

St. Peter and Paul's Church, Ballymacward.

EIRCODE H53 YH60

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SUNDAY 4th. MORNING MASS @ 10am. THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
Preacher at this Mass Sr. Mary Gallagher of the Missionary Sisters of the Holy Rosary
John and Mary Bellew, Bawnogues (Anniv)
Teresa Neill, Annagh/Moylough (8th. Anniv)
Jackie Neill, Annagh (Anniv)

FRIDAY 9th. Mass at 7pm. The deceased members of the Donohoe and Mitchell families.
Tom and Mai Daly, Mullagh/Liscune (Anniv)

SATURDAY 10th. CONFIRMATION @ 11am.

SUNDAY 11th. MORNING MASS @ 10am. FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
John O'Neill, Garafine (26th. Anniv) and his Brothers, Paddy, Jimmy & Frank.
Maudie Healy, Liscune (9th. Anniv)

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY: Will be celebrated at Carmelite Abbey Loughrea on Sunday 27th April. Novena starts on Good Friday leaflets available church porch.

SOCIAL CLUB THURSDAY 8th. MAY - VIDEO.

MASS SERVERS FOR MAY: CLAIRE HILLARY, ZARA KELLY

READER FOR MAY: LAURA FINN

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS MAY: MARY LALLY/TOMAS HILLARY (4th./11th.)
ANNE KINDREGAN/MAJELLA CAMPBELL. (18th./25th.)

Rosary on the Reek to take place on Saturday 28th 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.

ACTIVE RETIREMENT: Mountbellew/ District Active Retirement Meeting on Monday 5th. MAY at 8.00pm, in the Pastoral Centre Mountbellew. New members welcome.

LAUNCH OF THE EUROPEAN & CONNACHT SHEEP SHEARING 2025: This event will take place on FRIDAY MAY 9th. in THE MALT HOUSE, MOUNTBELLEW @ 8pm. All are invited. Admission Free, Refreshments served.

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

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

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SATURDAY 3rd. VIGIL MASS 7pm. THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER.

Preacher at this Mass Sr. Mary Gallagher of the Missionary Sisters of the Holy Rosary
Kitty Leonard, (Nee Griffin) Gurteen (Anniv)

FRIDAY 9th. Mass at 8pm. Jan Folan (Nee Lyng, Gurteen) Anniv.

SATURDAY 10th. CONFIRMATION IN BALLYMACWARD @ 11am.

SATURDAY 11th. VIGIL MASS 7pm. FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER.

Michael (Mike) Naughton, Corskeagh (21st. Anniv)

CHURCH COLLECTIONS: BALLYMAC/GURTEEN. W/E 26/04/25 & 27/04/2025

Envelopes.	€469.55	W/Envelopes	€240.00
Loose Plate	€135.25	Loose Plate	€ 85.00
LENTEN	€ 10.00		
HOLY PLACES	€ 24.40	HOLY PLACES	€ 21.00
		17 th . MARCH	€ 5.00
P. EASTER/SUMMER	€ 480.00	P. EASTER	€240.00
CANDLES	€ 25.44	CANDLES	€ 41.75
TROCAIRE	€109.74	TROCAIRE	€120.77

PADRAIG PEARSES GAA CLUB LOTTO:

RESULTS OF THE LOTTO DRAW WHICH TOOK PLACE ON MONDAY 28th. APRIL.

WINNING No.'s 3,10,18,24. NO WINNER, & 5 MATCH 3's, MICK LOUGHNANE, MARY T. BURKE, ALAN NAUGHTON, & SARAH FLANNERY x 2. NEXT WEEK'S DRAW ON MONDAY 5th. MAY. IN "BRODERICK'S BAR", KILLCONNELL, FOR A JACKPOT OF €14,300.

Thanks for your continuing support. Play LOTTO online @ <http://tinyurl.com/ygpyqc2q>

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.'

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.

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 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

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.**