

St. Peter and Paul's Church, Ballymacward.

EIRCODE H53 YH60

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Saturday 27th. Vigil Mass at 8pm. FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER.

Christy Byrnes, Attyregan (5th. Anniv) and Nora and Kathleen Byrnes.

Kathleen and Joe Keane, Liscuib (8th. And 57th. Anniv)

Thomas and Sadie Lally, Liscune (23rd. and 38th. Anniv)

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

Monday 29th. Mass at 9am. Special Intention.

Thursday 2nd. Mass at 7pm. Special Intention.

Friday 3rd. Mass at 7pm. FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH.

Essie Ruane, Liscune (1st. Anniv) and the
deceased members of the Ruane family.

Saturday 4th. Vigil Mass at 8pm. SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER.

Michael Naughton, Corskeagh (20th. Anniv)

John and Mary Bellew, Bawnogues (Anniv)

Br. Linnius Bellew, Bawnogues (19th. Anniv)

READER FOR MAY: LAURA FINN.

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS MAY: MARY LALLY/TOMAS HILLARY (4th./11th.)
ANNE KINDREGAN/ROSE KELLY. (18th./25th.)**

BALLYMACWARD/GURTEEN SOCIAL CLUB: Thursday 2nd. 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.**

NOTE: On Thursday 9th. May. The ANNUAL OUTING TO KNOCK SHRINE
will take place on this day, with a BUS leaving BALLYMACWARD HALL @
9-30am. 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.

FUNDRAISER: ON SATURDAY MAY 11th. GARBALLY N.S. WILL HOLD A
FUNDRAISING "TABLE QUIZ" IN SCREENES BAR, GUILKA. Registration @
8-30pm. QUIZ STARTS @ 9pm. SHARP. TABLES of 4 €40.00. SPOT PRIZES
& RAFFLE ON THE NIGHT. TO PRE REG., TEXT (085) 8278667 Everyone
welcome.

PADRAIG PEARSES GAA CLUB: RESULTS OF THE LOTTO DRAW WHICH TOOK PLACE
ON MONDAY 22nd. APRIL WINNING No.'s 11,17,24,30, NO Winner, 1 MATCH 3,
NEASA BRODERICK. NEXT WEEK'S DRAW ON MONDAY NIGHT 29th. APRIL, IN "THE

LOCAL", BALLYMACWARD, FOR A JACKPOT OF €9,000 PLAY LOTTO ONLINE @ <http://tinyurl.com/ygpyqc2q> JANUARY

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

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Sunday 28th. Mass at **10am.** FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER.

John Dooley, Gurteen (5th. Anniv)

Katherine Leonard (Nee Griffin) Anniv.

Friday 3rd. Mass at 8pm. FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH.

Sean Bodkin, Shanballyeeshal (2nd. Anniv)

Sunday 6th. Mass at **10am.** SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER.

The deceased members of the Burke Family, Colemanstown/Tiaquin.

CHURCH COLLECTIONS: BALLYMAC/GURTEEN. W/E 20/04/23 & 21/04/2023

W/Envelopes.	€368.62	W/Envelopes	€287.00
Loose Plate	€ 46.85	Loose Plate	€ 20.15
CANDLES	€ 33.45	TROCAIRE	€ 14.57
PRIESTS EASTER	€ 30.00	PRIESTS EASTER	€ 55.00
LENTEN	€ 25.00		
17 th . march	€ 1.00		

The Clonfert and Galway Pilgrimages to Knock takes place on Sunday 19th 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.

ACTIVE RETIREMENT: Mountbellew/ District Active Retirement Meeting on **WEDNESDAY 8th. MAY at 7.00pm**, in the Pastoral Centre Mountbellew. New members welcome. *(Please Note the change of Day and Time of meeting)*

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 or email connaught@youth2000.ie.

All Ireland Rosary Rally - Knock - June 1st 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

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 4th 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 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 or email connaught@youth2000.ie.

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 **The Youth 2000**

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, 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 www.accord.ie

CANA Talks – “A Roadmap to Happiness” – T.F Royal Theatre, Castlebar – Friday 31st 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. Can pay cash at the or. 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.**