

St. Peter and Paul's Church, Ballymacward.

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Saturday 31st.. Vigil Mass at 7pm. MARY THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD.

Michael and Mary Ellen Cooke, Keave (Anniv) Johnny, Kathleen and Patsy Cooke, Keave.

Monday 2nd. Mass @ 9am. Paddy Barrett, Alloon.

Tuesday 3rd. Mass @ 9am

Thursday 5th. Vigil Mass at 7pm. THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD.

Martin and Bridie Hillary, Monaveen.

Friday 6th Mass at 7pm. FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH.

John and Elizabeth Killeavy, Triona and John Hume (Anniv)

Saturday 7th. Vigil Mass at 7pm. THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD.

The deceased members of the Keating Family, Portmagee.

Sincere Thanks: to all who supported our parish, our churches and our diocese this past year, and to all who contributed to the restoration of the Window: to those who participated in the Liturgy, Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Church Collectors, and Counters, Choirs, Parish Secretary, Undertaker, Flower Arrangers, Christmas Tree Supplier, to all who Clean our Churches and care for the Altar Linens, to our Local Safeguarding Representatives. Our Parish Councils, Community Council, Hall Committee, Maintenance Committees and Cemetery Committees, and to anyone who helped out in any way during the past year. Gratitude to all who sent Cards, Mass Bouquets, and gifts for the Christmas. May the Lord continue to bless you for the great work you all do.

WINDOW RESTORATION PROJECT. FINAL COSTS ARE AS FOLLOWS;

ABBAY GLASS	* €54,879.00
CONNAUGHT SCAFFOLDING.	* € 4,200.00
CHADWICKS/SECURITY FENCING.*	€ 447.00
G. McMANUS/ ARCHITURAL ENG.	€ 600.00
V.A.T. ON	*€ 8,478.00
TOTAL OVERALL COST	€68,604.00

INCOME: DONATIONS DECEMBER 2022 € 2,265.00

DONATIONS UP TO 30/11/2022 €44,995.00

TOTAL DONATIONS: €47,260.00

HERITAGE GRANT: €35,000.00

TOTAL INCOME FOR WINDOW PROJECT: €82,260.00 **€82,260.00**

THE WINDOW ACCOUNT IS IN SURPLUS TO THE SUM OF: **€13,656.00**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT OF THIS PROJECT. IT IS HOPED TO RESTORE THE WINDOW COMING INTO THE WOMENS SIDE ISLE IN THE COMING YEAR, WE WILL BE APPLYING FOR GRANT AID. ALSO OUR OUTDOOR TOILET FACILITIES NEED UPGRADING, PLANNING IS APPLIED FOR, OUR CHURCH BELL NEEDS TO BE REPAIRED, & THE CHURCH SEATS NEED REFURBISHMENT. DONATIONS WILL CONTINUE TO BE ACCEPTED AND WILL BE USED FOR THE PROJECTS MENTIONED ABOVE.

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

St. Michael's.
Fr. Michael Griffin Memorial Church, Gurteen.
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Sunday 1st. Mass at 11am. MARY THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD/NEW YEARS DAY
Mass for the people of the Parish
Friday 6th. Mass at 8pm. THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD & FIRST FRIDAY.
Sunday 8th. Mass at 11am. THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD.
John Lyng, Gurteen (Anniv)
Patrick and Kathleen Molloy, Clough (36th. and 29th. Anniv)

PADRAIG PEARSES GAA CLUB: RESULTS OF THE LOTTO DRAW WHICH TOOK PLACE ON TUESDAY 27th. DECEMBER WINNING No.'s 1,6,12,13, NO Winner, & 2 MATCH 3's, PAUL BELLEW, EMER BARRY. NEXT WEEK'S DRAW ON MONDAY NIGHT 2nd. JANUARY, IN TIMMY BRODERICKS, KILLCONNELL, FOR A JACKPOT OF €2,100. PLAY LOTTO ONLINE @ <http://tinyurl.com/ygpyqc2q>. THE CLUB WISHES ALL OF IT'S MEMBERS AND SUPPORTERS A VERY HAPPY & SAFE NEW YEAR

CHURCH COLLECTIONS: BALLYMACWARD/GURTEEN. (W/E 24th. & 25th./12/2022)

W/Envelopes.	€1,375.06	W/Envelopes	€ 607.50
CHRISTMAS DAY	€2,144.49	CHRISTMAS DAY	€1,244.90
8 th . DECEMBER	€ 64.00	8 th . DECEMBER	€ 47.00
TROCAIRE	€ 350.00	DONATION	€ 200.00
PRIESTS XMAS	€2,330.00	PRIESTS XMAS	€1,270.00
PRIESTS EAST/AUT	€ 120.00	PRIESTS AUTUMN	€ 20.00
CANDLES	€ 257.62	CANDLES	€ 25.00
MISC. COLL.	€ 86.00		

ACTIVE RETIREMENT: THE AGM OF THE MOUNTBELLEW AND DISTRICT ACTIVE RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION TAKES PLACE ON MONDAY 2nd. JANUARY 2023 @ 8pm in the PASTORAL CENTRE, MOUNTBELLEW, NEW MEMBERS WELCOME.

Dominic' Well Esker - This long tradition of blessing the Holy Water will not be broken even though the Redemptorists have left the area. Fr. Brendan Lawless, PP Kilconieron will continue the tradition and the water will be blessed on the 5th and 6th January at 11a.m. Everyone is welcome.

BALLYMACWARD/GURTEEN SOCIAL CLUB;

Volunteers are needed to support our Social Club. If you have some time to spare and would like to get more involved in the community we need your help.

Please contact: Maureen 0876227917 or Mary 0876400067

BALLYMACWARD READER FOR JANUARY: JOHNNY BARRETT.

BALLYMACWARD EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS FOR JANUARY:

JOAN TANNIAN, CATRIONA HYNES (5th., 7th., & 14th.)

ROSE LYDON, ANN KINDREGAN. (21st, & 28th.)

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 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.

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.

Saint Vincent De Paul Local Annual Appeal : Our Local Conference is based at The Pastoral Centre Mountbellew, we serve the Parish of Ballymacward/Gurteen. 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**