

St. Peter and Paul's Church, Ballymacward.

EIRCODE H53 YH60

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Saturday 12th. Vigil Mass at **8pm**. TWENTY EIGHT SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Mass for the People of the Parish.

Tuesday 15th. Funeral Prayers for Maeve Lydon, (Nee Ryan) Donegal & Dublin,
wife of Donal Lydon. Burial afterwards in the New Cemetery.

(Donal is a Second Cousin of the late Mickie, Annie May, Marty &
Mark Lydon Annagh)

Friday 18th. Mass at 7pm. Barry Murphy, Masonbrook, Recently deceased.

(Nephew of James Tannian Ballinastck.)

Saturday 19th. Vigil Mass at **8pm**. TWENTY NINETH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

(MISSION SUNDAY)

Bridgie Fahy, Glentane (7th. Anniv)

EPILEPSY COLLECTION: The Annual Church Gate Collection for Epilepsy
Ireland will be held THIS Saturday evening 12th. Oct. Your support appreciated.

READER FOR OCTOBER:

ROSE LYDON.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS FOR OCTOBER:

MARY CARR & MILLIE KELLY (20th. & 27th.)

CHURCH COLLECTIONS: BALLYMAC/GURTEEN. W/E 5/10/24 & 06/10/2024

W/Envelopes.	€403.80	W/Envelopes	€608.25
Loose Plate	€ 44.50	Loose Plate	€108.40
CANDLES	€ 53.40		
PRIESTS AUTUMN	€145.00	PRIESTS AUTUMN	€ 65.00
PRIESTS SUMMER	€ 50.00		
MISSIONS	€ 10.00		

SOCIAL CLUB: THURSDAY 17th. OCTOBER. ***SAFETY & SECURITY IN
THE HOME.***

The National Vocations Office will hold open days for adult men who wish to
explore a vocation to the Diocesan Priesthood -

Dublin - UCD Chaplaincy - October 12th

Galway - Chapel of St. Columbanus - October 26th

Thurles - Pallottine College - November 10th. Further details and information on the
registration process is available on vocations.ie/exploring.

DUNMORE BINGO: Dunmore Community Council bingo will take place this Sunday
13th October at 3pm in the Town Hall, Dunmore. Lots of prizes on the day including a
€500 jackpot. Draw for free double book, single book, lucky line sheet & jackpot
sheet. Complimentary tea and biscuits will be served at the interval. All are welcome.

BALLYMACWARD FAMILY BINGO SUNDAY 27th. OCT. @ 7pm. DON'T MISS IT.

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

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Sunday 13th. Mass at **10am.** TWENTY EIGHT SUNDAY OF THE YEAR.

Margaret and Bernard Cunniffe (Anniv)

Maureen and Paddy Carr, Gurteen (6th. and 13th. Anniv)

Triona and Peter Lally, Killuane (27th. and 28th. Anniv)

Sunday 20th. Mass at **10am.** TWENTY NINETH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR.

(MISSION SUNDAY)

Nora and John Lally.

Maggie and John Kenny

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World Mission Ireland - Next weekend we will celebrate World Mission Sunday, the Holy Father's annual appeal to support overseas mission and missionaries. The following is a link to the relevant page on our website: <https://missio.ie/mission-month/>

PADRAIG PEARSES GAA CLUB: RESULTS OF THE LOTTO DRAW WHICH TOOK PLACE ON MONDAY 7th. OCTOBER WINNING No.'s 7,15,26,30, NO Winner, 2 MATCH 3's, PADRAIG KILGANNON, & JOSEPHINE CLARKE. NEXT WEEK'S DRAW ON MONDAY 14th. OCTOBER IN "RUANE'S BAR", GLENTANE, FOR A JACKPOT OF €11,400. PLAY LOTTO ONLINE @ <http://tinyurl.com/ygpyqc2q>

The Alzheimer Society of Ireland will be holding a social Club in The Loughrea Family & Community Resource Centre Bridge Street, Loughrea every Wednesday 2pm to 4pm. Contact Teresa on 087 1888177.

RETREAT:'As the deer yearns for running streams ...' retreat opportunity in Ballinasloe on evening of Friday 18th and morning of Saturday 19th October. All welcome but places limited. See www.creideamh.ie/retreat for more details.

regarirecoverycollege@gmail.com. Reg., fee of €5, then all Modules are free to attend.

Silent Retreat: Theme: "If you but knew the gift of God..." Preached by: Fr. Kilian Byrne, Foyer of Charity in St. Mary's Accommodation, Knock, Co. Mayo October 14th to 20th 2024 Cost: €540 full board Contact: Helen : 086 1678027/ hellywilliams@gmail.com
www.foyerofcharity.ie A privileged time to come away from noise and distractions, and listen to the Spirit of God, - Who is Love. Silence, prayer, teachings & liturgy of the Church.

Save the Date! Mountbellew Christmas Market will be on again this year on Sunday **17th. November** at the Agriculture College Gym.

East Galway Speakers Next meeting is the club humorous speech and impromptu speaking contests, Monday 14th October, Comworks, Loughrea, H62 VN56, 8 pm. Guests very welcome. For further information see the club website or Facebook page.

Mental Health and Wellbeing: Upcoming community workshops running for a total of 8 weeks with the Regari Recovery College in Ballinasloe Town (Clonfert Family Centre). Starting on Wed., 2nd Oct 24 until Wed., 27th Nov 24, (1:30- 4:30pm). For more information please contact: Amanda Hunt on (087) 622 1335 or email **Catholic**

Marriage Encounter in Ireland is a weekend experience for married couples who want something more in their marriage – more fun, spontaneity, excitement, communication, understanding, romance, intimacy, passion and joy. Marriage Enrichment weekend is Friday 8 – 10 November 2024 in Focolare Centre, Prosperous, Co Kildare. Online Booking Only:

www.marriageencounter.ie

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) Are you interested in the Catholic Faith? The RCIA is a process for adults interested in the Catholic faith, or desiring to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, or First Holy Communion. Please contact the parish (phone number and email address) or the Clonfert Diocese 091 841560 or office@clonfertdioese.ie for further information.

BISHOPS PASTORAL LETTER: On Sunday 13 October 2024, the Bishops of Ireland published a pastoral letter – A Hundred Welcomes? – to welcome migrants to Ireland. As Christians, we have a responsibility to respond to the key question of immigration across our island. As Christians, we have a responsibility to respond to the key question of immigration across our island, and the world. This fundamental question asks, “Who is my neighbour?”, and to answer this we are informed by the parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:29-37). In the light of the Gospel and Catholic Social Teaching, our bishops offer this reflection on what hospitality for migrant people means in contemporary Ireland.

Mindful that migration has been a central part of our history, the Pastoral Letter provides a space to us ‘migrant pilgrim people’ to contemplate the causes of migration, the gifts that migrants bring to our Church and our country, the economic and social issues we all face in Ireland and the importance of encounter in building a true sense of belonging in every parish and community. More information is available on www.catholicbishops.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.

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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

ACCORD Catholic Marriage Care Service CLG is currently recruiting volunteers to train as marriage preparation programme facilitators.

- If you have a positive attitude towards marriage in the Catholic Church
- If you have the enthusiasm to be part of the Accord team in supporting couples who are preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage

Accord wants to hear from you! Successful applicants will receive professional training and will be part of a team delivering marriage preparation programmes locally. Contact Aisling on 01 505 3112 or by email to marriagepreparation@accord.ie www.accord.ie

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.