

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

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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, Mountventure (5th. Anniv)

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

Thomas & Sadie Lally, Liscune (40th. & 25th. Anniv)

The deceased members of the Ward Family, Alloon.

MONDAY 27th. MASS @ 9am. Private Intention.

FRIDAY 1st. MASS @ 7pm. FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH.

Tom and Julia Tuohy, Carana (Anniv) and the deceased members of the Tuohy Family.

Essie Ruane, Liscune (3rd Anniv) and deceased members of the Ruane Family.

SATURDAY 2nd. VIGIL MASS @ 7pm. FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER.

Imelda, Mary and Alfie Noonan (Anniv)

Rita Beehan, Alloon (Anniv)

MASS SERVERS FOR MAY: CLAIR HILLARY, ZARA KELLY

READER FOR MAY: LAURA FINN

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS MAY: MARY LALLY/TOMAS HILLARY (2nd. & 9th.)

ANNE KINDREGAN/MAJELLA CAMPBELL. (16th., 23rd. & 30th.)

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

BINGO: IS YOUR NUMBER UP THIS SUNDAY, DOES IT SAY IN THE TEA LEAVES YOUR GOING TO WIN BIG. TO FIND OUT COME ALONG TO OUR FAMILY BINGO IN BALLYMAC HALL THIS SUNDAY 26TH., DOORS OPEN 6PM. GAME STARTS 7PM. SHARP. SURE TILL BE A BIT OF CRAIC.

MOUNTBELLEW AGRICULTURE SHOW: The next meeting of the Show Committee is on THURSDAY 30th. APRIL in MOUNTBELLEW PASTORAL CENTRE @ 9pm. We would love to have new members join us. For more information please contact (087) 6711246. Our show is one of the best in the country, let's help to keep it that way. It's always a special day for all the family.

BALLYMACWARD/GURTEEN PARISH TRIP TO KNOCK THURSDAY 14th. MAY 2026: SOME PLACES STILL AVAILABLE ON THE BUS,

contact either **Esther (086) 3740809** or **Millie (087) 6920807**, this week **PLEASE** to secure your seat.

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.

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

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SUNDAY 26th. MASS @ 10am. FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER.

The deceased members of the Mentane Family, Gurteen.

FRIDAY 1st. MASS @ 8pm. FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH.

Sean Bodkin, Shanballyeeshal (4th. Anniv)

SUNDAY 3rd. MASS @ 10am. FIFTH 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 20th. APRIL. WINNING No.'s 5,8,21,23. NO WINNER, & 2 MATCH 3's, SINEAD RYAN & MARTIN MURPHY. NEXT WEEK'S DRAW ON MONDAY 27th. APRIL. IN "BURKE'S BAR", COLEMANSTOWN, FOR A JACKPOT OF €6,900. Remember you can play by downloading the Club App, Search for PADRAIG PEARSES GAA. CLUB. MARCH 250 CLUB DRAW.

€100 GERRY KENNY, €75 MARTIN KILKENNY €50 CATHY SWEENEY.

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

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

Galway Hospice Fundraiser/Motor Bike Raffle for Hospice.

Raffle of Harley Davidson Motorbike 883 Sportster in aid of Galway Hospice Foundation in memory of Assumpta Creaven nee Lydon Annagh, Ballymacward. Motorbike can be viewed in TK Car Sales, Carnmore. Draw will take place at Yeats Lodge, Peterswell on Saturday May 9th with music and refreshments on the night . All welcome. Tickets €10 can be bought online before May 2nd @ www.idonate.ie/raffle/harleydavidson or locally from friends and family. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

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.

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

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