

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

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**SATURDAY 2<sup>nd</sup>. VIGIL MASS @ 7pm. FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER.**

Imelda, Mary and Alfie Noonan (Anniv)

Dick and Rita Beehan, Alloon (Anniv)

**MONDAY 4<sup>th</sup>. MASS @ 9am.** Private Intention.

**MONDAY 4<sup>th</sup>. FR. SWEENEY WILL BE CELEBRATING MASS @ THE SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF CLONFERT @ 7-30pm for THE HOLY SOULS, AS PART OF THE MAY DEVOTATIONS**

**SATURDAY 9<sup>th</sup>. FIRST HOLY COMMUNION IN BALLYMACWARD @ 11am.**

**SATURDAY 9<sup>th</sup>. VIGIL MASS @ 7pm. SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER.**

John and Mary Bellew, Baunogues (Anniv)

Maudie Healy, Liscune (Anniv)

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

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

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

**READER FOR MAY: LAURA FINN**

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS MAY: MARY LALLY/TOMAS HILLARY (2<sup>nd</sup>. & 9<sup>th</sup>.) ANNE KINDREGAN/MAJELLA CAMPBELL. (16<sup>th</sup>., 23<sup>rd</sup>. & 30<sup>th</sup>.)**

**SOCIAL CLUB: THIS THURSDAY, the 7<sup>th</sup>. of MAY @ 2-30pm. TALK ON TURKEY (The Country, not the Bird)**

**BALLYMACWARD/GURTEEN PARISH TRIP TO KNOCK THURSDAY 14<sup>th</sup>. MAY 2026: SOME PLACES STILL AVAILABLE ON THE BUS,**

contact either **Esther (086) 3740809** or **Millie (087) 6920807**, this week **PLEASE** to secure your seat.

**Shrine of Our Lady of Clonfert** – Come join in prayer for May Devotions.

Confessions available Wednesdays and Fridays from 6.00pm onwards. Church open daily for private prayer, 7.00am to 11.00pm. For further information 090 967 5113 or email [stbrenseyrecourt@clonfertdiocese.ie](mailto:stbrenseyrecourt@clonfertdiocese.ie) Full schedule on the website [www.clonfertgalway.ie](http://www.clonfertgalway.ie)

**Clonfert/Galway Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock** on Sunday May 17<sup>th</sup>.

Ceremonies beginning at 2.30pm with Sacrament of the sick, followed by Eucharist at 3pm, followed by Rosary Procession. All are invited and welcome.

**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](http://www.hse.ie/bowelscreen)

**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](mailto:galwaycontact@gmail.com)

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

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**SUNDAY 3<sup>rd</sup>. MASS @ 10am. FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER.**

Mass for the People of the Parish.

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

Freddie Hardiman, Clough (17<sup>th</sup>. Anniv).

**R.I.P.:** Your prayers are requested for Johnny Callanan, Craughwell, Father of Dermot Callanan, Colemanstown.

**PADRAIG PEARSES GAA CLUB LOTTO: RESULTS OF THE LOTTO DRAW WHICH TOOK PLACE ON MONDAY 27<sup>th</sup>. APRIL. WINNING No.'s 5,7,14,29. NO WINNER, & 2 MATCH 3's, ANTHONY KENNY & NIAMH CARR. NEXT WEEK'S DRAW ON MONDAY 4<sup>th</sup>.MAY. IN "BRODERICK'S BAR", KILLCONNELL, FOR A JACKPOT OF €7,000.** 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 25/26 – 04/26**

W/ENVELOPES	€464.00	W/ENVELOPES	€293.50
LOOSE PLATE	€134.70	LOOSE PLATE	€ 7.11
PRIESTS EASTER	€325.00	PRIESTS EASTER	€ 10.00
HOLY PLACES	€ 10.00	PRIESTS RET.	€ 4.00
CANDLES	€ 57.20	CANDLES	€ 39.84
TROCAIRE	€132.72	MISC. COLLECTIONS	€ 9.00

**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](mailto:dmccarthy@clonfertgalway.ie), or contact your local parish priest.

**DUNMORE BINGO:** Dunmore Community Council Bingo will take place on Sunday May 10th in the Town Hall, Dunmore at 3pm. Lots of prizes on the day including a €500 jackpot on forty-five calls or less. 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. All are welcome.

**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](mailto:youthpilgrimage@clonfertgalway.ie)

**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](mailto: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/](http://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

**“Have you ever thought about fostering?”** Change a child’s life by becoming a Tusla Foster Carer. Talk to Tusla Fostering today by freephone 1800 226 771 or visit [www.fostering.ie](http://www.fostering.ie) to learn more.