

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

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SATURDAY 16th. VIGIL MASS @ 7pm. THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD.

Bridgie Kenny, Carhoon (3rd. Anniv)

May and Mark Lydon, Attyregan (2nd. and 5th. Anniv)

Michael Naughton, Corskeagh (22nd. Anniv)

Johnny, Paddy, Jimmy and Frank O'Neill, Garafine (Anniv)

MONDAY 18th. MASS @ 9am.

FRIDAY 22nd. MASS @ 7pm. Bridget and Michael Lally Carana, and the deceased members of the Lally Family.

SATURDAY 23RD. VIGIL MASS @ 7pm. THE SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST.

Sean Cheevers, Garafine/Birmingham U.K. (First Anniv)

R.I.P.: Your prayers are requested for Josephine O'Carroll (Nee Scarry) Ballinasloe Sister of the late Martin Scarry Attyregan, and for Fr. Sean Slattery, Limerick, former Parish Priest Ballymacward/Gurteen from 1993 to 2013, who were laid to rest in the past week.

THANK YOU: The recent Tea Party organised in the Hall by Jamie Nutley and friends raised €6,622-40 for Pieta House. **THANK YOU** for the wonderful support.

MASS SERVERS FOR MAY:

CLAIRE HILLARY, ZARA KELLY

READER FOR MAY:

LAURA FINN

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS MAY:

ANNE KINDREGAN & MAJELLA CAMPBELL. (16th., 23rd. & 30th.)

SOCIAL CLUB: THIS THURSDAY, the 21st. of MAY. BINGO

EUROMILLIONS LOTTO SYNDICATE FOR THE HALL: The Syndicate was relaunched for 2026/2027 earlier this month, it's limited to 300 shares, which are going fast. Contact a Hall committee member ASAP, Ph. 087 9322127 and who knows as Del Boy would say "This time next year we might be all millionaires"

SHEARFEST; Shearfest 26 kicks off on 30th May with a 5K sponsored run/walk beginning at 11am. Proceeds going to the Irish Motor Neuron Disease Association. Registration at 10am: Entry fee: €10/per person, €20 for a family. Mobile: (085)8389777.

Clonfert/Galway Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock this Sunday May 17th.

Ceremonies beginning at **2.30pm** with Sacrament of the sick, followed by **Eucharist at j**
Bowel Cancer Awareness Month Bowel cancer is one of the most common cancers, but when detected early, it is highly treatable. You can reduce your risk of bowel cancer by eating healthy (high fibre, limit processed meat/red meat), limiting alcohol, maintain a healthy weight, being physically active, and getting help to quit smoking. Bowel screening is available to everyone aged 57-71 year See www.hse.ie/bowelscreen

Mountbellew CE Scheme Vacancies/Maintenance Workers/ General Operatives Duties to include: Working in Mountbellew with responsibility for cutting grass, litter control, keeping public areas tidy and general maintenance around the town. Working as part of team on the environmental sites. Flexible working hours. For further details please contact Sean O' Neill on 090 9679085 /0871209739 or email mountbellewdd@gmail.com

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

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SUNDAY 17th. MASS @ 10am. THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD.

Michael Griffen, Gurteen (8th. Anniv).

Marie and Mattie Deeley, New Inn, Emily Stephens and the deceased members of the Corbett and Stephens Families.

SUNDAY 24th. MASS @ 10am. THE SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST.

David Finnerty, Cloonkeenkerrill (11th. Anniv)

Pauline and Martin Coppinger, Killuane (9th, and 14th. Anniv)

Joe Molloy, Gurteen (4th. Anniv)

Mary Ann and John Bodkin, Shanballyeeshal (16th. and 30th. Anniv)

Joe Cogavin and the deceased members of the Cogavin Family, Gurteen.

PADRAIG PEARSES GAA CLUB LOTTO: RESULTS OF THE LOTTO DRAW WHICH TOOK PLACE ON MONDAY 11th. MAY. WINNING No.'s 4,6,8,17. NO WINNER, & no MATCH 3. NEXT WEEK'S DRAW ON MONDAY 18th. MAY. IN "RUANE'S BAR", GLENTANE, FOR A JACKPOT OF €7,200. Remember you can play by downloading the Club App, Search for PADRAIG PEARSES GAA. CLUB.

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
CHURCH COLLECTIONS: BALLYMAC/GURTEEN. WEEK ENDING 09/10 – 05/26

W/ENVELOPES	€438.00	W/ENVELOPES	€396.50
LOOSE PLATE	€ 52.50	LOOSE PLATE	€ 58.80
PRIESTS RETIRE	€ 31.00	PRIESTS RETIREMENT	€120.50
PRIESTS EASTER	€ 20.00	PRIESTS EASTER	€ 60.00
CANDLES	€100.00	LENTEN	€ 50.00
MISC	€ 20.00	MISC	€ 20.00

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.

Join this year's Young Adult Camino Pilgrimage (ages 18–35), 11th–20th July 2026. Walk the final 100km from Sarria to Santiago with Bishop Michael Duignan. Step out in faith and experience the grace of the Camino. Includes flights, accommodation and visit to Finisterre Contact youthpilgrimage@clonfertgalway.ie

65 or OLDER ???: If you are 65 or older and would like to apply for a personal alarm, under the Seniors Alert Scheme Grant, for your safety and peace of mind, please call Galway Contact at 091 867892 or email galwaycontact@gmail.com

The Pray for Life Novena is an invitation to join thousands of people across Ireland to pray for the protection of human life, from Saturday 23rd May to Sunday 31st May. Each day's intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life in Ireland. Visit www.prayforlife.ie for the daily novena prayers and to sign up for daily reminders. The prayers will also be posted on facebook.com/PrayforLifeNovena and @prayforlifenovena on Instagram. This is an initiative of the Council for Life of the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference.

Highly acclaimed feature documentary, Matt Talbot: Urban Mystic, will be screened in Clonfert Family Centre, Ballinasloe, H53 NX59, at 4, 7 & 8.30 pm on Wednesday 27th May. All welcome as we seek to learn more about this man who overcame addiction through radical faith. See www.creideamh.ie/matt for more details.

Ballinasloe & District 3-day Pilgrimage to Lough Derg: June 12- 14th for further details contact John 086 8600987. All are invited and welcome.

3-Day and 5-Day Residential Retreats July 2026: Led by Fr. Prince Clarence SJ
3-Day Retreats: Faith Formation based on the teachings of the Catholic Church and Inner Healing Adoration. Dates: July 7th – 9th and July 14th – 16th., 5-Day Ignatian Retreat: This is an opportunity to reflect on life in light of God's boundless love and to develop a deeper knowledge and understanding of Jesus. Dates: July 20th – 24th
Venue: De La Salle Retreat Centre, Castletown, Co. Laois, R32 N6D8. These retreats are strictly residential. Visit our website for more details: www.ruachcatholicministry.org
Contact: Oonagh 086 1736181 or Phyllis 085 7733037

HopeSpace supports children and young people (4-17 years) grieving the loss of someone they love. We provide a free one-to-one in person listening service in a confidential, caring and supportive environment. Contact Áine at support@hopespace.ie or call 091 342566/087 4667506 for more details

National Learning Network Athlone is offering places on the Landscape Maintenance\ Horticulture and Gardening course for our centre in Blyry. Potential students who need an occupational intervention in their lives from mental wellbeing or learning support point of view can Contact 0860114368 (Martin) ASAP, Martin will explore with you the possibilities for your future. 16 to 65 years of age qualify, QQI level 4 Qualification if desired. This is a Free course and all your payments and entitlements will be protected. National Learning Network has lots of other courses for people who needs support and help with life and career. Please contact 086 0114368.

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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