

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

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SATURDAY 21st. VIGIL MASS @ 7pm. FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT.

Paddy Kenny, Carhoon (42nd. Anniv)

Paddy Joe Laheen, Bawnogues (50th. Anniv)

Mary O'Dea, Mounthazel (7th. Anniv)

MONDAY 23rd. MASS @ 9am. Dinney Morrissey, Delia Gannon, and Kathleen Morrissey, and the deceased members of the Morrissey, Gannon and Costello Families.

TUESDAY 24th. MASS @ 9am.

WEDNESDAY 25th. MASS @ 9am.

THURSDAY 26th. MASS @ 9am.

FRIDAY 27th. MASS @ 7pm. John and Catherine Brien, Esker, and the deceased members of the Brien and Donoghue Families.

SATURDAY 28th. VIGIL MASS @ 7pm. PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORDS PASSION.

Frances Carr, Esker (3rd. Anniv)

Michael (Sonny) Fahy, Glentane (8th. Anniv)

John and Margaret Tannian, Ballinastack (Anniv) and the deceased members of the Tannian Family.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS FOR MARCH:

NOEL and MARY HYNES. (21st. / 28th.)

SOCIAL CLUB: THIS THURSDAY, the 26th. of MARCH @ 2-30pm.

Herbal Teas and Old Remedies..

Community Support for MJ & Ann Ryan after House Fire: We are raising funds for Ann and Michael John Ryan, a retired couple who have lived in Ashfield all their lives. On the night of February 26th, a devastating fire broke out, destroying their home. Thankfully they are safe, but the fire has left them without any thing that made their house a home. While they do have insurance, it will not cover all the costs of rebuilding their lives. As a community we want to come together to help them bridge that gap and support them through this incredibly difficult time. Any donation, no matter how small will help them. When asked if it was alright to set up a fund for them, he said he'd "be happy with a kettle and toaster", a small reminder of the simple comforts of life we take for granted. You can donate via idonate, details below <https://www.idonate.ie/crowdfunder/communitysupport>

Thank you for your kindness & generosity, it is very much appreciated/SINEAD FLOOD

DRAMA: THIS FRIDAY, SATURDAY & SUNDAY, 20th., 21st. and 22nd. OF MARCH THE MALHOUSE PLAYERS MOUNTBELLEW PRESENT, A COMEDY BY TOMMY MARREN, **"NOBODY'S TALKING TO ME" IN THE **COMMUNITY CENTRE, MOUNTBELLEW @ 8PM.** A GREAT EVENING GUARANTEED, MAKE SURE YOUR SITTING BESIDE SOMEONE THAT'S TALKING TO YOU. (Ha, Ha)**

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

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SUNDAY 22nd. MASS @ 10am. FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT.

Mass for the People of the Parish.

SUNDAY 29th. MASS @ 10am. PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORDS PASSION.

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DANCING TO OLIVIA DOUGLAS: IN GULLANES HOTEL BALLINASLOE on SATURDAY 21st. MARCH 2026, ADMISSION 15 EURO, DANCING FROM 10pm. PROCEEDS FROM THIS DANCE GO TOWARDS TAUGHMACONNELL COMMUNITY CARE. YOUR SUPPORT WOULD BE APPRECIATED.

PADRAIG PEARSES GAA CLUB LOTTO: RESULTS OF THE LOTTO DRAW WHICH TOOK PLACE ON MONDAY 16th. MARCH. WINNING No.'s 18,22,26,28. NO WINNER, & NO MATCH 3's, .NEXT WEEK'S DRAW ON MONDAY 23rd. MARCH. IN "BURKE'S BAR", COLEMANSTOWN, FOR A JACKPOT OF €6,400. Remember you can play by downloading the Club App, Search for PADRAIG PEARSES GAA. CLUB.

CHURCH COLLECTIONS: BALLYMAC/GURTEEN. WEEK ENDING 01/02/26
(Apologies, FIGURES WILL BE PUBLISHED EASTER WEEKEND *Gerry*)

Diocese of Clonfert, Galway, Kilmacduagh and Kilfenora Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2026, led by Bishop Michael Duignan departing from Shannon 29 June for 5 nights. Enquiries contact Society Travel, Ballinasloe 090 9645350 or Joe Walsh Tours 01 2410800

HRC Past Pupils' Gathering "Class of 1981 to 1986:

Holy Rosary College, Mountbellew - Class of 1981 to 1986 are holding a 40 Year Past Pupil Reunion on **Saturday 2nd May 2026**. This will be an opportunity for classmates to meet up and take a trip down memory lane. Light refreshments will be served on the night. For more Information Contact Claire Healy 085 7471916

Mother and Baby Institutions Payment Scheme launched in March 2024 following the Government agreed actions arising from the Commission of Investigation into Mother and Baby homes and certain related matters. The Payment scheme provides financial payments, and health supports to eligible people who spent time in Mother and Baby and County Home Institutions in Ireland. Eligibility criteria can be found online, and applications can be made via an online portal (website below) or by post Visit: www.gov.ie/en/department-of-children-disability-and-equality/campaigns/mother-and-baby-institutions-payment-scheme/ Contact Helpline: 01 522 9922 (call to request application pack) All applications are handled with care, dignity and full confidentiality

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