

St. Peter and Paul's Church, Ballymacward. "Ballinasloe Faith Community Area"

EIRCODE H53 YH60

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- Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup>. Vigil Mass at 8pm. THE TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR  
(FR. RUBIN a Comboni Missionary Priest will preach at this Mass)  
Michael Dillon, Liscuib (44<sup>th</sup>. Anniv) and the deceased members of the  
Dillon family.
- Monday 4<sup>th</sup>. Mass at 9am.
- Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup>. Mass at 9am.
- Friday 8<sup>th</sup>. NO EVENING MASS IN BALLYMACWARD.
- Saturday 9<sup>th</sup>. Vigil Mass at 8pm. THE TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR  
Dympna Power (Nee Madden) Ennis & Ballymacward (1st. Anniv)  
Teresa Neill, Moylough/Annagh. (5<sup>th</sup>. Anniv)  
Jackie Neill, Annagh. (18<sup>th</sup>. Anniv)  
Gabriel Lally, Hampstead (7<sup>th</sup>. Anniv)

READER FOR SEPTEMBER:

MICHELLE HILLARY.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS FOR SEPTEMBER: NORA BARRETT, JOAN TANNIAN,  
(2<sup>nd</sup>., 9<sup>th</sup>. & 16<sup>th</sup>.)

CATRIONA HYNES, SEAN HOGAN (23<sup>rd</sup>., & 30<sup>th</sup>.)

Kilconnell Cemetary Mass will be held on this **Monday 4th Sept @**  
**7.00p.m.** in the **New Cemetary.**

SOCIAL CLUB: This Thursday 7<sup>th</sup>. SEPT. BINGO. \*\*New members welcome\*\*

Mountbellew District Development CE scheme has a vacancy on their  
scheme for: **General Operatives/ Maintenance Workers**

Duties to include: Working on the environmental sites around Mountbellew with responsibility for cutting grass, shrub planting, cleaning, painting, litter control, keeping public areas kept tidy and maintaining nature trails and general maintenance around the town, adherence to health and safety policies is maintained at all time. This is a developmental opportunity, no experience necessary. 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](mailto:mountbellewdd@gmail.com)

PADRAIG PEARSES GAA CLUB: RESULTS OF THE LOTTO DRAW WHICH  
TOOK PLACE ON MONDAY 28<sup>th</sup>. AUGUST WINNING No.'s 6,11,14,24, NO Winner,  
& NO MATCH 3,. NEXT WEEK'S DRAW ON MONDAY NIGHT 4<sup>th</sup>.  
SEPTEMBER, IN GERRY MAC'S, CASTLEBLAKNEY, FOR A JACKPOT OF  
€5,600. PLAY LOTTO ONLINE @ <http://tinyurl.com/ygpyqc2q>

St. Michael's.

Fr. Michael Griffin Memorial Church, Gurteen. "Ballinasloe Faith Community Area" EIRCODE H53 PN24 (Listen to Mass at 101.4 fm)

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- Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup>. Mass at 10am. TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR.  
(FR. RUBIN a Comboni Missionary Priest will be our preacher today.)
- Friday 8<sup>th</sup>. Mass at 8pm. Bridget and John O'Grady, Cappalusk (28<sup>th</sup>. & 36<sup>th</sup>. Anniv)  
Catherine Donnellan, Cappalusk (28<sup>th</sup>. Anniv)  
Marian Flannery, Kinreask (Recently Deceased)
- Sunday 10<sup>th</sup>. Mass at 10am. TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR.  
Nora and John Dempsey, Colemanstown (7<sup>th</sup>. & 47<sup>th</sup>. Anniv)  
Fr. Vincent Lawless (Former Curate of the Parish) (Anniv)

**CHURCH COLLECTIONS: BALLYMAC/GURTEEN. W/E 26/08/23 & 27/08/2023**

W/Envelopes.	€364.00	W/Envelopes	€313.40
Loose Plate	€ 20.65	Loose Plate	€ 24.25
TROCAIRE	€ 75.00	PRIESTS EASTER	€ 20.00
PRIESTS AUTUMN	€ 50.00	PRIESTS AUTUMN	€ 10.00
ASSUMPTION	€ 20.00	ASSUMPTION	€ 33.00
		CANDLES	€ 36.33

**TROCAIRE GOLDEN JUBILEE: TUESDAY 5<sup>th</sup>. SEPT: @ 8pm.**

**VENUE: THE CATHEDRAL LOUGHREA:** Everyone is invited to this special celebration of the work of Trocaire for the past 50 Years. Representatives from the Parishes to be involved in the Readings, Prayers of the Faithful etc.,

**Castleblakeney Community Development Scheme**, have vacancies for Village Enhancement and Maintenance workers, Cleaners and Heritage Centre Assistant across Castleblakeney and Ballymacward. No experience necessary as full training provided. For more Info., please call the office on 0909678238 leave a message, or, e-mail: [admin@ccdace.com](mailto:admin@ccdace.com)

**Silent Retreat: Theme:** "If you but knew the gift of God..." Preached by: Fr. Kilian Byrne, Foyer of Charity Venue: St. Mary's Accommodation, Knock, Co. Mayo Date: October 16<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> Cost: €495 full board Contact: Helen: 00353 86 1678027 / [hellywilliams@gmail.com](mailto:hellywilliams@gmail.com)  
[www.foyerofcharity.ie](http://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.

**Gurteen N.S. Breakfast Club & Afterschool Service** The Board of Management of Gurteen N.S. under the Patronage of the Catholic Bishop of Clonfert is delighted to offer an exciting opportunity for a third party to set up a new Breakfast Club and Afterschool Childcare Service for the duration of this academic year 2023/2024 (subject to Tusla registration) with the further intention of adding a pre-school service for the school year 2024/2025. The ideal candidate should have a qualification in Early Years Care and Education or School Age Childcare. The Board of Management is seeking applications from those interested in running such a service on the school premises. Please send letter of application with CV to [saintkerrills@hotmail.com](mailto:saintkerrills@hotmail.com) Closing date: **Friday, September 8th, 2023.**

**Season of Creation** will run from 1 September until 4 October, in accord with the theme of the Message for the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, 1 September 2023, Pope Francis calls us to be just in every situation, to harmonise with creation and to be mindful of the victims of climate injustice. This year's theme highlights that, by doing a little to care for our water supply – our local streams and rivers – each of us can also contribute to the flow of justice and peace in our world and so renew our relationship with creation. As with our current Synodal Process, we pray that our efforts to promote climate justice may continue to flow together to as a source of life for our Church and for our common home. Please note that Season of Creation resources are now available on the homepage of catholicbishops.ie, including:

Homiletic aids for each Sunday of the season and the outline of a liturgy that could be celebrated at a local river;

How to participate in our initiative to set aside 30% of parish grounds for the cultivation of biodiversity; and,

The Message for the World Day of Prayer of Pope Francis for the Care of Creation, 1 September 2023.

**The Adoration Chapel, Loughrea** is opened from 8am to 8pm six days a week. We are looking for people to give one hour a week in prayer in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. If you have an hour to spare, please contact 087 2108480 or the Parish Office 091 841212

**Adult Art Classes, Lusmagh.** For beginners and advanced. Tues 19th Sept 10am-12pm, Tues 19th Sept 8pm-10pm, Wed 20th Sept 10am-12pm. €100 for 5 weeks. All materials supplied following a step-by-step painting or an image of your choice. Contact 087-3217089 or email [lisaglynn50@gmail.com](mailto:lisaglynn50@gmail.com)

**Loughrea 1824** - For Heritage Week, a limited edition booklet on Loughrea town at the time of Pigot's Directory two hundred years ago has been produced with all proceeds going to charity. For more, email [sakdolan@hotmail.com](mailto:sakdolan@hotmail.com) or visit [www.heritageweek.ie/](http://www.heritageweek.ie/).

**Gamblers Anonymous** – Want to stop Gambling Helpline 086 349 4450 Weekly Meetings Tuesday GELS Room, Main Street Ballinasloe H53 RC95 @ 8pm.

**Keeping Connected** Why not visit Clonfert Diocese Facebook Page or follow on Clonfert Diocese Twitter.

## **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.**