

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

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SATURDAY 15th. VIGIL MASS @ 7pm. TWENTIETH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR.

Mary Ann and Edward Dempsey, Garafine. Sons Tommy and Eddie and Daughters Katie, Mary and Annie, also Margaret Dempsey, wife of Mattie and there Daughter Mary..

MONDAY 17th. MASS @ 9am. FEAST OF OUR LADY OF KNOCK.

Claire Flynn, Ballymacward (4th. Anniv)

FRIDAY 21st. MASS @ 7pm. Mary Ann and Michael Commings, Alloon.

(2nd. and 41st. Anniv)

SATURDAY 22nd. VIGIL MASS @ 7pm. TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY OF THE YEAR.

Mary Egan, Carrahulla (Months Mind)

R.I.P.: Your prayers are requested for Imelda Geraghty, Waterford/Doone Killconnell, Niece of Mrs. Ann Ward (Sean) Alloon, and J.J. Naughton, Ashfield, who died during the week.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS FOR JULY; ANNE KINDREGAN, MAURA MURRAY

(15th. (Evening) 22nd. & 29th.)

PADRAIG PEARSES GAA CLUB LOTTO: RESULTS OF THE LOTTO DRAW WHICH TOOK PLACE ON MONDAY 10th. AUGUST. WINNING No.'s

5,15,17,23. NO WINNER, & THERE WAS 2 MATCH 3. MIRIAM BARRETT & MARK COLEMAN. NEXT WEEK'S DRAW ON MONDAY 17th. AUGUST. IN "RUANE'S BAR", GLENTANE, FOR A JACKPOT OF €3,200. You can play by downloading the Club App, Search for PADRAIG PEARSES GAA. CLUB.

MOUNTBELLEW AGRICULTURE SHOW: Mountbellew Agriculture Show will be held on Saturday 22nd August 2026 at the Mountbellew Agriculture College/ATU Grounds.

Entries on-line. www.mountbellewagrishow.ie . Dog Entries only taken on Show

Day. Great Family Day Out. Free entry for children. Free children's area and entertainment including magic shows and free pony rides. New Scarecrow Competition for all ages. Don't miss out. Volunteers welcome on the day, contact any committee member in advance. Thank you

St. Francis Prayer Group invites you to join us for 3 nights of talks on the 'Life of St Gemma Galgani' on Tuesday 18th & 25th August at 7p.m in Clonfert Family Centre, Ballinasloe, H53 NX59. St. Gemma's first-class relic and free prayer cards will be available each night. All welcome to come and see. More details contact: Theresa on 086 3241269

BALLYMAC - Ballymacward Old Graveyard Restoration Committee invite the Public to come to the **Community Hall on Sunday 23rd. August between 4 & 7pm.** to reminisce over a cup of tea, about the Holy Well "Tobar Maoile" located in the townland of Kinreask. A talk will be given on the evening, details in next week's newsletter, all are welcome, this is a FREE event for Heritage Week.

MOYLLOUGH - The "Voices of Moylough" podcast series will be launched in Moylough Community Centre on Friday, August 21st at 8:00pm. This project has been funded by: Galway County Council Heritage Office, Irish Community Archive Network (iCAN), National Museum of Ireland and The Heritage Council. Moylough Heritage Society welcomes everyone to this event.

For further information contact Moylough Resource Office : Phone 089 2053078.

Email moyloughresourcecentre@gmail.com Eircode H53D981.

Refreshments afterwards, Moylough community centre is wheelchair accessible.

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

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SUNDAY 16th. MASS @ 10am. TWENTIETH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR.

Bridie Finnerty, Clough (Anniv) and deceased members of Finnerty Family.
Breda Keating, Colemanstown (11th. Anniv)

SUNDAY 23rd. MASS @ 10am. TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY OF THE YEAR.

Paddy McGee, Shanballyeeshal (19th. Anniv)

CHURCH COLLECTIONS: BALLYMAC/GURTEEN. WEEK ENDING 08/09– 08/26

W/ENVELOPES	€582.45	W/ENVELOPES	€277.30
LOOSE PLATE	€ 25.00	LOOSE PLATE	€ 2.40
15 th . AUGUST	€ 24.00		
PRIESTS SUMMER	€ 60.00		
ACCORD	€ 4.00	ACCORD	€ 5.00
MISC. COLLECTIONS	€ 7.00		

HERITAGE WEEK 2026: The Restoration of the Bell/St. Michael's Church Gurteen

St. Michael's Church was built in 1932 and it is dedicated to the memory of Fr. Michael Griffin, a native of Gurteen and a priest of Clonfert Diocese. On the 15th of November 1920, aged 28 years, he was murdered by crown forces while working as a curate in St. Joseph's Parish, Presentation Road, Galway.

The Church building is a beautiful cut-stone structure with stained glass windows from the Harry Clarke Studios. It is open every day and visited by people beyond the parish because of its connection with Fr. Michael Griffin.

The deterioration of the Bell support in the Tower was identified while remedial work was being completed on roof of the Church. The damage has been assessed by conservation engineers and is noted to be in urgent need of repair. We hope the restoration of the Bell will bring greater attention to the building and to its memory.

Our church is much loved by the community and is an important part of its life. The Church Bell has a significant role in gathering people together and in evoking memories of happy and sad occasions in the lives of the people.

We are most grateful to the Heritage Council and Galway County Council for their generous support in the restoration project.

Please NOTE that on TUESDAY 18th AUGUST from 2pm to 3pm

members of the Parish Council will be at the church to meet visitors. The Church is a revered place of prayer, sacred to the local community, this will be respected at all times. The Church is Wheelchair accessible. **Also Please NOTE**, You can view the condition of the Bell by clicking on ballymacwardgurteenparish.com and then click on the link, Heritage week event - The Restoration of the Bell.

Coffee Day Wellbeing Meetup. On Wednesday, 19th August, (2- 4pm), Ballinasloe Family Centre H53 NX59. This can be a good opportunity for people to find out about REGARI Recovery College without committing to any session. For more information please contact: Amanda Hunt, Email: regarirecoverycollege@gmail.com, Tel: 087 968 4352.

KNOCK ANNUAL NOVENA: CONTINUES UNTIL FRIDAY 21ST. AUGUST, WITH SESSIONS DAILY @ 3pm & 8pm. SEE www.knockshrine.ie

Fundraising Concert: Shear Country Concert in Aid of Cuan Mhuire Addiction Treatment Centre, Coolarne, Athenry. Thursday 10th September at the Shearwater Hotel, Ballinasloe. Staring Sabrina Fallon, The Fallon Family, Philomena Begley, Ray Lynam, Sandy Kelly, Trudi Lalor, Dee Morrrissey, Shane Moore, Derek Burke, Olivia Douglas and Johnny Carroll.

Doors open at 7pm, Show starts at 7.30pm. Tickets can be purchased from Cuan Mhuire, Coolarne (tel. 091 797102) or on www.eventrite.ie or directly from The Shearwater Hotel. Tickets €30.

LOUGH DERG:

August & September 2026 @ Lough Derg A pilgrimage has a vital part to play in our life of faith, for it removes us from our daily routines, and gives us time and space to encounter God more deeply.

One Day Retreats – Guided Days of Prayer and Reflection - places available on August 18th, 22nd , 23rd, 29th and 31st

September 5 th, 6th, 9th, 12th, 15th , 19th and 20th

Admission €50.

Group discounts available. Advance Booking Essential. Includes Special Themed Retreats:

23rd August - St Peregrine

5 th September – Pioneer Pilgrimage

6 th September – St Carlos Acutis

9 th & 12th September – Vocations Monstrance

19th September – Divine Mercy Pilgrimage

Heritage Day Tours – Explore one of Ireland's most enduring and authentic spiritual destinations. Thursday 20th August. 11am & 2:30pm As part of National Heritage Week celebrations visitors will enjoy a guided boat trip on the lake, guided tour of Station Island and refreshments. Admission €15. Student & Child discounts available. Advance Booking Essential.

Lakeshore Pilgrim Path Pilgrimage – In the footsteps of pilgrims through the centuries Sunday 30th August. 8km & 12km routes, fully guided. Outdoor Mass weather permitting. Admission €25. Advance Booking Essential.

NEW FOR 2026 SEASON –Overnight accommodation available on Station Island the night before beginning a Retreat or Pilgrimage. Lough Derg, Pettigo, Co Donegal. F94 PC60 www.loughderg.org email. info@loughderg.org Tel. 0719861518

RCIA 2026/2027 – Thinking of Becoming Catholic? The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is for adults who: – have never been baptised
– belong to another Christian tradition

– are baptised Catholics but haven't received confirmation or Eucharist
The journey begins this autumn. To find out more, contact the parish or
email rcia@anghailil.ie