

,St. Peter and Paul's Church, Ballymacward.

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Saturday 23rd. **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)

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Saturday 30th. **Vigil Mass at 8pm. THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

Laurence Barrett, Liscune (3rd. Anniv|)

Nora and Paddy Kindregan, Mountventure (4th. & 31st. Anniv)

Michael (Halo) Donohue, Alloon (8th. Anniv)

Christy, Nora and Kathleen Byrnes, Attyregan (3rd., 19th., & 30th., Anniv)

Joseph and Kathleen Keane, Liscuib (55th. And 6th. Anniv)

Alfie, Imelda and Mary Noonan (Anniv)

SOCIAL CLUB: Delighted to welcome back the Social Club, commencing on next Thursday May 5th. @ 2-30pm. The Club has a full calendar of activities from now till the end of June. THIS coming THURSDAY 5th. BINGO & CARDS. The committee is looking forward to meeting old friends, and new members would be most welcome.

Sunday Obligation

From Easter Sunday, 17 April, attendance at Sunday Mass will once again be deemed an essential expression of faith for all in our Church in Ireland. As always, those whose health is vulnerable or who are unwell will not be under any obligation to attend Mass, and should keep themselves safe and pray at home until they are better.

Vigil of Prayer with Bishop Michael

Everyone, but especially young people, are invited to this special Vigil of Prayer in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Oranmore from 8.30pm-9.30pm on Saturday Evening 30th April 2022 in advance of Bishop Michael's formal Installation as Bishop of Galway and Kilmacduagh and Apostolic Administrator of Kilfenora on May 1st.

Our Lady of Clonfert May Masses and Devotions 2022 - Masses will take place at the Shrine each night, Monday to Friday at 7.30pm, Saturday Mass at 7pm and Sunday Mass at 10.30am and 7pm. Mass also each Friday at 12 Noon for the Month. Rosary and Benediction following evening Mass on Sundays on the 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th. Guest celebrants and speakers covering many topics of life. Clonfert Church H53D702. Masses can be viewed on www.churchservices.tv/clonfert. We would appreciate if Face Coverings could be worn in the Church. Many thanks and I look forward to welcoming everyone Fr. Declan McInerney P.P.

St. Michael's.
Fr. Michael Griffin Memorial Church, Gurteen.
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Sunday 24th. Mass at **10am**. SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER.

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.

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Sunday 1st. Mass at **10am**. THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER.

Winifred "Fred" Hardiman, Clough (13th. Anniv)

CHURCH COLLECTIONS: BALLYMACWARD/GURTEEN. (W/E 16th. & 17th./04/2022)

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| W/Envelopes. | € 676.15 | W/Envelopes | €337.90 |
| Loose Plate | € 40.00 | Loose Plate | € 64.00 |
| Lourdes | € 5.00 | 17 th . March | € 7.00 |
| UKRAINE | € 60.00 | UKRAINE | € 20.00 |
| Priests Easter | €1,540.00 | Priests Easter | €956.00 |
| Shrines | € 166.66 | Shrines | €0.00 |
| Holy Places | € 57.00 | Holy Places | €107.00 |
| Trocaire | € 653.18 | Trocaire. | €226.51 |
| Lenten | € 75.00 | Lenten | € 10.00 |
| Emigrants | € 40.00 | Emigrants | € 10.00 |

WINDOW RESTORATION PROJECT.

TARGET TO MEET €60,000.00
OUTSTANDING BALANCE @ 01/03/2022. €42,755.00
DONATIONS FROM 01/03/22 to 31/03/22 Inc. €12,645.00
TARGET REMAINING **€30,110.00**

Window Restoration Fund Donation figures for APRIL in Newsletter W/end 8th. MAY.
The figure of €12,645.00 includes donations made directly to the Parish Bank A/c
between the First of Jan. and 31st. of March. THANK YOU

**PADRAIG PEARSES GAA CLUB. RESULTS OF THE LOTTO DRAW WHICH TOOK PLACE
ON MONDAY 18th. APRIL. WINNING No.'s 9,16,26,27, NO Winner, 1 MATCH 3. OISIN
FLANNERY. NEXT WEEK'S DRAW TAKES PLACE ON MONDAY NIGHT 25th. APRIL IN (No
venue details available @ time of printing) FOR A JACKPOT OF €5,600. Play the Lotto
@bit.ly/ UNTIL 9pm MON**

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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.