

St. Peter and Paul's Church, Ballymacward.

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HOLY SATURDAY NIGHT 19th. EASTER VIGIL BALLYMACWARD @ 7pm

MONDAY 21st. Mass at 9am. EASTER MONDAY

TUESDAY 22nd. Mass at 9am. EASTER TUESDAY. Special Intention.

WEDNESDAY 23rd. Mass at 9am. EASTER WEDNESDAY.

THURSDAY 24th. Mass at 9am. EASTER THURSDAY.

FRIDAY 25th. Mass at 7pm. EASTER FRIDAY.

Mrs. Kathleen Keane and Mr. Joseph Keane, Liscuib (9th. & 58th. Anniv)

Michael Winifred and Mary Loughnane, Mounthazel (Anniv)

Pat & Michael Loughnane, Mounthazel (Anniv)

SUNDAY 27th. **MORNING MASS @ 10am.** SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Fr. Nicholas Murray, Highpark (14th. Anniv)

John, Pat and Margaret Murryay, Highpark (Anniv) and all the deceased members of the Murray Family.

Christy Byrnes, Attyregan, (6th. Anniv) His Wife Nora and Kathleen Byrnes

Thomas and Sadie Lally, Liscune (39th. and 24th. Anniv)

Halo Donohoe, Alloon (Anniv) and the deceased members of the Donohoe family.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY: Will be celebrated at Carmelite Abbey Loughrea

on Sunday 27th April. Novena starts on Good Friday leaflets available church porch.

MASS SERVERS FOR APRIL:

GRACE KELLY & LEAH HILLARY

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS FOR APRIL:

MARY JENKINS LALLY, MARY CARR (Good Friday 18th., Holy Saturday

Night 19th., & Sunday Morning 27th.)

SOCIAL CLUB THURSDAY 24th. APRIL. - YOGA

BALLYMACWARD HALL FUNDRAISER: EURO MILLIONS SYNDICATE

Have you got your ticket yet, don't get disappointed, if interested please contact

MARY - (087) 6400067, JEANETTE - (087) 2337273. or any member

"Hope Blooms in Abundance at Easter" Easter Greetings from Bishop Michael

As we hear again the Easter Proclamation "He is not here! He is risen! He has gone before you to Galilee!" (Mt. 28), let us take heart. Let us turn to the risen Christ. Let us renew our confidence in the Goodness of God who can bring life out of death, order out of chaos and hope out of despair. Turning to the words of the fourteenth Century Mystic, Julian of Norwich (1342-c.1416), let us take comfort in the sure hope that "all shall be well; all shall be well, and all manner of things shall be well ... there is a force of Love moving through the universe that holds us fast and will never let go." (*Revelations of Divine Love*) My hope and my wish this Easter is that that Divine force of Love moving through the universe may renew your sense of hope and hold you and yours fast and never let you go. Happy Easter in the Jubilee Year of Hope 2025! Beannachtaí na Cásca oraibh! For, full message visit

www.clonferthdiocese.ie

Rosary on the Reek to take place on Saturday 28th June. To continue the mission of Fr Patrick Peyton we will pray the rosary on the reek during this Jubilee Year. Croagh Patrick is one of the pilgrimage sites for this Jubilee year. We will gather from 9.30am and begin the climb at 10am with Rosary at the summit at 12noon.

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

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EASTER SUNDAY 20th. APRIL DAWN MASS @ 6am.

CLOONKEENKERRILL CEMETERY followed by a CUP of TEA & some LOVELY SCONES & CAKE, weather permitting.

EASTER SUNDAY 20th. APRIL MASS OF THE LORDS

RESURRECTION GURTEEN CHURCH @ 10am.

John and Paddy Grady, Ballyglass, & deceased members of the Grady Family
John, Margaret, Martin & Mary Connor, Killuane & deceased Family members.

SATURDAY 26th. VIGIL MASS 7pm. SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER.

John Dooley, Gurteen (Anniv)

Mattie King, Gurteen (Anniv) and the deceased members of the King family.

CHURCH COLLECTIONS: BALLYMAC/GURTEEN. W/E 12/04/25 & 13/04/2025

Envelopes.	€428.30	W/Envelopes	€394.00
Loose Plate	€ 44.95	Loose Plate	€ 99.60
LENTEN	€ 10.00	LENTEN	€ .00
EMIGR/HOLY PLAC	€ 25.00	EMIGRANTS	€ .00
17 th . MARCH	€ 4.00	17 th . MARCH	€ 5.00
PRIEST'S EASTER	€150.00	HOLY PLACES	€ 20.00
CANDLES	€ 89.14		

PADRAIG PEARSES GAA CLUB LOTTO:

RESULTS OF THE LOTTO DRAW WHICH TOOK PLACE ON MONDAY 14th. APRIL.

WINNING No.'s 1,4,8,30. NO WINNER, & 4 MATCH 3, GRETTA O'BRIEN, TOM O'BRIEN, McGANN'S ATTYMON, ARTEMI SMIROV. NEXT WEEK'S DRAW ON MONDAY 21st. APRIL.

IN "BRODERICK'S BAR", KILLCONNELL, FOR A JACKPOT OF €14,100. Thanks for your continuing support. Play LOTTO online @ <http://tinyurl.com/ygpyqc2g>

MEDJUGORJE: Pilgrimage to Medjugorje 30th April to Wednesday 7th May. Director Fr Oliver Devine Group Leader Amy Guinan Fully incl. 845Euro Ph. 0876552453

HopeSpace CLG provides a free one-to-one listening service for children and young people (4-17 years old) who are impacted by grief caused by bereavement.

See hopespace.ie, contact Áine at support@hopespace.ie or call 091 342566/087 4667506 for more details.'

St. Pio Relics to visit Holycross Abbey (E41PH01) Saturday 24th and Sunday 25th May. Veneration and ceremonies from 10am to 8pm on Saturday and 9am to 8pm on Sunday (incorporating our annual St. Pio Pilgrimage on Sunday from 1.30pm). All are welcome. Contact 0504-43124 or hbparishoffice@gmail.com for information

Caltra Bridge Tournament The Annual Caltra Bridge Club Charity Tournament will be held this year on Friday April 25 at 7pm in the CaltraCommunity Centre and the President Helen Cunningham has nominated “The Galway Hospice Home Care Team “as the Charity to benefit from the proceeds of the Tournament this year, All bridge players throughout the region are invited and encouraged to attend what is always a very successful Tournament .Tournament is open to all Novice, Intermediate and Senior players. Further information can be obtained from Helen Cunningham (President) 0851633231 or Mary Hannon (Secretary) 0879965960

Men's Development Network – Male Advice Line Domestic abuse doesn't discriminate. If you're a man facing abuse, you're not alone. We're here to help. Call our Male Advice Line: 1800 816 588 Visit: <https://mensnetwork.ie/> Our confidential service provides support, advice, and a listening ear to male victims of domestic abuse. Seeking help is a sign of strength, and we're here to guide you every step of the way.

ACCORD Ballinasloe are committed to providing a professional counselling service for individuals and couples who are experiencing difficulties in their marriage and relationships. This confidential service is available and affordable. CONTACT 090 9643573 for appointment or E-mail ballinasloeaccord@eircom.net

'Sing for Joy!' - A Day of Music and Ministry Are you involved, in Church Music in your Parish, We invite you to join us for 'Sing for Joy!' - A Day of Music and Ministry. Saturday 26th April 2025 at Lough Derg, Pettigo, Co. Donegal. Boat departs at 9:30am. There will be various inputs as well as time to pray. The day will conclude with the Celebration of the Eucharist at 5pm This day is open to young people aged 18-35 and is free to attend Registration is essential via <https://bit.ly/SingforJoy> .

JUBILEE YEAR: The Ordinary Jubilee Year takes place every twenty five years. It is a special time of reconciliation with God and with one another. During the Jubilee Year 2025, the Cathedral of Our Lady Assumed into Heaven and St Nicholas, Galway and the Cathedral of St Brendan, Loughrea, have been dedicated as special places of pilgrimage where the Holy Year Indulgence may be obtained. www.galwaydiocese.ie / www.clonfertdiocese.ie

Meals4Health -A social enterprise of COPE Galway – Delivers fresh delicious affordable meals.to your door. Suited to the dietary requirements of the older person. Phone 091 354000 or visit www.meals4health.ie Special and modified dietary requirements catered for. Nationwide delivery available.

ACCORD: Accord now seeking marriage preparation facilitators. Might this be you? Accord Catholic Marriage Care Service CLG is currently recruiting volunteers to train as marriage preparation programme facilitators. If you:

- are supportive of marriage in the Catholic Church; and,

- have the enthusiasm to be part of the Accord team that supports couples preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage ... then Accord wishes to hear from you!

An Accord marriage preparation facilitator is a personally fulfilling role, blending life experience and faith. Successful applicants will receive professional training in the Accord marriage preparation programme and be part of a team delivering programmes locally. Contact Aisling on 01 505 3112 or by email to marriagepreparation@accord.ie and for further information see www.accord.ie

Pilgrims of Hope 2025

Loving Father, we come before you,
in this Jubilee Year. Our hearts are full of longing.
Now is the time to lay the past to rest.
Today is the day for a new beginning.
Breathe on us Spirit of God.
Inspire us. Strengthen us.
Help us to follow ever more closely the example of Jesus, your Son.
Help us to love you with all our heart.
Help us to care for one another.
In a world upset by war and discord,
we beg for the gift of lasting peace.
With Mother Mary by our side, may we journey together
as pilgrims of hope on the road of life.
We ask this of you, O loving Father, through Christ Our Lord. Amen

Prayer for Vocations in the Diocese of Clonfert

Lord of the Harvest,
Bless young people in the Diocese of Clonfert with the gift of
Courage to respond to your call of service.
Open their hearts to great ideals and wonderful things.
Inspire all of your disciples to mutual love and giving;
For vocations blossom in the rich soil of faithful people.
Inspire priests and religious, all our parishioners and families
With the confidence and grace to invite our young people
To consider the exciting and noble path of life dedicated and consecrated to You.
Unite us to Jesus Through prayer and sacrament,
So that we may cooperate With you in building your kingdom of
Mercy and truth, of justice and peace. Amen.