

St. Peter and Paul's Church, Ballymacward.

**EIRCODE H53 YH60**

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**SUNDAY 18<sup>th</sup>. MORNING MASS @ 10am. FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

Mai Lydon, Attyregan (1<sup>st</sup>. Anniv)

Mark Lydon, Attyregan (4<sup>th</sup>. Anniv)

Bridgie Kenny, Carhoon (2<sup>nd</sup>. Anniv)

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup>. Mass at 9am.**

**FRIDAY 23<sup>rd</sup>. Mass at 7pm. SPECIAL INTENTION.**

**SUNDAY 25<sup>th</sup>. MORNING MASS @ 10am. SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

May and John Roche, Killahawn (9<sup>th</sup>. & 52<sup>nd</sup>. Anniv)

Rita, Tom and John Joe O'Neill, Killahawn (5<sup>th</sup>., 13<sup>th</sup>., and 28<sup>th</sup>. Anniv)

Mary Lou Dolan (Nee Roche, Killahawn) (3<sup>rd</sup>. Anniv) and deceased members of the Roche Family.

**SOCIAL CLUB THURSDAY 22<sup>nd</sup>. MAY - BINGO.**

**MASS SERVERS FOR MAY:** CLARE HILLARY, ZARA KELLY

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS MAY:** ANNE KINDREGAN/MAJELLA CAMPBELL.  
(18<sup>th</sup>./25<sup>th</sup>.)

**SUNDAY 25<sup>th</sup>. MAY???** What's on, on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup>. May, well you may ask, it's **FAMILY BINGO EVENING IN BALLYMAC HALL** off course. Game starts at 7pm., Doors open @ 6pm. A great evening guaranteed, don't miss it, I Won't.

**Rosary on the Reek to take place on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> June.** To continue the mission of Fr Patrick Peyton we will pray the rosary on the reek during this Jubilee Year. Croagh Patrick is one of the pilgrimage sites for this Jubilee year. We will gather from 9.30am and begin the climb at 10am with Rosary at the summit at 12noon.

**Mountbellew CE Scheme Vacancies.** 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 general maintenance around the town. 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](mailto:mountbellewdd@gmail.com)

**Ballinasloe & District Pilgrimage to Lough Derg June 13th to 15th.**

**Contact: John- 086 8600987**

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

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**SATURDAY 17<sup>th</sup>. VIGIL MASS 7pm. FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER.**

Mary and Bernie Naughton, Colemanstown. (6<sup>th</sup>. and 25<sup>th</sup>. Anniv)

**SATURDAY 24<sup>th</sup>. FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASS GURTEEN. @ 11am.**

**SATURDAY 17<sup>th</sup>. VIGIL MASS 7pm. FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER.**

Joe Molloy, Gurteen (3<sup>rd</sup>. Anniv)

Michael Griffen, Gurteen (7<sup>th</sup>. Anniv)

Freddie (Winifred) Hardiman, Clough (16<sup>th</sup>. Anniv)

Breege Mitchell, Gurteen (22<sup>nd</sup>. Anniv)

John and Mary Ann Bodkin, Shanballyeeshal (29<sup>th</sup>. & 15<sup>th</sup>. Anniv)

Marie Deely, New Inn (Nee Corbett, Killuane) (5<sup>th</sup>. Anniv)

Emily Stephens (48<sup>th</sup>. Anniv) and the Deceased members of the Corbett, Deely and Stephens Families.

Martin and Pauline Coppinger, Killuane (Anniv)

**CHURCH COLLECTIONS: BALLYMAC/GURTEEN. W/E 10/05/25 & 11/05/2025**

<b>Envelopes.</b>	<b>€737.00</b>	<b>W/Envelopes</b>	<b>€194.00</b>
<b>Loose Plate</b>	<b>€ 108.45</b>	<b>Loose Plate</b>	<b>€ 19.50</b>
<b>LENTEN</b>	<b>€ 12.00</b>	<b>TROCAIRE</b>	<b>€ 29.40</b>
		<b>HOLY PLACES</b>	<b>€ 12.00</b>
<b>HOLY DAYS</b>	<b>€ 5.00</b>		
<b>PRIESTS EASTER</b>	<b>€ 120.00</b>	<b>P. EASTER</b>	<b>€ 15.00</b>
<b>PRIESTS RETIRE</b>	<b>€ 104.00</b>	<b>PRIESTS RET</b>	<b>€ 47.00</b>
<b>CANDLES</b>	<b>€117.08</b>		
<b>SPECIAL MISSIONS</b>	<b>€430.00</b>		
<b>TROCAIRE</b>	<b>€189.10</b>		

**PADRAIG PEARSES GAA CLUB LOTTO:**

**RESULTS OF THE LOTTO DRAW WHICH TOOK PLACE ON MONDAY 12<sup>th</sup>. MAY.**

**WINNING No.'s 1,3,13,22. 1 WINNER - ROSE QUIRKE €14,400, CONGRATS. , & 1**

**MATCH 3 TRACEY LAHEEN. NEXT WEEK'S DRAW ON MONDAY 19<sup>th</sup>. MAY. IN "THE LOCAL", BALLYMACWARD, FOR A JACKPOT OF €2,000. Thanks for your continuing**

**support. Play LOTTO online @ <http://tinyurl.com/ygpyqc2q>**

**Clonfert/Galway Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock on Sunday May 18th with ceremonies beginning at 2.30pm with Sacrament of the sick , followed by Eucharist at 3pm, followed by Rosary Procession. Principal Celebrant Bishop Michael Duignan. All are invited and welcome.**

**Novena** - The *Pray for Life* Novena is an invitation to join thousands of people across Ireland to pray for the protection of human life, from Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May to the Feast of the Visitation on Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> 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](http://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](https://facebook.com/PrayforLifeNovena) @PrayforLife\_ie on X and @prayforlifenovena on Instagram. This is an initiative of the Council for Life of the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference.

**Pilgrimage through Early Christian Sites in East Galway** - A guided tour with Dr Christy Cunniffe reconnecting with the traditions of Pilgrimage through Early Christian Sites in East Galway (Aughrim – Kilconnell – Clontuskert – Clonfert – return to Aughrim) Saturday 24th May 2025 - [tlk.ie](http://tlk.ie)

**Knowing and Living our Catholic Faith** Catechism/YouCat pilgrimage to Our Lady's Shrine, Knock on Sat 31 May, 2025. Guest speaker: Rev. Fr. John Harris O.P. Prior Provincial, Irish Dominican Province. See Church Notice Board for details of Pilgrimage. Further enquiries: Máirín 087 7950325.

**Clonmacnoise Parish at St Ciaran's Church, Shannonbridge**, Co Offaly presents Jubilee Year Celebration with James Kilbane Acoustic & Alone – Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm. Doors 6.30pm A gospel evening of Hymns, Psalms and Praise. Admission is free. (Donations Welcome) Ph 090 967 4195

**Songs of Gratitude Concert – Supporting the Irish Kidney Association**

You are cordially invited to a concert of songs of gratitude in aid of the Irish Kidney Association. The concert will feature Lizzy Harrison, The Soul Sisters, and the Athenry Peace Choir. Date - Sunday, May 25<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm in the Athenry Community Hall (H65 KT10). Admission is Free (Donations welcome). Refreshments will be served.

**Join over 10,000 Pilgrims | All Ireland Rosary Rally | Knock | Saturday, 7th June**

The 40th All-Ireland Rosary Rally on Saturday, June 7th at Knock Shrine. Events begin at 9:30am with a Marian Conference and conclude with a Pentecost Vigil and Healing Service from 8–10pm. Full schedule and bus info: [www.allirelandrosaryrally.com](http://www.allirelandrosaryrally.com).

**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](http://hopespace.ie), contact Áine at [support@hopespace.ie](mailto:support@hopespace.ie) or call 091 342566/087 4667506 for more details.'

**Clonfert Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes** from August 6th -11th. Travel from Shannon airport. Buses provided from Ballinasloe - Loughrea. Medical assistance provided with pilgrimage doctor and staff. Sick pilgrims especially welcome to this place of healing. Further enquiries contact Society Travel, Ballinasloe 090 9645350.

**St. Pio Relics to visit Holycross Abbey (E41PH01)** Saturday 24th and Sunday 25th May. Veneration and ceremonies from 10am to 8pm on Saturday and 9am to 8pm on Sunday (incorporating our annual St. Pio Pilgrimage on Sunday from 1.30pm). All are welcome. Contact 0504-43124 or [hbparishoffice@gmail.com](mailto:hbparishoffice@gmail.com) for information

**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](mailto:ballinasloeaccord@eircom.net)

**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](http://www.galwaydiocese.ie) / [www.clonfertdiocese.ie](http://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](http://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](mailto:marriagepreparation@accord.ie) and for further information see [www.accord.ie](http://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.

