

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

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**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup>. 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.**

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup>. Mass @ 9am.**

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup>. BALLYMACWARD N.S. CHRISTMAS PAGENT @ 7-30pm.**

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup>. VIGIL MASS ON CHRISTMAS EVE @ 7pm.**

**Delia Naughton, Corskeagh (18<sup>th</sup>. Anniv)**

**Frederick, John and Kathleen Noonan. (Anniv)**

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup>. MASS ON CHRISTMAS MORNING @ 9am.**

**Michael, Maudie, and Thomas McDonagh, Greenhills  
(28<sup>th</sup>., 24<sup>rd</sup>. & 23<sup>rd</sup>. Anniv)**

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup>. MASS ON ST. STEPHEN'S MORNING @ 9am.**

**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup>. Mass @ 9am. Jimmy Flannery, Kinreask (Anniv)**

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> Mass at 7pm. Charlie Egan, Carrahulla (27<sup>th</sup>. Anniv) and the deceased  
members of the Egan family.**

**Saturday 31<sup>st</sup>.. Vigil Mass at 7pm. MARY THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD.**

**(NEW YEARS EVE) Michael and Mary Ellen Cooke, Keave (Anniv)  
Johnny, Kathleen and Patsy Cooke, Keave.**

**NOTE: The Sacrament of Confession is available on request.**

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS FOR DECEMBER:**

**JOE MURRAY, MARY JENKINS LALLY. (17<sup>th</sup>., 24<sup>th</sup>. & 31<sup>st</sup>.)**

**NOTE: Items for next Weeks Newsletter please have in by Noon on Wednesday  
also the Newsletter will be printed on a plain sheet next week, but  
accompanying it will be a special Mass booklet for Christmas, available in  
both Churches over Christmas, please take ONE per family.**

**St. Stephen's Day Turkey Trot. Walk off the Christmas excess with Woodlawn Heritage**

**Group on the Annual Turkey Trot in Woodlawn Woods on St. Stephen's Day at 11am. Free  
parking at Train station. Wishing all our members & friends a happy & peaceful Christmas & a  
healthy New Year! IF YOUR TURKEY SURVIVED CHRISTMAS, HE WILL NOT BE HARMED.**

**WORLD YOUTH DAY GATHERING WITH POPE FRANCIS 2023 in LISBON and FATIMA  
from July 31st – August 8th, 2023. Spiritual Director - Bishop Michael Duignan. OPEN TO  
ADULTS BETWEEN THE AGES OF 18 (by 31st July 2023) AND 35. Subsidised Fare €900. For  
further information and booking form contact Isabelle at the Clonfert Diocesan Office – Tel. 091  
841560 Email. [office@clonfertdiocese.ie](mailto:office@clonfertdiocese.ie) or your local priest. Limited places available. Bookings  
close 31st January 2023. Be there when the world gathers for the unique festival of faith &  
friendship.**

St. Michael's.  
Fr. Michael Griffin Memorial Church, Gurteen.  
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**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup>. Mass at 11am FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT.**  
Ronan Finnerty, Clough (17<sup>th</sup>. Anniv) and the deceased members  
of the Finnerty Family.

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup>. GURTEEN N.S. CHRISTMAS PLAY @ 7pm.**

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup>. VIGIL MASS ON CHRISTMAS EVE @ 9pm.**

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup>. MASS ON CHRISTMAS MORNING @ 11am.**

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup>. MASS ON ST. STEPHEN'S MORNING @ 11am.**  
Paddy and Maura Connor, Tample (Anniv)

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup>. Mass at 8pm.** Eugene Hardiman, Clough (Anniv)  
John and Kathleen Martyn, Ryehill (Anniv)

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup>. Mass at 11am. MARY THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD.**  
**NEW YEARS DAY.**

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

**PADRAIG PEARSES GAA CLUB: RESULTS OF THE LOTTO DRAW WHICH TOOK PLACE  
ON MONDAY 11<sup>th</sup>. DECEMBER WINNING No.'s 4,11,12,24, NO Winner, & 3 MATCH 3's,  
JIMMY GELSTON, CATHY KENNY, JULIA MURPHY. NEXT WEEK'S DRAW ON MONDAY NIGHT  
19<sup>th</sup>. DECEMBER, IN BURKE'S OF COLEMANSTOWN, FOR A JACKPOT OF €9,000. PLAY  
LOTTO ONLINE @ <http://tinyurl.com/ygpyqc2q>.**

**CHURCH COLLECTIONS: BALLYMACWARD/GURTEEN. (W/E 10<sup>th</sup>. & 11<sup>th</sup>./12/2022)**

W/Envelopes.	€650.60	W/Envelopes	€232.10
Loose Plate	€ 90.19	Loose Plate	€ 46.05
MISC COLL'S	€ 65.00		
8 <sup>th</sup> . DECEMBER	€180.50	8 <sup>th</sup> . DECEMBER	€104.90
MISSIONS	€ 35.00	MISSIONS	€.00
CHRISTMAS DAY	€110.00	CHRISTMAS DAY	€.00
PRIESTS XMAS	€245.00	PRIESTS XMAS	€225.00
PRIESTS EAST/ SUM/AUT	€145.00		

**CARD GAME: Mounbellew/Moylough Camogie Club Christmas Card Game in  
Mounbellew Community Centre on TUESDAY 20<sup>th</sup>. December @ 8-30pm. Please Support.**

**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.

**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.

**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](http://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

**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](http://www.columbabooks.com) or by calling 01 687 4096 price €16.99/£14.99. An ideal Christmas gift.

**New Novena Hymn CD Lizzie Harrison,** who used to do Cantor for the Novenas in Esker Monastery in Athenry has brought out a CD of all the old Hymns called “Grace Will Lead Me Home” It would be a lovely Christmas present for someone and 2 Euro from the sale of every CD will go towards the needs of our Ukranian friends and neighbours now living in Esker Monastery. Now available in the following stockists. Loughrea: Billy's, T. L. O'Briens, Loughrea School and Office Supplies. Connaughtons, The abbey shop. Athenry: The Fields of Athenry. .Kiltullagh: Duane Daybreak, The Galway Plaza Craughwell: Jody's service station (Supermacs) Portumna: Salmons newsagent, Blas. Killimor: Duffys newsagent