

St. Peter and Paul's Church, Ballymacward.

**EIRCODE H53 YH60**

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**SUNDAY 27<sup>th</sup>. MORNING MASS @ 10am. SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**

Fr. Nicholas Murray, Highpark (14<sup>th</sup>. Anniv)

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

Christy Byrnes, Attyregan, (6<sup>th</sup>. Anniv) His Wife Nora and Kathleen Byrnes

Thomas and Sadie Lally, Liscune (39<sup>th</sup>. and 24<sup>th</sup>. Anniv)

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

**MONDAY 28<sup>th</sup>. Mass at 9am.**

**TUESDAY 29<sup>th</sup>. Mass at 9am.**

**FRIDAY 2<sup>nd</sup>. Mass at 7pm. FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH.**

Essie Ruane, Liscune (2<sup>nd</sup>. Anniv) and the deceased members of the Ruane Family.

Laurence Barrett, Liscune (6<sup>th</sup>. Anniv)

Tom and Mary Rose Lawless, Whitepark (Anniv) and Son Liam (Recently deceased)

**SUNDAY 4<sup>th</sup>. MORNING MASS @ 10am. THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**Preacher at this Mass Sr. Mary Gallagher of the Missionary Sisters of the Holy Rosary**

John and Mary Bellew, Bawnogues (Anniv)

Teresa Neill, Annagh/Moylough (8<sup>th</sup>. Anniv)

Jackie Neill, Annagh (Anniv)

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY: Will be celebrated at Carmelite Abbey Loughrea**

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

**SOCIAL CLUB THURSDAY 1<sup>st</sup>. MAY - BINGO**

**MASS SERVERS FOR MAY:** CLAIRE HILLARY, ZARA KELLY

**READER FOR MAY:** LAURA FINN

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS MAY:** MARY LALLY/TOMAS HILLARY (4<sup>th</sup>./11<sup>th</sup>.)

ANNE KINDREGAN/MAJELLA CAMPBELL. (18<sup>th</sup>./25<sup>th</sup>.)

**FAMILY BINGO BALLYMACWARD HALL THIS SUNDAY 27<sup>th</sup>. APRIL.**

AS ALWAYS A GREAT EVENING GAURANTEED, OVER 40 OPPORTUNITIES TO WIN PRIZE MONEY, SURE WHERE ELSE WOULD YOU WIN ON A SUNDAY.\_THERE IS ONLY ONE PLACE TO BE THIS SUNDAY EVENING -

**“BALLYMAC”** Good luck to all.

**Rosary on the Reek to take place on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> 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.

**ACTIVE RETIREMENT:** Mountbellew/ District Active Retirement Meeting on Monday 5th. MAY at 8.00pm, in the Pastoral Centre Mountbellew. New members welcome.

**LAUNCH OF THE EUROPEAN & CONNACHT SHEEP SHEARING 2025:** This event will take place on FRIDAY MAY 9<sup>th</sup>. in THE MALT HOUSE, MOUNTBELLEW @ 8pm. All are invited. Admission Free, Refreshments served.

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

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**SATURDAY 26<sup>th</sup>. VIGIL MASS 7pm. SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER.**

John Dooley, Gurteen (8<sup>th</sup>. Anniv)

Mattie King, Gurteen (4<sup>th</sup>. Anniv) and the deceased members of the King family.

**FRIDAY 2<sup>nd</sup>. Mass at 8pm. FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH.**

Sean Bodkin, Shanballyeeshal (3<sup>rd</sup>. Anniv)

**SATURDAY 3<sup>rd</sup>. VIGIL MASS 7pm. THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER.**

Preacher at this Mass Sr. Mary Gallagher of the Missionary Sisters of the Holy Rosary

Kitty Leonard, (Nee Griffin) Gurteen (Anniv)

**CHURCH COLLECTIONS: BALLYMAC/GURTEEN. W/E 19/04/25 & 20/04/2025**

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|--------------------------|-----------|--------------------------|---------|
| Envelopes.               | €526.50   | W/Envelopes              | €386.75 |
| Loose Plate              | € 161.02  | Loose Plate              | €107.55 |
| LENTEN                   | € 40.00   | LENTEN                   | € 10.00 |
| HOLY PLACES              | €162.80   | HOLY PLACES              | € 56.00 |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> . MARCH | € 5.00    | 17 <sup>th</sup> . MARCH | € 2.00  |
| P. EASTER/XMAS           | €1,735.50 | P. EASTER                | €885.00 |
| CANDLES                  | € 45.21   |                          |         |
| TROCAIRE                 | €841.52   | TROCAIRE                 | €265.00 |

**PADRAIG PEARSES GAA CLUB LOTTO:**

RESULTS OF THE LOTTO DRAW WHICH TOOK PLACE ON MONDAY 21<sup>st</sup>. APRIL.

WINNING No.'s 14,22,27,28. NO WINNER, & 1 MATCH 3, MARTIN SCARRY. NEXT WEEK'S DRAW ON MONDAY 28<sup>th</sup>. APRIL. IN "McGANN'S BAR", ATTYMON, FOR A JACKPOT OF €14,200. Thanks for your continuing support. [Play LOTTO online @](http://tinyurl.com/ygpyqc2q)

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**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](http://hopespace.ie), contact Áine at [support@hopespace.ie](mailto: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](mailto:hbparishoffice@gmail.com) for information

**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](mailto:ballinasloeaccord@eircom.net)

**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](http://www.galwaydiocese.ie) / [www.clonfertdiocese.ie](http://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](http://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](mailto:marriagepreparation@accord.ie) and for further information see [www.accord.ie](http://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.