

St. Peter and Paul's Church, Ballymacward.

EIRCODE H53 YH60

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**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.

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup>. Mass at 9am.**

**SUNDAY 1<sup>st</sup>. MORNING MASS @ 10am. THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD**  
Michael Madden, Garrymore (5<sup>th</sup>. Anniv)

**SOCIAL CLUB THURSDAY 29<sup>nd</sup>. MAY - MESSAGE IN A BOTTLE.**

**MASS SERVERS FOR JUNE:**

JENIFER BYRNES, EMMA LYDON

**READER FOR JUNE:**

KATHLEEN RAFTERY.

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS FOR JUNE;** MILLIE KELLY, HELEN RAFTERY.  
(1<sup>st</sup>., 8<sup>th</sup>. & 15<sup>th</sup>.)

JUSTIN DORAN, SEAN HOGAN  
(22<sup>nd</sup>. & 29<sup>th</sup>.)

**FAMILY BINGO EVENING IN BALLYMAC HALL THIS SUNDAY**

**25<sup>th</sup>. MAY. Game starts at 7pm., Doors open @ 6pm.** A great evening  
guaranteed, We look forward to seeing you all there, and thank you for your  
continuing support of our Community Hall.

**FUNDRAISER:** Church Gate Collection will take place at Gurteen & Ballymacward  
Churches on **Sat. 31st May & Sun. 1st June.** Proceeds will go towards the  
provision of match-quality floodlighting in **Colemanstown Soccer Pitch** which is  
planned to be installed over the summer months. Your support would be greatly  
appreciated

**Vintage Rally:** The North Galway Vintage and Heritage Club will hold their annual  
Rally this Sunday May 25<sup>th</sup> at the Glenamaddy Equestrian Centre F45VP66. There will  
be loads of events on the day for the young and old. Catering provided on the day.  
Admission €10.00 all proceeds going to the Irish Kidney Association. Open to the public  
from 10am.

**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.

**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 24<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)

**SATURDAY 31<sup>st</sup>. VIGIL MASS 7pm. THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD.**

Thomas Molloy, Clough (3<sup>rd</sup>. Anniv)

Mary Molloy, Faha (Anniv)

**CHURCH COLLECTIONS: BALLYMAC/GURTEEN. W/E 17/05/25 & 18/05/2025**

Envelopes.	€478.00	W/Envelopes	€491.20
Loose Plate	€ 100.45	Loose Plate	€ 27.80
LENTEN	€ 30.00	ACCORD	€ 5.00
HOLY PLACES	€ 10.00	HOLY PLACES	€ 10.00
PRIESTS EASTER	€ 75.00	P. EASTER/SUMM	€170.00
		PRIESTS RET	€ 61.00
		TROCAIRE	€ 16.48
		POPES	€ 10.00

**PADRAIG PEARSES GAA CLUB LOTTO:**

RESULTS OF THE LOTTO DRAW WHICH TOOK PLACE ON MONDAY 19<sup>th</sup>. MAY.

WINNING No.'s 3,10,17,28. NO WINNER, & 4 MATCH 3 EILEEN O'GRADY (Johne) PAT BELLEW (Bawnogues) JOHN WARD, & GERRY BRODERICK (C'town) NEXT WEEK'S DRAW ON MONDAY 26<sup>th</sup>. MAY. IN "GERRY MAC'S BAR", CASTLEBLAKNEY, FOR A JACKPOT OF €2,100. Thanks for your continuing support.

**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)

**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. Pilgrimage. Further enquiries: Máirín 087 7950325.

**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.

**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)

**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.

