St. Peter and Paul's Church, Ballymacward. EIRCODE H53 YH60

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SATURDAY 26th. VIGIL MASS @ 7pm. TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR.
John and Bridget Rock, Garafine (Anniv)
Pete and Mary Ann Conheeney, Annagh (39th. & 24th. Anniv) and the deceased members of the Conheeney Family.

MONDAY 28th. MASS @ 9am. Patrick & Margaret Geraghty, Lisheen (27th. & 31st. Anniv) and Kathleen Geraghty (Recently deceased)

FRIDAY 2nd. MASS @ 7pm. FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH
Larry and Una Reilly, Moyarwood (14th. Anniv)

SATURDAY 3rd. VIGIL MASS @ 7pm. TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR.
Bridget Fahy, Glentane (8th. Anniv)
Eileen Nutley, Gurtyryan (16th. Anniv)

NOTE: FR. SWEENEY WILL BE STARTING THE OCTOBER FIRST FRIDAY CALLS ON THIS MONDAY SEPTEMBER 28th..

R.I.P.: Your prayers are requested for Mrs. Tessie Higgins, Cloncah, Mother of Teresa Clancy, Gurtyryan, who died during the week, and for Agenia Edina Nygthi, Sister of Tina Nygthi, Clongowna, who died recently in South Africa, and her funeral will take place in South Africa.

CHOIR: Ballymacward Church Choir is back after there Summer Break. Why not join them for Singing at Mass. New members are always welcome

HARVEST THANKSGIVING: WOODLAWN CHURCH, THIS SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 27th. @ 4pm. EVERYONE WELCOME.

READER FOR OCTOBER: ROSE LYDON.

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

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.

BINGO: DON'T MISS OUR FAMILY BINGO IN BALLYMAC HALL, THIS SUNDAY EVENING 27th. SEPTEMBER @ 7pm. DOORS OPEN @ 6pm. OVER €1,200 IN PRIZES. IF YOUR NOT THERE YOU CAN'T WIN, DON'T MISS IT.

SOCIAL CLUB: this THURSDAY 1st. OCTOBER @ 2-30pm. BINGO.

PADRAIG PEARSES GAA CLUB LOTTO: RESULTS OF THE LOTTO DRAW WHICH TOOK PLACE ON MONDAY 21st. SEPTEMBER. WINNING No.'s 1,18,20,28. NO WINNER, & THERE WERE 3 MATCH 3's. PADRAIG MURRAY, SINEAD KILKENNY, & NIAMH DONNELLAN. NEXT WEEK'S DRAW ON MONDAY 28TH. SEPTEMBER. IN "THE LOCAL BAR", BALLYMACWARD, FOR A JACKPOT OF €3,800. You can play by downloading the Club App, Search for PADRAIG PEARSES GAA. CLUB.

St. Michael's. / Fr. Michael Griffin Memorial Church, Gurteen.
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SUNDAY 27th. MASS @ 10am. TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR.
Michael and Chrissie Naughton, Gurteen (20th. & 7th. Anniv)
The deceased members of the Fahy Family, Colemanstown.

SUNDAY 4th. MASS @ 10am. TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR.
Mass for the People of the Parish.

CHURCH COLLECTIONS: BALLYMAC/GURTEEN. WEEK ENDING 19/20– 09/26

W/ENVELOPES	€553.10	W/ENVELOPES	€339.00
LOOSE PLATE	€ 78.51	LOOSE PLATE	€ 52.67
		HOLY DAYS	€ 7.00
PRIESTS EASTER	€ 20.00		
PRIESTS SUMMER	€150.00		
PRIESTS AUTUMN	€872.00	PRIESTS AUTUMN	€143.00

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.

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.
The devotion recalls the historic link between our Dioceses and Győr, reaching back to Bishop Walter Lynch of Clonfert, who found refuge there in the seventeenth century. That bond of faith and friendship has endured across the centuries and continues to be cherished today.

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;

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.

Marriage Encounter Ireland: invites married couples to a residential Weekend from Friday 2nd to Sunday 4th October 2026 at the "Focolare Centre" "Curryhills", Prosperous, Co. Kildare. Step away from daily distractions to deepen your communication, renew your love, and rediscover the joy of your marriage. www.marriageencounter.ie

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

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.**

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**

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.