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**SATURDAY 11th. VIGIL MASS @ 7pm. SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER.
(DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY)**

Breeda Laheen, Baunogues (Months Mind)

Paddy Joe Laheen, Baunogues (50th. Anniv)

Jim Gelston, Hampstead (1st. Anniv)

Paddy O'Brien, Ballinastack (6th. Anniv) we also remember his wife Bernedette, and the deceased members of the O'Brien and Quinn Families.

MONDAY 13th. MASS @ 9am. Marty Dwyer, Ballymacward (Anniv) and his
Brother Jack Dwyer, Kinreask (Anniv)

SATURDAY 18th. VIGIL MASS @ 7pm. THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER.

Fr. Nicholas Murray, Highpark (15th. Anniv)

Margaret, Pat and John Murray, Highpark (Anniv)

Mai and Michael Bleahein, Gurteen (Anniv)

Martin and Annie Ruane, Mounthazel (39th. and 11th. Anniv)

MASS SERVERS FOR APRIL: GEORGE KELLY & DARA KILKENNY.

READER FOR APRIL BALLYMACWARD: ANN KELLY

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS APRIL BALLYMAC: TOMAS HILLARY, MARY
JENKINS LALLY.(11th., 18th. & 25th.)**

The Relics of St Thérèse & Her Parents St Louis & St Zelig Martin will visit St
Brendan's Cathedral Loughrea on Saturday 18th & Sunday 19th April. Veneration will take place, -
Saturday 11am Mass and will remain in the Cathedral until after 8pm Mass. Sunday 10am Mass and will
remain in the Cathedral until after 12pm Mass. The relic will leave at 3.30pm.

SOCIAL CLUB: THIS THURSDAY, the 16th. of APRIL @ 2-30pm. BINGO

Trócaire – The annual collection for Trócaire will be taken this weekend of. Thank
you for your support of those in need through this worthy charity.

Feast of Divine Mercy will be celebrated in the Carmelite Abbey, Loughrea this Sunday,
April 12th at 2.30p.m.

ART CLASS: Art class starting in Ballymacward Hall on Tuesday, the 14th of April,
7-9 pm. Beginners welcome. For more info. Contact Mary 0876400067.

BALLYMACWARD/GURTEEN PARISH TRIP TO KNOCK:

The Social Club is organising a coach trip to Knock on Thursday, 14th May. Members of
the parish and wider community are warmly invited to join us for this special day. Early
booking advised. For further information or to reserve a place, please contact

Esther on (086) 3740809 or Millie on (087) 6920807

*****Specsavers Bingo*** BINGO** in Dunmore Town Hall this **Sunday 12th April at 3pm**
Specsavers Tuam are having a FREE raffle, for everyone in attendance, for a €300 Specsavers
voucher. They are also giving out **€40 vouchers to everyone**. Dunmore Community Council
will also be giving away a guaranteed Jackpot of **€200!** Raffle on the day for a hamper, a
very special bingo hamper and more. Thank you again to Specsavers Tuam. We hope to see
you all there on Sunday for a great afternoons entertainment.

St. Michael's. / Fr. Michael Griffin Memorial Church, Gurteen.

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SUNDAY 12th. MASS @ 10am. SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER.

Mattie King, Sheeaun, Gurteen (5th. Anniv)

John McGann, Clough (3rd. Anniv)

FRIDAY 17th. MASS @ 8pm.Margo Cassidy, Nee Devally RIP (Wedding Anniv)

SUNDAY 19th. MASS @ 10am. THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER.

Mass for the People of the Parish.

PADRAIG PEARSES GAA CLUB LOTTO: RESULTS OF THE LOTTO DRAW WHICH TOOK PLACE ON MONDAY 6th. MARCH. WINNING No.'s

1,13,16,18. NO WINNER, & 4 MATCH 3's, EILEEN (TOM) O'GRADY, RONAN O'NEILL, PADRAIC O'KEANE, & SHANNON LAWLOR. NEXT WEEK'S

DRAW ON MONDAY 13th. APRIL. IN "THE LOCAL BAR",

BALLYMACWARD, FOR A JACKPOT OF €6,700. Remember you can play by downloading the Club App, Search for PADRAIG PEARSES GAA. CLUB.

BLACK DIAMOND DRAW RESULT:

8 ANGUS CALVES or €4,000: JOE FAHY, MOUNTBELLEW.

1,000 EURO C. PARCS VOUCHER: PAUL COUGHLAN & BOB DILLON, DYSART

2 ALL IRELAND TICKETS & OVERNIGHT: RONNIE NAUGHTON, GURTEEN

The club wishes to congratulate the winners, and to acknowledge and thank all who supported and promoted the above draw. It was an outstanding success, thanks to you all.

Diocese of Clonfert, Galway, Kilmacduagh and Kilfenora Pilgrimage to Lourdes

2026, led by Bishop Michael Duignan departing from Shannon 29 June for 5 nights.

Enquiries contact Society Travel, Ballinasloe 090 9645350 or Joe Walsh Tours 01 2410800

CHURCH COLLECTIONS: BALLYMAC/GURTEEN. WEEK ENDING 04/05 – 04/26

W/ENVELOPES € 905.69 W/ENVELOPES € 612.30

LOOSE PLATE € 133.80 LOOSE PLATE € 164.25

PRIESTS EASTER €1,801.10 PRIESTS EASTER €1,307.00

HOLY PLACES € 146.40 HOLY PLACES € 136.00

CANDLES € 84.32

TROCAIRE € 857.33 TROCAIRE € 250.25

MISC COLLECTIONS € 110.00 MISC COLLECTIONS € 72.00

Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2026: Calling Young Adults to Join the 2026 Pilgrimage to

Lourdes Between the ages of 18 and 25? Interested in joining the Clonfert, Galway,

Kilmacduagh and Kilfenora Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2026 as a member of pilgrimage staff?

Become part of the vibrant team assisting pilgrims who otherwise would not be able to

travel. For those who have taken part in the past it has been an unforgettable and

enriching experience. This year's pilgrimage takes place from 29 June to 4 July. For

further information, staff rates, and application forms contact Darina, mob. 085 2288043,

email dmccarthy@clonfertgalway.ie, or contact your local parish priest.

Interested in becoming a priest in the Dioceses of Clonfert, Galway, Kilmacduagh and Kilfenora? – come and find out more about Diocesan Priesthood at our Vocations Afternoon on Sunday May 10th, 2026. For more information contact Fr Ian on 087 2048497 or email at: priesthood@clonfertgalway.ie

“With, the people of this diocese, I give thanks to God for your generosity in saying “Yes” back then. I thank God for your selfless ministry since. Through your hands you have been there for the People of God. There, in good times. There, in sad times. By your example and words, you invite them to believe and to strengthen their belief in God. Through your human friendship you support and guide them. Through your celebration of the sacraments, you gift them with the very special presence of God often, at those times in their lives, when they most need to feel his closeness. Although, not without its challenges, the life of a priest is a most blessed and wonderful life indeed. On a day like today, it is only right that we thank God for the gift of our priesthood and for the gift of each and every one of our priests.” (Bishop Michael, Chrism Mass 2026)

TALK ON BREHON LAW The speaker is the eminent senior Counsel **Mr Brendan Grehan** who will speak to: “An introduction to the Brehon Law, a system of law unique to Ireland, some of its general principles, local connections especially to Park Castle, Clonbern and a modern perspective on relevance in the practice of law today”. Friday April 24th ,at 8;00pm in Moylough Community Hall Galway H53 D981 . All are welcome. Refreshments served/

For information: 089 205 3078 or Email:moyloughresourcecentre@gmail.com

YOUTH 2000: A Youth 2000 day retreat takes place on April 25 at Knock Shrine, Co. Mayo. Youth 2000 provides an opportunity for young people (16-35) to develop their relationship with God, learn more about the Catholic faith & meet other young people through a structured retreat programme. Talks, testimonies & games. Donation only. Check out Youth2000.ie to register or contact connaught@youth2000.ie for more Info.

HRC Past Pupils' Gathering “Class of 1981 to 1986:

Holy Rosary College, Mountbellew - Class of 1981 to 1986 are holding a 40 Year Past Pupil Reunion on **Saturday 2nd May 2026**. This will be an opportunity for classmates to meet up and take a trip down memory lane. Light refreshments will be served on the night. For more Information Contact Claire Healy 085 7471916

Join this year’s Young Adult Camino Pilgrimage (ages 18–35), 11th–20th July 2026. Walk the final 100km from Sarria to Santiago with Bishop Michael Duignan. Step out in faith and experience the grace of the Camino. Includes flights, accommodation and visit to Finisterre Contact youthpilgrimage@clonfertgalway.ie

The Galway branch of MS Ireland are holding a fundraising walk on Easter Monday on the prom in Salthill from 12 noon until 2pm. Registration for the walk is in the Salthill Hotel from 11.30, refreshments afterwards. Please join us. Contact nos. Mary 086 3489730 Ann 087 6186268

National Learning Network Athlone is offering places on the Landscape Maintenance\ Horticulture and Gardening course for our centre in Blyry. Potential students who need an occupational intervention in their lives from mental wellbeing or learning support point of view can Contact 0860114368 (Martin) ASAP, Martin will explore with you the possibilities for your future. 16 to 65 years of age qualify, QQI level 4 Qualification if desired. This is a Free course and all your payments and

entitlements will be protected. National Learning Network has lots of other courses for people who needs support and help with life and career. Please contact 086 0114368.

HopeSpace supports children and young people (4-17 years) grieving the loss of someone they love. We provide a free one-to-one in person listening service in a confidential, caring and supportive environment. Contact Áine at support@hopespace.ie or call 091 342566/087 4667506 for more details

Mother and Baby Institutions Payment Scheme launched in March 2024 following the Government agreed actions arising from the Commission of Investigation into Mother and Baby homes and certain related matters. The Payment scheme provides financial payments, and health supports to eligible people who spent time in Mother and Baby and County Home Institutions in Ireland. Eligibility criteria can be found online, and applications can be made via an online portal (website below) or by post Visit: www.gov.ie/en/department-of-children-disability-and-equality/campaigns/mother-and-baby-institutions-payment-scheme/ Contact Helpline: 01 522 9922 (call to request application pack) All applications are handled with care, dignity and full confidentiality

“Have you ever thought about fostering?” Change a child’s life by becoming a Tusla Foster Carer. Talk to Tusla Fostering today by freephone 1800 226 771 or visit www.fostering.ie to learn more.