

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

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

Mary Egan, Carrahulla (Months Mind)

FRIDAY 28th. MASS @ 7pm. Sean Kenny, Carhoon & Leixlip (Recently deceased)

SATURDAY 29th. VIGIL MASS @ 7pm. TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR.

Walter (Wally) Pritchard, Carrahulla (2nd. Anniv)

Sonny and Eileen Fahy, Lisloughlin (Anniv)

Margaret Fahy, Lisloughlin (6th. Anniv)

Tom and Kathleen Dempsey, Kinreask (41st. & 37th. Anniv)

John Joe Jenkins, Ballinastack (39th. Anniv)

P.J. Byrnes, Liscuib (Anniv) & deceased members of the Byrnes Family.

R.I.P.: Your prayers are requested for John Crehan Australia, & his Sister Maureen Crehan Canada, both formerly of Liscuib who died recently in there adopted countries.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS FOR JULY; ANNE KINDREGAN, MAURA MURRAY (15th. (Evening) 22nd. & 29th.)

BINGO: Monthly Family Bingo in the Hall NEXT SUNDAY Evening 30th. AUGUST @ 7pm. DON'T MISS IT.

SOCIAL CLUB: The Social Club is back on **THURSDAY 3rd. SEPTEMBER.** They will be testing yere knowledge to see what ye learned over the summer with a **QUIZ.**

BADMINTON: Ballymacward Badminton  resumes after the summer break **Tuesday the 25th. @ 8pm. New members welcome.**

CEMETERY MASS: Killaan Cemetery mass will take place on **Friday September the 11th., at 7pm.**

PADRAIG PEARSES GAA CLUB LOTTO: RESULTS OF THE LOTTO DRAW WHICH TOOK PLACE ON MONDAY 17th. AUGUST. WINNING No.'s 3,8,24,28. NO WINNER, & THERE WAS 1 MATCH 3. McGANN'S ATTYMON. NEXT WEEK'S DRAW ON MONDAY 24th. AUGUST. IN "McGANN'S BAR", ATTYMON, FOR A JACKPOT OF €3,300. You can play by downloading the Club App, Search for PADRAIG PEARSES GAA. CLUB.

BALLYMAC - Ballymacward Old Graveyard Restoration Committee invite the Public to come to the **Community Hall on Sunday 23rd. August with Doors opening @ 4pm. Talk on The Holy Well "Tobar Maoile" located in the townland of Kinreask @ 4-30pm.** There will be time to reminisce over a cup of tea afterwards. This is a FREE event for Heritage Week.

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

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

Paddy McGee, Shanballyeeshal (19th. Anniv)

FRIDAY 28th. MASS @ 8pm. Owen and James Cunniffe, Attymany (Anniv)

SUNDAY 30th. MASS @ 10am. TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR.

Mass for the People of the Parish.

CHURCH COLLECTIONS: BALLYMAC/GURTEEN. WEEK ENDING 15/16– 08/26

W/ENVELOPES	€381.00	W/ENVELOPES	€283.30
LOOSE PLATE	€ 75.85	LOOSE PLATE	€ 30.00
15 th . AUGUST	€179.00	15 th . AUGUST	€ 89.00
PRIESTS EASTER	€ 50.00		
CANDLES	€245.70		

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 Morrissey, 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.

Burren Outdoor Retreat, Friday 4th September to Sunday 6th September. Would you like to come with us on a journey through the Burren with its limestone pavements, rare flora and ancient sacred sites? Let the beauty of this place renew you in body and soul. Residential (people within easy reach may commute). Contact Mary at 087 970 1130 for information or Des at 085 161 4951 for bookings.

Marriage Encounter Ireland: invites married couples to a residential Weekend from Friday 2nd to Sunday 4th October 2026 at the "Focolare Centre" "Curryhills", Prosperous, Co. Kildare. Step away from daily distractions to deepen your communication, renew your love, and rediscover the joy of your marriage. www.marriageencounter.ie

St Brendan's Education Centre, Abbey St., Loughrea: 091 841387 email: freda.murphy@greth.ie A few places available in Business Modules commencing in September:

Information and Administration Level 5 Tuesday 8th September 9.30 to 12.30pm,
Legal Practice and Procedure Tuesday afternoon 1-4pm.

Early Learning Certificate in Childcare: Commencing on Tuesday 8th September 6-9pm

MOUNTBELLEW AGRICULTURE SHOW: Mountbellew Agriculture Show will be held on this **Saturday 22nd August 2026 at the Mountbellew Agriculture College/ATU Grounds. Dog and Cat Entries AND JUNIOR CLASS ENTRIES** 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.

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