

St. Peter and Paul's Church, Ballymacward.

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SUNDAY 23rd. MORNING MASS @ 10am. THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT.

Michael (Bobby) Fahy, Glentane (7th. Anniv)

Paddy Kenny, Carhoon (41st. Anniv)

Bridget and Michael Lally, Carana (Anniv) and the deceased members of the Lally family.

MONDAY 24th. Mass at 9am. Kathleen Costello, Denny Morrissey, Della Gannon, and the deceased members of the Morrissey, Gannon and Costello Families.

TUESDAY 25th. Mass at 9am.

WEDNESDAY 26th. Mass at 9am.

THURSDAY 27th. Mass at 9am.

FRIDAY 28th. Mass at 7pm. The deceased members of the Brien and Donoghue families Esker.

Nora and Malachy Murray, Esker (10th. & 42nd. Anniv)

John Kelly, Menlough (28th. Anniv)

SUNDAY 30th. MORNING MASS @ 10am. FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT.

Paddy Joe Laheen, Bawnogues (49th. Anniv)

TROCAIRE: TROCAIRE BOXES ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE ENTRANCES TO BOTH CHURCHES. YOU ARE ENCOURAGED TO TAKE ONE HOME WITH YOU, AND YOUR SUPPORT OF THOSE LESS FORTUNATE IN OTHER AREAS OF THE WORLD WOULD BE VERY WELCOME. CONTRIBUTIONS CAN BE RETURNED TO THE CHURCH AT EASTER.

MASS SERVERS FOR MARCH:

IARLA GRIFFIN & DANIEL O'DEA

MASS SERVERS FOR APRIL:

GRACE KELLY & LEAH HILLARY

READER FOR MARCH:

MICHELLE HILLARY

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS FOR MARCH:

NOEL and MARY HYNES. (17th. /23rd. / 30th.)

BINGO: SUNDAY WEEK 30th MARCH @ 7pm. IN BALLYMAC HALL. YIPPEE

SOCIAL CLUB THURSDAY 27th. MARCH. - PUZZLES & GAMES.

ARTS & CRAFTS: Classes commencing in Ballymacward Hall on TUESDAY 25th. MARCH_ from 7 - 9pm. Contact MARY on (087)6400067 for more information.

Living as Missionary Disciples – A Lenten Retreat Opportunity, Fri. 28th & Sat. 29th March in Clonfert Family Centre, Ballinasloe. See www.creideamh.ie/retreat for details. All welcome but places limited.

Pope Francis has invited us this Lent to “journey in hope together”. A short-term pledge is available via www.pioneerassociation.org for parishioners who wish to become a “pilgrim of hope” for people who are living under the shadow of addiction.

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

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SATURDAY 22nd. VIGIL MASS 7pm. THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT..

Gabrielle Molloy, Faha, (2nd. Anniv)

Mary O'Dea, Mounthazel (6th. Anniv) her Daughter Mary Kelly, New Inn (12th. Anniv)

Brendan and Bridget Finnerty, Cloonkeenkerrill (36th. and 18th. Anniv)

SATURDAY 29th. VIGIL MASS 7pm. FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT..

Peter Finnerty (Anniv) and the deceased members of the Finnerty Family, Clough.

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CHURCH COLLECTIONS: BALLYMAC/GURTEEN. W/E 16/03/25 & 15/03/2025

Envelopes.	€666.10	W/Envelopes	€600.40
Loose Plate	€255.10	Loose Plate	€ 69.40
LENTEN	€215.30	LENTEN	€267.00
EMIGRANTS	€ 88.50	EMIGRANTS	€ 57.60
17 th . MARCH	€264.00	17 th . MARCH	€113.60
OTHER COLLECT'S	€ 47.00		

PADRAIG PEARSES GAA CLUB LOTTO:

RESULTS OF THE LOTTO DRAW WHICH TOOK PLACE ON MONDAY 17th. MARCH.

WINNING No.'s 5,8,23,25. NO WINNER, & 1 MATCH 3, ASSUMPTA CONNELL. NEXT

WEEK'S DRAW ON MONDAY 24th. MARCH. IN "BURKE'S BAR", COLEMANSTOWN, FOR

A JACKPOT OF €13,700. Thanks for your continuing support. [Play LOTTO online @](http://tinyurl.com/ygpyqc2q)

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MEDJUGORJE: Pilgrimage to Medjugorje 30th April to Wednesday 7th May. Director Fr Oliver Devine Group Leader Amy Guinan Fully incl. 845Euro Ph. 0876552453

HopeSpace CLG provides a free one-to-one listening service for children and young people (4-17 years old) who are impacted by grief caused by bereavement.

See hopespace.ie, contact Áine at support@hopespace.ie or call 091 342566/087 4667506 for more details.'

Men's Development Network – Male Advice Line Domestic abuse doesn't discriminate. If you're a man facing abuse, you're not alone. We're here to help.

Call our Male Advice Line: 1800 816 588 Visit: <https://mensnetwork.ie/> Our confidential service provides support, advice, and a listening ear to male victims of domestic abuse.

Seeking help is a sign of strength, and we're here to guide you every step of the way.

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 Connaught one-day retreat takes place on Saturday, March 29, at St. Mary's Church Dominican Priory in the Claddagh in Galway City, beginning at 9.30am. Workshops, music, talks, testimonies & more. Donation only. Register online at Youth2000.ie, contact connaught@youth2000.ie for more information.

Ballinasloe Community Faith Area Children's Art (3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th Class) and Schools (5th & 6th Class) and Youth Clubs' Quiz Competition. We are delighted to invite participation in the above competitions. Details are available www.creidreamh.ie/ptaa-art, Schools and Clubs' Quiz Competitions: www.creideamh.ie/ptaa-quiz In addition to prizes, a certificate will be awarded for the best art entry from each participating school. We have also scheduled the prize-giving ceremony for the art competition to take place during the intermission of the quiz competitions on the evening of Thursday 10th April (evening before Easter holidays).

Safe Talk & Suicide Awareness: Learn 4 key steps to identify suicidal thoughts & connect individuals to suicide First Aid Resources on Sat 5th April 10a.m. -1.30p.m. in Clonfert Family Centre, Ballinasloe (H53NX59). Booking essential: (01)6060858 or email darlene@breaking-through.org

Anam Cara Galway, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding it's monthly Parent Support Evening for bereaved parents on Wednesday 2nd April at 7.30pm in the Clayton Hotel, Briarhill, Galway. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or how recent their death was. We also offer an online support group meeting. To find out more call 01 4045378 or email info@anamcara.ie

'Sing for Joy!' - A Day of Music and Ministry Are you involved, in Church Music in your Parish, We invite you to join us for 'Sing for Joy!' - A Day of Music and Ministry. Saturday 26th April 2025 at Lough Derg, Pettigo, Co. Donegal. Boat departs at 9:30am. There will be various inputs as well as time to pray. The day will conclude with the Celebration of the Eucharist at 5pm This day is open to young people aged 18-35 and is free to attend Registration is essential via <https://bit.ly/SingforJoy> .

JUBILEE YEAR:

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: Accord now seeking marriage preparation facilitators. Might this be you? Accord Catholic Marriage Care Service CLG is currently recruiting volunteers to train as marriage preparation programme facilitators. If you:

- are supportive of marriage in the Catholic Church; and,
- have the enthusiasm to be part of the Accord team that supports couples preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage ... then Accord wishes to hear from you!

An Accord marriage preparation facilitator is a personally fulfilling role, blending life experience and faith. Successful applicants will receive professional training in the Accord marriage preparation programme and be part of a team delivering programmes locally. Contact Aisling on 01 505 3112 or by email to marriagepreparation@accord.ie and for further information see www.accord.ie

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

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.