

St. Peter and Paul's Church, Ballymacward.

EIRCODE H53 YH60

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Saturday 20<sup>th</sup>. Vigil Mass at **8pm**. FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER.

Audrey Kindregan, Mountventure (3<sup>rd</sup>. Anniv) and the deceased members of the Kindregan Family.

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup>. Mass at 9am. Special Intention.

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup>. Mass at 12 NOON BALLYMACWARD N.S CELEBRATION MASS

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup>. Mass at 9am.

Friday 26<sup>th</sup>. Mass at 7pm. Tom and Julia Tuohy, Carana (Anniv) and the deceased members of the Tuohy family.

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup>. Vigil Mass at **8pm**. FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER.

Christy Byrnes, Attyregan (5<sup>th</sup>. Anniv) and Nora and Kathleen Byrnes. Kathleen and Joe Keane, Liscuib (8<sup>th</sup>. And 57<sup>th</sup>. Anniv)

Thomas and Sadie Lally, Liscune (23<sup>rd</sup>. and 38<sup>th</sup>. Anniv)

Michael (Halo) Donohue, Alloon (Anniv) and deceased members of the Donohue Family

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS APRIL: ANN PEARSE, MARY JENKINS LALLY. 20<sup>th</sup>. & 27<sup>th</sup>.

BALLYMACWARD/GURTEEN SOCIAL CLUB: Thursday 25<sup>th</sup>. APRIL - **QUIZ.**  
SOCIAL CLUB ADVANCE NOTICE

*(a) Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup>. May BEALTAINE DAY SOCIAL CLUB will be hosting an Exhibition in BALLYMACWARD HALL, which will include Photo's of Nature, etc., + Painting's by local artists, home made crafts, and there will be Bric a Brac Stalls. ALL ARE WELCOME, & YOUR SUPPORT APPRECIATED.*

*(b) Thursday 9<sup>th</sup>. May. The ANNUAL OUTING TO KNOCK SHRINE will take place on this day, with a BUS leaving BALLYMACWARD HALL @ 9-30am. Please call MARY JO on (087) 4143671 by FRIDAY 26<sup>th</sup>. APRIL to book a seat. Mass will be celebrated by Fr. Ray @ 12-30pm. in the Apparition Chapel. NOTE: ALL PARISHIONERS ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US ON THE DAY IN KNOCK, AND SEATS ON THE BUS ARE AVAILABLE FOR ALL, ON A FIRST COME BASIS. BOOK EARLY TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT.*

BALLYMACWARD

NATIONAL SCHOOL:

*Ballymacward N.S. are celebrating their Jubilee Celebration on Monday April 22nd with Mass in the church at 12 noon - All are welcome. There will be refreshments and a chat in the school afterwards. For anyone working, school will reopen from 6-8pm with a blessing at 7pm.*

PADRAIG PEARSES GAA CLUB: RESULTS OF THE LOTTO DRAW WHICH TOOK PLACE ON MONDAY 15<sup>th</sup>. APRIL WINNING No.'s 1,9,22,25, NO Winner, 2 MATCH 3's, CATHERINE & LIAM IRWIN, MARTIN CAMPBELL. NEXT WEEK'S DRAW ON MONDAY

**NIGHT 22<sup>nd</sup>. APRIL, IN, MCGANN'S BAR, ATTYMON, FOR A JACKPOT OF €8,900 PLAY LOTTO ONLINE @ <http://tinyurl.com/yqpyqc2q> JANUARY**

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

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**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup>. Mass at 10am. FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER.**

*Mass for the People of the Parish.*

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup>. Mass at 10am. FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER.**

*John Dooley, Gurteen (5<sup>th</sup>. Anniv)*

*Katherine Leonard (Nee Griffin) Anniv.*

**Gurteen National School.** Parents wishing to enroll their child in Gurteen N.S., may now do so by contacting the school for an enrolment form. Phone: **(090) 9677966** or email: **[info@gurteenns.com](mailto:info@gurteenns.com)**.

**CHURCH COLLECTIONS: BALLYMAC/GURTEEN. W/E 13/04/23 & 14/04/2023**

W/Envelopes.	€571.05	W/Envelopes	€260.70
Loose Plate	€ 21.60	Loose Plate	€ 24.20
CANDLES	€ 35.63	EMIGRANTS	€ 10.00
PRIESTS EASTER	€ 90.00	PRIESTS EASTER	€ 50.00
HOLY PLACES	€ 15.00	TROCAIRE	€155.72
TROCAIRE	€100.00	HOLY PLACES	€ 27.00
MISC	€ 30.00		

**The Clonfert and Galway Pilgrimages to Knock** takes place on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May. Ceremonies begin as usual at 2.30pm with the celebration of the Sacrament of the sick followed by the celebration of Eucharist at 3pm, followed by the Rosary Procession.

**Vigil of Prayer for Vocations to the Diocesan Priesthood in the**

**Diocese of Clonfert** to coincide with Vocations Sunday 2024 will take place directly after 8pm Mass until midnight on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2024 in the Cathedral of St Brendan, Loughrea. Please make a special effort to come and join us.

**Connaught retreat** will take place in Calasanctius College, Oranmore, Co. Galway on the weekend of May 10th to 12th, consisting of workshops, talks, testimonies, music, prayer and time to relax & meet with others. Come along for the weekend or pop in & say hello! Donation only, 16-35yrs. To book a place or for more information, visit **[www.youth2000.ie](http://www.youth2000.ie)** or email **[connaught@youth2000.ie](mailto:connaught@youth2000.ie)**.

**All Ireland Rosary Rally - Knock - June 1<sup>st</sup>** The All Ireland Rosary Rally is back this year on Saturday, June 1st in Knock. The day begins with a Marian Conference at

**9.30am in St John's Centre. Speakers include: Fr Michael Donnelly, Sr Ana Margarita Lanzas SCTJM, and Fr Joseph Maria Deane CFR. For more information and to see a list of buses going from around Ireland please visit [www.AllIrelandRosaryRally.com](http://www.AllIrelandRosaryRally.com)**

**National Pilgrimage for Life** - The first National Pilgrimage for Life, organised by the Council for Life of the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference, will be celebrated on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May in Knock Shrine with Mass at 3.00pm in the Basilica. Anointing of the Sick will take place during Mass. Main celebrant and homilist will be Archbishop Francis Duffy. We invite you to join us in Knock to celebrate the gift of life and to pray for the protection of all human life.

**The Youth 2000 Connaught retreat** will take place in Calasanz College, Oranmore, Co. Galway on the weekend of May 10th to 12th, consisting of workshops, talks, testimonies, music, prayer and time to relax & meet with others. Come along for the weekend or pop in & say hello! Donation only, 16-35yrs. To book a place or for more information, visit [www.youth2000.ie](http://www.youth2000.ie) or email [connaught@youth2000.ie](mailto:connaught@youth2000.ie).

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**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](mailto:ballinasloeaccord@eircom.net) ***The Youth 2000***

***New opportunity to join Mountbellew CE Scheme, General Operatives Maintenance Workers*** Duties to include: Working around Mountbellew with responsibility for cutting grass, shrub planting, cleaning, painting, litter control, keeping public areas tidy and maintaining nature trails and general maintenance around the town. This is a developmental opportunity, no experience necessary. Accredited training will be provided to support your career. For further details please contact Sean O' Neill on 090 9679085 /0871209739 or email [mountbellewdd@gmail.com](mailto:mountbellewdd@gmail.com)

**Medjugorje International Youth Festival from July 31st– August 7th 2024. Spiritual Director: Bishop Michael Duignan. OPEN TO ADULTS BETWEEN THE AGES OF 18 (by 31st July 2024) AND 35. Subsidised Fare €680 – all inclusive. For further information and booking form contact the Clonfert Diocesan Office: tel. 091 841 560, email [office@clonfertdiocese.ie](mailto:office@clonfertdiocese.ie), or contact your local priest. Limited spaces – first come, first served. Closing date 12th of April.**

**ACCORD Catholic Marriage Care Service CLG is currently recruiting volunteers to train as marriage preparation programme facilitators.**

- If you have a positive attitude towards marriage in the Catholic Church
- If you have the enthusiasm to be part of the Accord team in supporting couples who are preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage

Accord wants to hear from you! Successful applicants will receive professional training and will be part of a team delivering marriage preparation programmes locally. Contact Aisling on 01 505 3112 or by email to [marriagepreparation@accord.ie](mailto:marriagepreparation@accord.ie) [www.accord.ie](http://www.accord.ie)

**CANA Talks – “A Roadmap to Happiness” – T.F Royal Theatre, Castlebar – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May, 8 pm. 6 speakers plus Special Guests. Inspiration + Entertainment. Each speaker has just 15 minutes to inspire you (from a faith perspective)! Enjoy real-life stories, humour, inspiring talks, great visuals, music, + more. This is not a conference, but a show! Tickets €20 + booking fee @ [www.ticketmaster.ie](http://www.ticketmaster.ie). Can pay cash at the or. [www.canatalks.com](http://www.canatalks.com)**

### **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.**