

Trócaire – The annual collection for Trócaire will be taken up at all Ceremonies over the Easter Weekend, and the following weekend of (11th/12th April). Thank you for your support of those in need through this worthy charity.

PADRAIG PEARSES GAA CLUB LOTTO: RESULTS OF THE LOTTO DRAW WHICH TOOK PLACE ON MONDAY 23rd. MARCH. WINNING No.'s 5,9,23,29 NO WINNER, & 3 MATCH 3's, GRETTE O'BRIEN, VALERIE HIGGINS, & MARTIN MURPHY. NEXT WEEK'S DRAW ON MONDAY 30th. MARCH. IN "RUANE'S BAR", GLENTANE, FOR A JACKPOT OF €6,500. Remember you can play by downloading the Club App, Search for PADRAIG PEARSES GAA. CLUB.

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

YOUTH 2000: A Youth 2000 day retreat takes place on April 25 at Knock Shrine, Co. Mayo. Youth 2000 provides an opportunity for young people (16-35) to develop their relationship with God, learn more about the Catholic faith & meet other young people through a structured retreat programme. Talks, testimonies & games. Donation only. Check out Youth2000.ie to register or contact connaught@youth2000.ie for more information.

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 accordballinasloe@gmail.com

Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2026: Calling Young Adults to Join the 2026 Pilgrimage to Lourdes Between the ages of 18 and 25? Interested in joining the Clonfert, Galway, Kilmacduagh and Kilfenora Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2026 as a member of pilgrimage staff? Become part of the vibrant team assisting pilgrims who otherwise would not be able to travel. For those who have taken part in the past it has been an unforgettable and enriching experience. This year's pilgrimage takes place from 29 June to 4 July. For further information, staff rates, and application forms contact Darina, mob. 085 2288043, email dmccarthy@clonfertgalway.ie, or contact your local parish priest.

CANCER CARE WEST: Cancer Care West Walk 2025/2026, All will be delighted to hear we dropped into Cancer Care West last week from Caltra/Ahascragh/ Fohenagh GAA Clubs the sum of €11,284.90 from the Annual walk . Thanks for the fantastic help and support and kind donations .

TALK ON BREHON LAW The speaker is the eminent senior counsel Mr Brendan Grehan who will speak to: "An introduction to the Brehon Law, a system of law unique to Ireland, some of its general principles, local connections especially to Park Castle, Clonbern and a modern perspective on relevance in the practice of law today". Friday April 24th ,at 8;00pm in Moylough Community Hall Galway H53 D981 . All are welcome. Refreshments served

For information: 089 205 3078 or Email:moyloughresourcecentre@gmail.com



Holy Week & Easter

St. Peter and Paul's Church, Ballymacward.

EIRCODE H53 YH60

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

EIRCODE H53 PN24

To contact Fr. Raymond Sweeney Ph: (Landline) 090 9687614. or (M) 086 3868169
(Listen to Mass at 101.4 fm)

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Contact details for Parish Secretary (087)9322127 or email., kenpatger@yahoo.co.uk

SUMMER TIME: Don't forget to put the clocks forward **1 hour** tonight.

MASS SERVERS FOR APRIL: GEORGE KELLY & DARA KILKENNY.

READER FOR APRIL BALLYMACWARD: ANN KELLY

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS APRIL BALLYMAC: ANNE PEARCE,

BERNIE MORRISSEY. (HOLY THURS, GOOD FRIDAY & SATURDAY 4TH.)

MARY CARR, MARY JENKINS LALLY.(11th, 18th. & 25th.)

CHRISM MASS: The Chrism Mass will be celebrated at the Cathedral of St Brendan, Loughrea, on Wednesday, **1st. April at 8:00pm**, and at the Cathedral of Our Lady Assumed into Heaven and St Nicholas, Galway, on Thursday, 2 April at 11:00am. During the Mass, Bishop Duignan will consecrate the Sacred Chrism for use at Confirmation this year. He will also bless the Oil of Catechumens, used in the Sacrament of Baptism, and the Oil of the Sick, used in the celebration of the Sacrament of the Sick. All are welcome.

BALLYMACWARD/GURTEEN SOCIAL CLUB: *Thursday 2nd. APRIL - BINGO.*

ART CLASS: Art class starting in Ballymacward Hall on Tuesday, the **14th of April, 7-9 pm**. Beginners welcome. Only two places left. For more info. Contact Mary 0876400067.

BALLYMACWARD/GURTEEN PARISH TRIP TO KNOCK:

The Social Club is organising a coach trip to Knock on Thursday, 14th May. Members of the parish and wider community are warmly invited to join us for this special day. Early booking advised. For further information or to reserve a place, please contact

Esther on (086) 3740809 or Millie on (087) 6920807

Saturday 28th: BALLYMACWARD VIGIL MASS for PALM SUNDAY at 7pm.

Frances Carr, Esker (3rd. Anniv)

Michael (Bobby) Fahy, Glentane (8th. Anniv) and deceased members of the Fahy Family.

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

Michael & Winifred Loughnane, Ballinastack & Mary, Pat & Michael Loughnane (Anniv)



Sunday MARCH 29th. PALM SUNDAY

Morning Mass in GURTEEN at 10am.

Mass for the People of the Parish.



Palm Sunday

Monday 30th. **Mass at 9am. BALLYMACWARD.**

Michael, Delia & Bertie Burns, Killuane (Anniv)

Joe. Sally & Mary Hanlon, Listowel

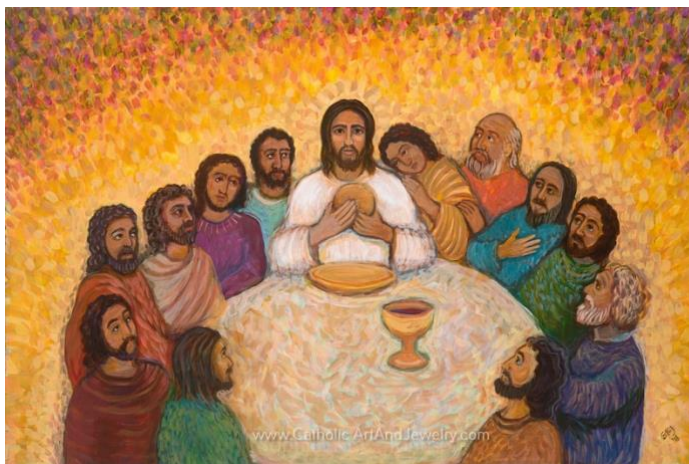
Tuesday 31st. **Mass at 9am. BALLYMACWARD.**

Special Intention.

Wednesday 1st. **Mass at 9am. BALLYMACWARD.**

Wednesday 1st. **Spy Wednesday. Chrism Mass @ 8pm. St. Brendan's Cathedral**

HOLY THURSDAY 2nd. MASS OF THE LORDS SUPPER BALLYMACWARD @ 7pm.



THE LORDS PASSION GOOD FRIDAY 3rd. BALLYMACWARD @ 3pm.
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HOLY SATURDAY NIGHT 4th. EASTER VIGIL BALLYMACWARD @ 7pm

Michael, Bridget & J.G. Queeney, Mounthazel (Anniv)



EASTER SUNDAY 5th. APRIL DAWN MASS @ 6am. CLOONKEENKERRILL CEMETERY followed by a CUP of TEA & some LOVELY SCONES & CAKE, weather permitting. Keep warm, wrap up well.



EASTER SUNDAY 5th. APRIL MASS OF THE LORDS RESURRECTION GURTEEN CHURCH @ 10am.

John and Paddy Grady, Ballyglass, John, Margaret, Martin & Mary Connor, Killuane & deceased members, of the Grady & Connor Families.

Eileen Kilkenny, Sheeaun (22nd. Anniv)