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SATURDAY 3rd. VIGIL MASS @ 7pm. TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR.
Bridget Fahy, Glentane (9th. Anniv)
Eileen Nutley, Gurtyryan (16th. Anniv)

MONDAY 5th. MASS @ 9am.

THURSDAY 6th. MASS @ 7pm. Maeve Lydon, Dublin (2nd. Anniv)

FRIDAY 9th. MASS @ 7pm. Paddy Kelly, Ballymacward (13th. Anniv) and the deceased members of the Kelly Family.

SATURDAY 10th. VIGIL MASS @ 7pm. TWENTY EIGHT SUNDAY OF THE YEAR.
Wayne McAuley, Ashfield (26th. Anniv)
Paddy Kelly, Carana (Anniv)
Paddy and Phil Murray, Liscune (28th. and 40th. Anniv)
Martin, Joe and Sarah Murray, Liscune (Anniv)

SERVERS FOR OCTOBER: DARA KILKENNY, & GEORGE KELLY.

READER FOR OCTOBER: ROSE LYDON.

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS FOR OCTOBER; MILLIE KELLY & TERESA EGAN (3rd., 10th., & 17th.)
SEAN HOGAN & TOMAS HILLARY (24TH. & 31ST.)

SOCIAL CLUB: this THURSDAY 8th. OCTOBER @ 2-30pm. PARTY.

EPILEPSY IRELAND CHURCH GATE COLLECTION: Their annual Church Gate Collection will take place in both Ballymacward & Gurteen next weekend 10th. and 11th. of October.. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

BALLYMACWARD HALL: Ballymacward Hall Management Committee (BHMC) has been awarded significant grant funding this year from Galway County Council and from the Community Climate Action Programme Fund, totalling €25,600.

Community Climate Action Programme Fund 2025: The objective of this Government Fund is to provide support for projects, initiatives and research that contribute to the achievement of Ireland's climate and energy targets, that increase climate resilience and greenhouse gas removals in the State and for projects and initiatives in regions of the State, impacted by the transition to a low carbon economy. We worked closely with the Grant team at Galway County Council to complete an Energy Audit for the Hall, and submit the application for a solar PV solution in December 2025. In May 2026 we were awarded €20,000. This level of funding enabled us to purchase a full solution with battery back up at no additional cost to the Hall. The Solar PV solution will make a meaningful contribution to reducing emissions, improving energy efficiency and enhancing our facility. Installation takes place during the first week of October.

We wish to acknowledge and thank Galway County Council for their ongoing support of our Hall with grant funding for 2026. We have received €5,000 towards the cost of painting the interior of the building. This money was made available under the Local Enhancement Programme Capital Funding 2026. Colours are selected and painting will begin in early October.

We also received €600 towards the cost of exterior Christmas lighting, made available through the 2026 Community Support Scheme - Small Scale Festivals and Events.

St. Michael's. / Fr. Michael Griffin Memorial Church, Gurteen.
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SUNDAY 4th. MASS @ 10am. TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR.

Anna Czarnik, Poland (Recently Deceased)

William and Mary Molloy, Faha (Anniv)

SUNDAY 11th. MASS @ 10am. TWENTY EIGHT SUNDAY OF THE YEAR.

Annie & Bridgie Finnerty, and the deceased members of the Finnerty Family.

CHURCH COLLECTIONS: BALLYMAC/GURTEEN. WEEK ENDING 26/27– 09/26

W/ENVELOPES	€496.50	W/ENVELOPES	€318.05
LOOSE PLATE	€102.90	LOOSE PLATE	€ 54.60
CANDLES	€191.35	CANDLES	€ 35.92
PRIESTS SUMM/AUTU	€262.00	PRIESTS AUTUMN	€130.00
MISC. COLLECTIONS	€ 15.00		

Diocesan Celebration of the Feast of St Francis of Assisi – October 4th 2026

A special mass to mark the 800th anniversary of the death of St Francis and to bring the season of creation to a close will be celebrated by Bishop Michael with Br Jacopo Pozzerle OFM will take place at 12 noon on October the 4th at the Church of St Francis Meelick H53 H728 All are welcome to join this very special celebration.

A Century of County Galway Voices **A free seminar on the future of Galway's recorded oral heritage will take place at Claregalway Castle on Saturday, 10 October, 9.30am–1.30pm. The Heritage Office of Galway County Council warmly invites community groups, collection holders and anyone interested in Galway's oral heritage and folklore. To register or for further information, contact Mac Conmara Heritage at macconmaraheritage@gmail.com or call Tara on 086 2747230.**

PADRAIG PEARSES GAA LOTTO: RESULTS HELD OVER TILL NEXT WEEK

Coláiste an Chreagáin, Mountbellew: OPEN EVENING on Thursday 8th October. Principal's Address at 7pm followed by Tours of the School. Admissions are now open for 1st Year students in 2027/2028.
We look forward to welcoming you to our close knit and vibrant school community.

MOUNTBELLEW ACTIVE RETIREMENT: THE MONTHLY MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE PASTORAL CENTRE, MOUNTBELLEW THIS MONDAY 5th. OCTOBER @ 8pm. NEW MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME.

LEGION OF MARY: The Legion of Mary are having a mini vigil in KNOCK on FRIDAY 9th. OCTOBER 2026 from 8.30pm. to 12 midnight, conducted by Fr John O' Gorman. A bus will be arranged from St.Mary's Church, Mountbellew. If interested, Contact Margaret on 087 2204772 before Wednesday 30th September 2026. Everyone is welcome, you DON'T have to be a member of the Legion of Mary to attend.

The Solemn Enshrinement of the image of Our Lady of Győr, Consoler of the Afflicted, and the blessing of the new devotional shrine in Galway Cathedral on Sunday, 4 October at 6.00pm. ALL ARE WELCOME:

PADRE PIO: Padre Pio healing Mass in Ahascragh Church on Friday 9th. October at 7pm

GURTEEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL: are delighted to announce:

FREE Beginner Sewing Classes starting 7.30pm Tuesday 13th of October (for 3 weeks) in St. Kerrill's N.S. All welcome.

TAI CHI for MEN - a gentle low-impact mind -body exercise for health and relaxation is starting in St. Kerrill's N.S. on Monday 12th October at 7.15pm for 6 weeks. To book your place on either course please contact **Joan 0868900559 or Tara 0872033730** - hosted by Gurteen Community Council and funded by GRETB

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**

Prayer at the Fair An Inter-Church Service marking the close of the Ballinasloe Fair and Festival will be held on Sunday 11 October at 5.00pm in St John's Church Ballinasloe. Preacher Bishop Michael Duignan.

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.

Calling our Clonfert and Galway Lourdes Pilgrimage Family During the coming year all staff past and present along with pilgrims past and present are invited to a series of Masses throughout the year to come. In gathering to honour God inspired by our blessed mother we keep the spirit of Lourdes alive in our hearts on Tuesday 13th October 2026: Mass of Thanksgiving for Lourdes Pilgrimage 2026 in Loughrea Cathedral at 8.00pm;

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 Ballymacward book, launched in July, is now in circulation. 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.**

Have Your Say on the Future of Sport and Physical Activity in Galway!
Galway County Council & Galway Sports Partnership is developing a new Local Sports Plan, and we want to hear from you. Your feedback will help shape opportunities for people of all ages and abilities to be active, healthy, and involved in sport across the county over the coming years. For more info contact galwayactive@galwaycoco.ie