

St. Peter and Paul's Church, Ballymacward.

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Saturday 10th. Vigil Mass at 7pm. THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT. (GAUDETE SUN)

John Tuohy, Carana (Months Mind)

Tom Healy, Liscune (5th. Anniv)

Thomas Mitchell, Liscune (9th. Anniv)

Nancy and Joe Kelly, Ballymacward (10th. and 11th. Anniv)

Patrick and Phil Tannian, Ashfield (Anniv)

Monday 12th. Mass @ 9am.

Tuesday 13th. Mass @ 9am. Richard & Sean Dilleen, Shanballyeeshal (Anniv) and the deceased members of the Dilleen Family.

Thursday 15th. BALLYMACWARD N.S. CHRISTMAS PAGENT @ 7-30pm.

Friday 16th. Mass at 7pm.

Saturday 17th. Vigil Mass at 7pm. FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT.

Paddy, Phil and Martin Murray, Liscune, and deceased members of the Murray family
Berti and Mary Madden, Alloon (Anniv) & their daughter Dympna Power.

CHOIR: STEPHEN IS HAVING A CHOIR PRACTICE ON MONDAY THE 12th. & 19th. OF DECEMBER @ 7pm., IN PREPARATION FOR CHRISTMAS. IF YOU ARE AVAILABLE TO JOIN THE CHOIR FOR THE CHRISTMAS PLEASE CONTACT STEPHEN @ (087) 9564831. EXISTING, FORMER AND NEW MEMBERS WOULD BE VERY WELCOME. THIS IS THE FIRST CHRISTMAS WE CAN CELEBRATE AS A FULL PARISH COMMUNITY FOR 3 YEARS, LETS MAKE IT ONE TO REMEMBER EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS FOR DECEMBER:

JOE MURRAY, MARY JENKINS LALLY. (17th., 24th. & 31st.)

NOTE: The 2023 Church Envelopes are now available for collection/distribution. If any household or individual is not getting a box, and would like to support the upkeep of our Churches and Clergy, please let Fr. Ray or Gerry know and one can be arranged. Thank you.

Clonfert Diocese's Advent Adult Faith Development Gathering resumes Sunday 11th Dec. in Ballinasloe. Bishop Michael will speak and lead reflection on the theme 'The Manger in the Heart'. All welcome. See www.creideamh.ie/clonfert for more details.

Meals4Health Galway – Delivers Freshly Cooked Delicious Meals to your door suited to the specific dietary requirements of the older person. Supporting Independent living for longer in the comfort of your home. Special and modified dietary requirements catered for also. Phone 091 354000 for more information or visit www.meals4health.ie

Fundraiser for Castleblakeney National School

A Christmas tractor truck and vintage car run will be taking place on this **Sunday December 11th**, starting from the old pitch in Caltra (opposite church) registration opens at 1.30pm, Fee of €20, run starts at 3pm. Get the tinsel and fairy lights on!

St. Michael's.
Fr. Michael Griffin Memorial Church, Gurteen.
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Sunday 11th. Mass at 11am THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT. (GAUDETE SUN)

Sean and Bridget Lally, Colemanstown (Anniv)

Jimmy and Evelyn Qualter, Tample (Anniv)

Friday 16th. Mass at 8pm. P.J. Ruane, Menlough (1st. Anniv)

Paddy Walsh, Leneragh and the deceased members of the Walsh & Ruane families.

Sean and Millie Bolton, Killuane, Elizabeth Murphy and Baby David Murphy Bolton.

Sunday 18th. Mass at 11am FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT.

Ronan Finnerty, Clough (17th. Anniv) and the deceased members
of the Finnerty Family.

**CHRISTMAS PLAY: St. Kerrill's National School Christmas Play takes place
in the church Tuesday **December 20th** at 7pm. Mulled Wine, Hot Chocolate
and some Xmas treats afterwards at Mitchell's. All welcome.**

**CHRISTMAS PARTY: Christmas Party Burkes Colmanstown Saturday
December 17th at 7pm. Food + Music by Kevin Rohan and friends. All welcome.**

**PADRAIG PEARSES GAA CLUB: RESULTS OF THE LOTTO DRAW WHICH TOOK PLACE
ON MONDAY 4th. DECEMBER WINNING No.'s 7,8,11,18, NO Winner, & 1 MATCH 3's,
SEAN MCGANN NEXT WEEK'S DRAW ON MONDAY NIGHT 12th. DECEMBER, IN PARKER'S
BAR, FOR A JACKPOT OF €8,900. PLAY LOTTO ONLINE @ <http://tinyurl.com/ygpyqc2q>.**

**Saint Vincent De Paul Local Annual Appeal : Our Local Conference is based at The Pastoral
Centre Mountbellew, we serve the Parish of Ballymacward/Gurteen. This year, peoples needs are
greater than ever, considering the price increase in food/fuel/electricity. We will not be having a
Church Gate Collection this year, but will have **Postage Free** addressed envelopes left in the **Church
Porch** where people can put their donations, and post them to our local Office. You may also leave the
envelopes in the Offertory Collection basket. To facilitate people who wish to donate Online we have
the following Fundraiser Web address: www.svp.ie/stmarysmountbellew (See poster in Church Porch
)All donations given locally will be used locally. **Our Local Helpline Number 085 1846866****

**AN IDEAL CHRISTMAS GIFT: Rustic Rhymes by John Corbett. Price 10 Euros
Available in local shops & at Salmons. Profits go to Galway Parkinson's Association
CHURCH COLLECTIONS: BALLYMACWARD/GURTEEN. (W/E 3rd. & 4th./12/2022)**

W/Envelopes.	€669.00	W/Envelopes	€258.40
Loose Plate	€ 56.21	Loose Plate	€ 49.00
All Saints.	€ 7.90		
All Souls.	€ 2.00		
8 th . DECEMBER	€ 14.00	8 th . DECEMBER	€ 8.00
MISSIONS	€ 14.90	MISSIONS	€ 8.00
CHRISTMAS DAY	€ 6.00	CANDLES	€197.85
PRIESTS COLL.	€295.00	PRIESTS XMAS	€ 50.00

Walk in the footsteps of the Holy Family this Christmas: An Irish Pilgrimage Guide to the Holy Land is a new book by Michael Kelly, Editor of The Irish Catholic newspaper which explores the places associated with the life of Christ. Michael, who has led many pilgrimages to the Holy Land, says he hopes the book can also act as an 'armchair retreat' for people who cannot travel to the Holy Land bringing the Gospel to life for them. It is available now from all good bookshops, www.columbabooks.com or by calling 01 687 4096 price €16.99/£14.99. An ideal Christmas gift.

Loughrea Lions Club Christmas Concert Tuesday 13th December in the Lough Rea Hotel and Spa at 7.30pm.

Sunday Evening Mass in Our Lady Of Clonfert Church (H53D702) at 6.30pm followed by Rosary and Benediction. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament each Sunday following the 10.30am Mass until 6pm.

Gamblers Anonymous – Want to stop Gambling Helpline 086 349 4450 Weekly Meetings Tuesday GELS Room, Main Street Ballinasloe H53 RC95 @ 8pm.

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