

St. Peter and Paul's Church, Ballymacward. EIRCODE H53 YH60

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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)

MONDAY 20th. MASS @ 9am.

SATURDAY 25th. VIGIL MASS @ 7pm. FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER.

Christy Byrnes, Attyregan (7th. Anniv)

his wife Nora, and Kathleen Byrnes.

Kathleen and Joe Keane, Liscuib (10th. & 59th. Anniv)

Audrey Kindregan, Mountbenture (5th. Anniv)

Halo Donohue, Alloon (12th. Anniv) and the deceased members of the Donohue Family.

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

SOCIAL CLUB: THIS THURSDAY, the 23rd. of APRIL @ 2-30pm. VIDEO

BINGO: Just 1 week till the next Family Bingo in BALLYMAC SUNDAY 26th. @ 7pm

BALLYMACWARD/GURTEEN PARISH TRIP TO KNOCK THURSDAY

14th. MAY 2026:

Have you given your name in for the Bus yet?? Please contact the undersigned as soon as possible to enable them to confirm numbers. Feel free to travel by car if you don't wish to go in the Bus, we can all come together as a group in Knock **FR. SWEENEY** will be celebrating Mass in the Apparition Chapel @ **11-45am.**, followed by Blessing of the Sick. Later on the way home we plan to gather for a meal/refreshments in the Ard Ri Hotel in Tuam. Lets make it a day to remember for all in our Parish of Ballymacward/Gurteen. For information on the Bus, or to reserve a place, please contact **Esther on (086) 3740809 or Millie on (087) 6920807**

BALLYMACWARD N.S. wishes to invite all **Grandparents** of our pupils to the school to celebrate **Grandparents Day on Thursday 23rd April at 11am.** Refreshments will be provided on the day. Looking forward to seeing you all.

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

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

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

Mass for the People of the Parish.

FRIDAY 24th. MASS @ 8pm. John Dooley, Gurteen (9th. Anniv)

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PADRAIG PEARSES GAA CLUB LOTTO: RESULTS OF THE LOTTO DRAW WHICH TOOK PLACE ON MONDAY 13th. MARCH. WINNING No.'s 10,15,24,26. NO WINNER, & NO MATCH 3's, . NEXT WEEK'S DRAW ON MONDAY 20th. APRIL. IN "McGANN'S BAR", ATTYMON, FOR A JACKPOT OF €6,800. Remember you can play by downloading the Club App, Search for PADRAIG PEARSES GAA. CLUB.

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 11/12 – 04/26

W/ENVELOPES	€522.35	W/ENVELOPES	€653.80
LOOSE PLATE	€147.12	LOOSE PLATE	€105.00
PRIESTS EASTER	€430.00	PRIESTS EASTER	€220.00
HOLY PLACES	€ 10.00	HOLY PLACES	€ 20.00
CANDLES	€ 78.18		
TROCAIRE	€345.00	TROCAIRE	€242.54
MISC COLLECTIONS	€ 15.00	MISC COLLECTIONS	€ 7.00

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.

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

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

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.

