

St. Peter and Paul's Church, Ballymacward.

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SUNDAY 5th. **MORNING MASS @ 10am** SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS
Eugene Costello, Ballymacward (1st. Anniv)

MONDAY 6th. **EVENING MASS @ 7pm.** THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD.
Paddy Barrett, Alloon (Anniv) - John and Elizabeth Killeavy (Anniv)

Friday 10th. Mass at **7pm.** Charlie Egan, Carrahulla (Anniv) and his
daughters Essie and Mary.
Thomas Mitchell, Liscune (12th. Anniv)

SUNDAY 12th. **MORNING MASS @ 10am** THIRD SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS
Annie and Martin Ruane, Mounthazel (11th. and 38th. Anniv)

PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGES TO MASS TIMES ABOVE:

Celebrating Church Unity Week Ecumenical Prayer Service in Cathedral
Loughrea on Friday 17th January at 6pm. All Welcome.

CHURCH ENVELOPES: The 2025 Church Envelopes are available for
Collection/Distribution at the back of the Alter. Please take your own if possible.

READER FOR JANUARY:

JOHNNY BARRETT.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS FOR JANUARY:

JOAN TANNIAN, CATRIONA HYNES (5th., 6th., & 12th.)
ROSE LYDON, ANN KINDREGAN. (19th., & 26th.)

BINGO – THE HALL COMMITTEE WISHES TO THANK YOU FOR THE
WONDERFUL SUPPORT FOR OUR CHRISTMAS BINGO LAST SUNDAY. WE
HOPE EVERYONE ENJOYED THEMSELVES AND LOOK FORWARD TO
SEEING YOU ALL AT OUR NEXT MONTHLY BINGO ON SUNDAY 26th.
JANUARY.

ACTIVE RETIREMENT: The AGM of Mountbellew & District Active Retirement will
be held in the Pastoral Centre, Mountbellew on Monday 13th. JANUARY @ 8pm.
New members welcome.

East Galway Speakers' Open Night - Become more confident in job interviews,
delivering presentations and social speeches. Guests very welcome on Monday 13th
January, Comworks, Loughrea, H62 VN56, 8 pm or online
at <http://www.eastgalwayspeakers.com/zoom>.

Greater Ballinasloe Gaza-Syria-Turkey Christmas appeal

(www.creideamh.ie/appeal-2024) concludes this Sunday (5th Jan) with Holy Hour, 6.30 –
7.30 pm, in St. Michael's Church Ballinasloe. All welcome. Thanks to all who have
contributed. €10,838.58 raised so far.

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

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SATURDAY 4th. **VIGIL MASS 7pm.** SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

John Mannion, Cappalusk. (2nd. Anniv)

SUNDAY 5th. **VIGIL MASS 7pm.** THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD.

SATURDAY 11th. **VIGIL MASS 7pm.** THIRD SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

John Lyng, Gurteen. (Anniv)

Thomas (Bob) Griffin, Gurteen (4th. Anniv)

PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGES TO MASS TIMES ABOVE:

St Dominic's Well Esker- This long tradition of blessing the Holy Water will not be broken even though the Redemptorists have left the area. Fr. Brendan Lawless, PP Kilconieron will continue the tradition and the water will be blessed on the 5th and 6th January at 11a.m. Everyone is welcome.

CHURCH READERS: The rota for the Gurteen Church readers is being compiled at present. New readers should contact MARTINA DONNELLAN (087) 9000526 to let her know what month suits them best, before she finalises the rota.

CHURCH ENVELOPES: The 2025 Church Envelopes are available for Collection/Distribution at St. Joseph's Alter at the men's side wing at the front of the Church. Please take your own if at all possible.

CHURCH COLLECTIONS: BALLYMAC/GURTEEN. W/E 21/12/24 & 22/12/2024

W/Envelopes.	€544.50	W/Envelopes	€577.50
Loose Plate	€ 40.10	Loose Plate	€ 55.95
PRIESTS XMAS	€842.00	PRIESTS COLLECTIONS	€605.00
HOLY DAYS	€ 27.00	HOLY DAYS	€ 79.00
CANDLES	€262.32	TROCAIRE	€ 24.37

PADRAIG PEARSES GAA CLUB: RESULTS OF THE LOTTO DRAW WHICH TOOK PLACE ON MONDAY 30th. DECEMBER. WINNING No.'s 5,18,20,30. NO WINNER, & 1 MATCH 3, ANN NORTON. NEXT WEEK'S DRAW ON MONDAY 6th. JANUARY. IN "McGANN'S BAR", ATTYMON, FOR A JACKPOT OF €12,600.

Mountbellew CE Scheme Vacancies. *General Operatives/ Maintenance Workers*

Duties to include: Working around Mountbellew with responsibility for cutting grass, shrub planting, cleaning, painting, litter control, keeping public areas tidy and general maintenance around the town. Accredited training will be provided to support your career. For further details please contact Sean O' Neill on 090 9679085 /0871209739 or email mountbellewdd@gmail.com

Used Stamps for Charity: If you have any used stamps, we would welcome these for the Missions, which help fund their many projects. A box will be placed in the church porches on the first weekend in January where they can be left in.

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

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 / 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 Special and modified dietary requirements catered for. Nationwide delivery available.

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

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

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.