

St. Peter and Paul's Church, Ballymacward.

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SUNDAY 9th. **MORNING MASS @ 10am.** FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT.

Michael, Mary and John Creaven, Mounthazel (Anniv)

Oliver, Paddy and John Byrnes, Attyregan (Anniv)

Winifred and John Daly (Anniv)

MONDAY 10th. Mass at 9am. Mike Gonley, Whitepark

TUESDAY 11th. Mass at 9am.

WEDNESDAY 12th. Mass at 9am. Bi Bi Flynn, Ballymacward (1st. Anniv)

THURSDAY 13th. Mass at 9am.:

FRIDAY 14th. Mass at **7pm.** Phil McDonagh (Nee Ryan) Ashfield, - Recently Deceased.

SUNDAY 16th. **MORNING MASS @ 10am.** SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT.

Michael Connell, Liscuib (18th. Anniv)

Tom and Julia Tuohy, Carana (Anniv) and the deceased members of the Tuohy Family.

Tom and Rita Greaney, Ballygreaney, and there Son Rory (Anniv)

Kevin and Mona Greaney, Ballygreaney (Anniv) and the deceased members of the Greaney Family.

Frank Gilmore, Mounthazel.

MONDAY 17th. **MORNING MASS @ 10am.** ST. PATRICK'S DAY.

Padraig Glynn, Ballygreaney (4th. Anniv)

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:

ANGELA HARTY, TOMAS HILLARY (2nd./ 9th./16th)

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

SOCIAL CLUB THURSDAY 13th. MARCH. - CRAFTS

DUNMORE BINGO: Dunmore Community Council Bingo will take place this

Sunday, March 9th in the Town Hall, Dunmore at 3pm. Lots of Prizes on

the day including a **€500 jackpot**. Draw for a free double book, single book, lucky line sheet and jackpot sheet. Complimentary tea, coffee and biscuits will be served at the interval. Everyone welcome.

East Galway Speakers: next meeting on Monday 10th March, Comworks,

Loughrea, H62 VN56. You can attend free of charge or register online

@ <http://www.eastgalwayspeakers.com/zoom>.

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

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

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SATURDAY 8th. VIGIL MASS 7pm. FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT..

Kitty Broderick, Cloonkeenkerrill (16th. Anniv) and the deceased members of the Broderick family.

SATURDAY 15th. VIGIL MASS 7pm. SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT..

Beezie and Patrick Ruane, Colemanstown (30th. & 48th. Anniv) and the deceased members of the Ruane and Reynolds Families.

Paddy Burke, Caltragh (55th. Anniv)

Maureen, Tommy and Mickey Clancy, Colemanstown
(5th. 21st. & 9th. Anniv)

SUNDAY 16th. VIGIL MASS 7pm. ST. PATRICK'S DAY.

R.I.P.: Your prayers are requested for Jimmy Dilleen, Galway (formerly Shanballyeeshal) and for Mrs. Anita Geary, Galway, Mother of Ann Forde, Kinreask, also for Sean Burke, Craughwell, Brother of Mary Clancy, Gurtyryan, Ballymacward, who died during the week.

GURTEEN NATIONAL SCHOOL: Parents wishing to enrol their child in Gurteen N.S. may now do so by contacting the school for an enrolment form. Phone: **0909677966**
email: info@gurteenns.com

CHURCH COLLECTIONS: BALLYMAC/GURTEEN. W/E 02/03/25 & 01/03/2025

Envelopes.	€428.20	W/Envelopes	€182.00
Loose Plate	€ 88.50	Loose Plate	€ 33.05
HOLY DAYS	€ 5.00	CANDLES	€ 75.74
OTHER COLL'S	€ 15.00	LOURDES	€ 23.70

PADRAIG PEARSES GAA CLUB LOTTO:

RESULTS OF THE LOTTO DRAW WHICH TOOK PLACE ON MONDAY 3rd. MARCH.
WINNING No.'s 2,7,24,25. NO WINNER, & NO MATCH 3's, . NEXT WEEK'S DRAW ON MONDAY 10th. MARCH. IN "GERRY MAC'S BAR", CASTLEBLAKNEY, FOR A JACKPOT OF €13,500. Thanks for your continuing support. [Play LOTTO online @ http://tinyurl.com/ygpyqc2q](http://tinyurl.com/ygpyqc2q)

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

Trócaire – with Lent approaching, you will find Trócaire boxes available, as usual, in the Church. The box is enclosed in an envelope with information materials about the campaign for this year. You can find out about Ilma and Julio from Guatemala. The box is a great and simple way to occasionally contribute to those less fortunate in the world, for example, by putting the box on your kitchen windowsill.

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.

Lenten Scripture Initiative drawing on the riches of St Luke's Gospel begins this Sunday (2nd March) @ 6.30 pm in Clonfert Family Centre, Ballinasloe. See www.creideamh.ie/luke for more details. All welcome.

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.

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

'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.