

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

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Saturday 30th. Vigil Mass at 7pm. HOLY SATURDAY - EASTER VIGIL.

Michael Connell, Liscuib (17th. Anniv)

Sunday 31st. EASTER SUNDAY - DAWN MASS CLOONKEENKERRILL CEMETERY @ 6am.

Monday 1st. Mass at 9am. EASTER MONDAY.

Marty Dwyer, Ballymacward (Anniv)

Tuesday 2nd. Mass at 9am. EASTER TUESDAY.

Wednesday 3rd. Mass at 9am. EASTER WEDNESDAY.

Thursday 4th. Mass at **7pm**. EASTER THURSDAY.

Frank Dwyer, Greenhills, (1st. Anniv)

Friday 5th. House Mass at 7pm. (STATION)

Saturday 6th. Vigil Mass at **8pm**. SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER.

Paddy Joe Laheen, Bawnogues (48th. Anniv)

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

John Joe, and Lena McGann, Carhoon (13th. And 24th. Anniv)

EASTER MESSAGE: Wishing all our parishioners every blessing for a Happy and Holy Easter, and thanking everyone for their support for Trocaire, for the Diocese, and for the Parish. FR. SWEENEY

READER FOR APRIL BALLYMACWARD: ANN KELLY

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS APRIL BALLYMAC: PADRAIG QUINN, BERNIE MORRISSEY.
(6th. & 13th.)

ANN PEARSE, MARY JENKINS LALLY. (20th., & 27th.)

SUMMER TIME: Clocks go FORWARD 1 HOUR TONIGHT SATURDAY MARCH 30th. Mass Time in BALLYMACWARD for the Summertime will be 8pm. Commencing on Next Saturday 6th. APRIL.

BALLYMACWARD NATIONAL SCHOOL: Ballymacward National School will be 50years old in April. If anyone has photos etc of themselves/teams/classes, please copy and forward to the school by email or post: Email: st.peterandpaulns@gmail.com or post to Ballymacward N.S., Ballymacward, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway. H53 NX21.

BALLYMACWARD/GURTEEN SOCIAL CLUB: Thursday 4th. APRIL - BINGO. Good luck all.

PEARSE'S CAMOGIE CLUB: Come join our nursery camogie group (Junior & Senior Infants) for lots of fun and games. Training starts on Sunday April 7th. @ 11am. in Ballymacward pitch. Bring your Hurl, Helmet & Water. For more Info., Contact Eleanor on (086) 8529325. New members always welcome to the older age groups. Pearses Boys U7's also starts back on the 7th., Contact Dave (087) 2485561

PADRAIG PEARSES GAA CLUB: RESULTS OF THE LOTTO DRAW WHICH TOOK PLACE ON MONDAY 25th. MARCH WINNING No.'s 4,5,12,27, NO Winner, 1 MATCH 3, FRANCIS LYDON. NEXT WEEK'S DRAW ON MONDAY NIGHT 1st. APRIL, IN BRODERICK'S BAR, KILLCONNELL, FOR A JACKPOT OF €8,600 PLAY LOTTO ONLINE @ <http://tinyurl.com/ygpyqc2q> JANUARY

*St. Michael's. / Fr. Michael Griffin Memorial Church, Gurteen. **EIRCODE H53 PN24**
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Sunday 31st. **EASTER SUNDAY.- DAWN MASS CLOONKEENKERRILL CEMETERY @ 6am.**

Sunday 31st. Mass at **10am**. **EASTER SUNDAY OF THE LORDS RESURRECTION.**

John and Paddy Grady, Ballyglass (Anniv) and the deceased members of the Grady Family.

John, Margaret and Martin Connor, Killuane (Anniv) and the deceased members of the Connor family.

Sunday 7th. Mass at **10am**. **SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER.**

John McGann, Clough (1st. Anniv)

Mattie King, Gurteen (3rd. Anniv)

FUNDRAISER: Easter Sunday Coffee Morning: Come along to Mitchell's Bar after Mass on **Sunday 31st of March**, for a chat, coffee/ tea and delicious breakfast treats. All proceeds to St. Kerrill's N.S Parents Association Fund. All welcome.

Gurteen National School. Parents wishing to enroll their child in Gurteen N.S., may now do so by contacting the school for an enrolment form. Phone: **(090) 9677966** or email: info@gurteenns.com.

CHURCH COLLECTIONS: BALLYMAC/GURTEEN. W/E 23/03/23 & 24/03/2023

W/Envelopes.	€471.20	W/Envelopes	€343.10
Loose Plate	€ 21.00	Loose Plate	€109.60
17 th . MARCH	€ 65.50	HOLY DAYS	€ 34.00
EMIGRANTS	€ 43.00	EMIGRANTS	€ 34.00
PRIESTS XMAS	€ 20.00	LENTEN	€ 35.00
PRIESTS EASTER	€230.00	PRIESTS EASTER	€290.00
HOLY PLACES	€ 39.00	HOLY PLACES	€ 27.10

(TROCAIRE € 13.26 CANDLES € 27.92 Gurteen)

New opportunity to join Mountbellew CE Scheme, 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 maintaining nature trails and general maintenance around the town. This is a developmental opportunity, no experience necessary. 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

ACTIVE RETIREMENT: Mountbellew/ District Active Retirement Meeting on Monday 8th. APRIL at 8.00pm, in the Pastoral Centre Mountbellew. New members welcome.

Colemanstown United Join us for an Evening of live folk music, fun, and craic as we gather to enjoy The Highstool Prophets & local lad Jack Reilly on **Friday 5th. April @ 7-30pm** in the Shearwater Hotel. A great night out for Family and Friends, & you will be supporting Colemanstown Utd. Tickets €25 @

https://member.clubforce.com/tickets_m.asp?LL_ID=1885&intTE_ID=3023

Easter Sunday is the 'Feast of feasts', a day of joy and happiness as we celebrate the resurrection of Christ. Light a candle and pause for a few moments to become aware of God's presence. Make the Sign of the Cross, as you pray:

Lord of all Life,

You are our hope and our joy, our source of true happiness.

We have journeyed to Easter and in the most difficult of trials we have renewed our baptism and proclaimed your resurrection. We embrace with gladness the new life to which you call each one of us.

**Bless us, our families and all the world,
with your constant presence and protection.**

**May we give you thanks every day
and share the good news of our faith with all we meet.**

**And may the light of our Easter faith
guide our footsteps in your ways of love, peace and truth.**

Through Christ our Lord. Amen

In Easter joy we proclaim, Christ is risen! Alleluia, alleluia!

If you have Holy Water, use it to bless yourself as you make the Sign of the Cross.

Place your candle safely somewhere prominent in your home as a reminder of the Light of Christ amongst us.

Colemanstown United Join us for an Evening of live folk music, fun, and community as we come together to enjoy The Highstool Prophets & local talented performer Jack Reilly while together supporting the developments underway in Colemanstown United.

Event Details:

Date: Friday 5th April

Doors open: 7:30pm

Venue: Shearwater Hotel

Ticket Price: €25 inc booking fee.

Tickets available online

: https://member.clubforce.com/tickets_m.asp?LL_ID=1885&intTE_ID=3023

If you're looking for a great night out with friends and family, this event is for you! The lineup of talented musicians promises an unforgettable experience.

Medjugorje International Youth Festival from July 31st– August 7th 2024. Spiritual Director: Bishop Michael Duignan. OPEN TO ADULTS BETWEEN THE AGES OF 18 (by 31st July 2024) AND 35. Subsidised Fare €680 – all inclusive. For further information and booking form contact the Clonfert Diocesan Office: tel. 091 841 560, email office@clonfertdioocese.ie, or contact your local priest. Limited spaces – first come, first served. Closing date 12th of April.

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

CANA Talks – “A Roadmap to Happiness” – T.F Royal Theatre, Castlebar – Friday 31st May, 8 pm. 6 speakers plus Special Guests. Inspiration + Entertainment. Each speaker has just 15 minutes to inspire you (from a faith perspective)! Enjoy real-life stories, humour, inspiring talks, great visuals, music, + more. This is not a conference, but a show! Tickets €20 + booking fee @ www.ticketmaster.ie. Can pay cash at the or. www.canatalks.com

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.