv)

EASTER MESSAGE:

It is three years since we were able to celebrate the Easter Ceremonies in our churches. The doors are open again and it is great to have people back in the church. It is recommended that people wear their face mask in public places, and we encourage everyone to stay safe. Christ came to reveal God's love and to witness to all that is important and sacred in human nature. He had to overcome so much in teaching and witnessing to this message. He even overcame death and that is what Easter is all about. It reminds us of the power of love and forgiveness in a very troubled world. Those who followed him after his Resurrection gave the rest of their lives witnessing to his message and proclaiming the kingdom of God. We do the same, that is why we come to church, where our lives are nourished by God's Word and the Sacraments.

In the coming months we need to reorganize our parish council, this will be the first time in nine years. Because of the changes taking place in our diocese the next parish council will be invited to take a more active role in the management of our churches and church life.

I wish you all every blessing of the Easter Season. Fr. Sweeney.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS FOR APRIL: MARY J. LALLY, PADRAIC QUINN

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

St. Michael's.
Fr. Michael Griffin Memorial Church, Gurteen.
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Sunday 17th. **EASTER SUNDAY: MASS OF THE LORD'S RESURRECTION @ 10am.**

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John Dooley, Gurteen (Anniv)

John Grady, Ballyglass (11th. Anniv)

Paddy Grady and the deceased members of the Grady Family Ballyglass.

John, Margaret, and Martin Connor, Killuane, and the deceased members of the Connor Family.

CHURCH COLLECTIONS: BALLYMACWARD/GURTEEN. (W/E 9th. & 10th./04/2022)

W/Envelopes.	€554.00	W/Envelopes	€252.80
Loose Plate	€ 5.00	Loose Plate	€0.00
17 th . March	€ 20.00	17 th . March	€0.00
UKRAINE	€0.00	UKRAINE	€ 50.00
Priests Easter	€230.00	Priests Easter	€0.00
Shrines	€ 30.28	Shrines	€0.00
Holy Places	€ 41.00	Holy Places	€ 55.00
Trocaire	€120.00	Trocaire.	€0.00
Emigrants	€ 5.00	Emigrants	€0.00

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

PADRAIG PEARSES GAA CLUB. RESULTS OF THE LOTTO DRAW WHICH TOOK PLACE ON MONDAY 11th. APRIL. WINNING No.'s 17,21,28,30, NO Winner, 1 MATCH 3. YVONNE REDDIN, AUGHRIM. NEXT WEEK'S DRAW TAKES PLACE ON MONDAY NIGHT 18th. APRIL IN MITCHELL'S GURTEEN , FOR A JACKPOT OF €5,500. Play the Lotto @bit.ly/ UNTIL 9pm MON
MARCH "250 CLUB DRAW"
€100 SHAUNA WARD, €75 AISHLING WARD, €50 SEAN WARD.

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

SATNAV – A poem by Pam Ayres.

**I have a little Satnav, it sits there in my car.
A Satnav is a driver's friend it tells you where you are.
I have a little Satnav, i've had it all my life.
It's better than the normal ones, my Satnav is my wife.**

**It gives me full instructions, especially how to drive
"It's sixty miles an hour", it says, "You're doing sixty five".
It tells me when to stop and start, and when to use the brake
And tells me that it's never ever, safe to overtake.**

**It tells me when a light is red, and when it goes to green
It seems to know instinctively, just when to intervene.
It lists the vehicles just in front, and all those to the rear.
And taking this into account, it specifies my gear.**

**I'm sure no other driver, has so helpful a device.
For when we leave and lock the car, it still gives its advice.
It fills me up with counselling, each journey's pretty fraught.
So why don't I exchange it, and get a quieter sort?**

**Ah well, you see, it cleans the house, makes sure I'm properly fed.
It washes all my shirts and things, and keeps me warm in bed!
Despite all these advantages, and my tendency to scoff,
I only wish that now and then, I could turn the bugger off.**

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

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.

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