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SATURDAY 17th. VIGIL MASS @ 7pm. TWENTY NINTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR. (WORLD MISSION SUNDAY - CELEBRANT FR. ANTHONY KELLY SMA)

Gertie and Maura Murphy, Liscuib (16th. and 21st. Anniv)
Michael and Catherine Murphy, Liscuib (Anniv)
Teresa O'Neill, Garafine (30th. Anniv)

MONDAY 12th. NO MORNING MASS.

SATURDAY 24th. VIGIL MASS @ 7pm. THIRTIETH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR. (HARVEST THSANKSGIVING MASS)

Michael Loughnane, Ballinastack (3rd. Anniv)
Saebh Leye, Corskeagh (7th. Anniv)
Vincent and Kathleen Costello, Mounthazel/Ballymacward (Anniv)

WINTER TIME: Winter time begins NEXT WEEKEND 25th/26th. OCTOBER, with the CLOCK'S going BACK 1 HOUR.

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS FOR OCTOBER; SEAN HOGAN & TOMAS HILLARY (24TH. & 31ST.)

HALLOWEEN BINGO: SUNDAY **25th. OCTOBER @ 7pm** SHARP, IT'S THE BANK HOLIDAY WEEKEND, NO SCHOOL ON MONDAY, AND YE WILL HAVE HAD AN EXTRA HOUR IN BED ON SATURDAY NIGHT DUE TO THE CLOCKS GOING BACK FOR WINTER TIME, LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ALL THERE.

SOCIAL CLUB: this **THURSDAY 22nd. OCTOBER @ 2-30pm. SAFETY & SECURITY IN THE HOME.**

New Opportunity - Mountbellew CE Scheme Vacancies.

Maintenance Workers/ General Operatives: Duties to include/Working in Mountbellew with responsibility for cutting grass, litter control, keeping public areas tidy and general maintenance around the town. Working as part of team on the environmental sites. Flexible working hours. For further details please contact Sean O' Neill on 090 9679085 or 087 1209739 or email mountbellewdd@gmail.com

PADRAIG PEARSES GAA CLUB LOTTO: RESULTS OF THE LOTTO DRAW WHICH TOOK PLACE ON MONDAY 12th. OCTOBER. WINNING NUMBERS 8,20,26,30, THERE WERE NO MATCH 3's, . NEXT WEEK'S DRAW ON MONDAY 19TH. OCTOBER. IN "BURKE'S BAR", COLEMANSTOWN, FOR A JACKPOT OF €4,100. You can play by downloading the Club App, Search for PADRAIG PEARSES GAA. CLUB.

A Weekend Like No Other Catholic Marriage Encounter Weekend St. Mary's, Knock, Co. Mayo Friday 9th to Sunday 11th April 2027 This residential weekend starts at 7.30pm on Friday and finishes at 4.30pm on Sunday, and is open to all married couples. Online booking only at www.marriageencounter.ie

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

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SUNDAY 18th. MASS @ 10am. TWENTY NINTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR.
(WORLD MISSION SUNDAY - CELEBRANT FR. ANTHONY KELLY SMA)

Bridie Brown, Colemanstown (7th. Anniv)
James and Nora Brown, Colemanstown (35th. and 15th. Anniv)

SUNDAY 25th. MASS @ 10am. THIRTIETH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR.
(HARVEST THSANKSGIVING MASS)

Noel Finnerty, Cloonkeenkerrill (2nd. Anniv)
John Kelly, Corskeagh (11th. Anniv)

R.I.P.: Your prayers are requested for Bridie Doyle, Colemanstown, also for John (Jack) Griffin, Ballinlough, Co. Roscommon, Father of Mrs. Bernie Burke, Shanballard, and for Mrs. Kathleen Motherway, U.K. (Nee Dunleavey) Sister of the late Tom Dunleavey, Mounthazel, who died in the past week.

National Assembly of the Church in Ireland - Saturday 17th October 2026

On Saturday, October 17th, 2026, the Dioceses of Clonfert, Galway, Kilmacduagh and Kilfenora were represented by eleven delegates at the National Assembly of the Church in Ireland which took place in Gormanston, Co Meath. Please continue to pray for this ongoing process of national discernment so that it might inspire and guide our steps as a community of faith into the future.

CHURCH COLLECTIONS: BALLYMAC/GURTEEN. WEEK ENDING 10/11– 10/26

W/ENVELOPES	€804.80	W/ENVELOPES	€292.20
LOOSE PLATE	€ 49.25	LOOSE PLATE	€ 32.90
CANDLES	€ 77.91		
PRIESTS AUTUMN/XMAS	€205.00	PRIESTS AUTUMN	€110.00
MISSIONS	€ 30.00	MISSIONS	€ 4.00

Save the Date! Mountbellew Christmas Market will be on again this year on Sunday 22nd. November at the Ag College Gym. Traders wanted! Anyone interested in a stall can text or WhatsApp Ciaran on 087 123 0981.

Changing My Mindset wellbeing workshop. Free. Family Centre Ballinasloe on Wednesday, 21st October, (1.30 - 4.30 pm). For more information please contact: Amanda Hunt, Email: regarirecoverycollege@gmail.com, Tel: 087 968 4352. All voices welcome. 18+ More information here if requested Ballinasloe REGARI Eventbrite

Western Alzheimers urgently need Volunteer Befrienders in your area. Do you have one to two hours per week to spare? Contact Lucy at 094-9364900 or 087-3694477.

World Youth Day 2027 Seoul Ages 19-30 Expression of Interest

Are you interested in joining our pilgrimage to Korea for World Youth Day 2027? If so, send an email with your name, age and parish to dlohan@clonfertgalway.ie Travel Dates will be 27th July - 12th August 2027 approx.

BALLYMACWARD BOOK: A second print of the book, is available at Ruane's Pub (Glentane), Miland's Garden Centre (Mountbellew), Herbie Parker (Ballymacward) and Salmon's Shop (Ballinasloe). Salmons also provide an online service. Thanks to all the parishioners for their support.

Over 200 Gather in Loughrea for Le Chéile II

Last Saturday, over 200 people from across the Dioceses of Clonfert, Galway, Kilmacduagh and Kilfenora gathered at the Meadow Court Hotel, Loughrea, for *Le Chéile II*, a day for Parish Pastoral Council members. From the Cliffs of Moher to the Shannon, and from Galway City to Connemara, people came with a shared desire to help parish life grow.

Bishop Michael Duignan opened the day by thanking all who serve their parishes. "Tá bhur seirbhís agus bhur ndílseacht fíorluachmhar," he said, a warm tribute to their faith and service. He spoke of the challenges ahead, including fewer priests, and the vital role that Parish Pastoral Councils will play in parish life. His message was one of hope. "Tá todhchaí lenár bparóistí." There is a future for our parishes, and that future rests in part with the people willing to serve.

The day began with prayer led by the choir of Clonfert College, Ballinasloe, under the direction of Caroline Jackson. Members from Ardrahan, Kilchreest and Peterswell, along with East City, spoke about their local councils and what they have learned. Fr Declan Lohan explored youth ministry. Monsignor Cathal Geraghty and Claire Hynes spoke about Catholic schools and their links with parishes, while Fr Gerard McCarthy shared ideas on new ministries and future training. Open forums led by Paula McKeown gave all present time to speak and hear from others.

With Ireland's first National Synodal Assembly taking place on 17 October, Bishop Michael spoke of the need for priests and people to find the way ahead together. Eleven delegates from the dioceses will take part in that gathering. He described Parish Pastoral Councils as a living expression of this shared mission. "Ní neart go cur le chéile," he said, reminding those present of the strength found in working together.

The great turnout showed how deeply people care about their parishes. The conversations throughout the day offered fresh hope for the future of the Church in our dioceses. "Is daoine dóchais sinn." We are a people of hope, Bishop Michael reminded the gathering, and that hope is alive in the Dioceses of Clonfert, Galway, Kilmacduagh and Kilfenora.