

St. Peter and Paul's Church, Ballymacward.

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Saturday 28th. Vigil Mass at **7pm**. FEAST OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS.

J.P., and Margaret Kelly, Clongowna (Anniv)

Wednesday 1st. Morning Mass at **9am**. SOLEMNITY OF MARY THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD. NEW YEARS DAY. Special Intention.

Friday 3rd. Mass at **7pm**. FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH.

Joe and Bridie McLoughlin, Ballymacward (Anniv)

Margaret, James and Babs Kyne, Ballymacward (Anniv)

Rita and Paddy O'Neill, Carrahulla and the deceased members of the O'Neill Family.

SUNDAY 5th. **MORNING MASS @ 10am** SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

Eugene Costello, Ballymacward (1st. Anniv)

MONDAY 6th. **EVENING MASS @ 7pm**. THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD.

Paddy Barrett, Alloon (Anniv) - John and Elizabeth Killeavy (Anniv)

PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGES TO MASS TIMES ABOVE:

Sincere Thanks: to all who supported our parish, our churches and our diocese this past year: to those who participated in the Liturgy, Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Church Collectors, and Counters, Choirs, Parish Secretary, Undertaker, Flower Arrangers, Christmas Tree Supplier, to all who Clean our Churches and care for the Altar Linens, to our Local Safeguarding Representatives. Our Parish Councils, Community Council, Hall Committee, Maintenance Committees and Cemetery Committees, and to anyone who helped out in any way during the past year. Gratitude to all who sent Cards, Mass Bouquets, and gifts for the Christmas. May the Lord continue to bless you for the great work you all do.

CHURCH ENVELOPES: The 2025 Church Envelopes are available for Collection/Distribution at the back of the Alter. Please take your own if possible.

READER FOR JANUARY:

JOHNNY BARRETT.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS FOR JANUARY:

JOAN TANNIAN, CATRIONA HYNES (5th., 6th., & 12th.)

ROSE LYDON, ANN KINDREGAN. (19th., & 26th.)

BINGO – CHRISTMAS BINGO THIS SUNDAY 29th. DECEMBER:

€500 JACKPOT MUST BE WON ON THE NIGHT. ALL OTHER FULL HOUSES €100.

(11 in Total) + **MONSTER RAFFLE WITH 30 PRIZES, INCL. VOUCHERS**

RANGING IN VALUE FROM €250 - €20 (Total Value of Vouchers €800) Plus

Brandy, Whiskey, and other Christmas Gifts. ALSO A BUMPER FREE RAFFLE FOR THE SCHOOL CHILDREN. DON'T MISS IT, SURE WHERE ELSE WOULD YE

BE GOING ON SUNDAY NIGHT.

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

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Sunday 29th. Mass at **10am.** FEAST OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS.

Mass for the People of the Parish.

Tuesday 31st. VIGIL Mass at **8pm.** SOLEMNITY OF MARY THE HOLY
MOTHER OF GOD. NEW YEARS DAY

Friday 3rd. Evening Mass at **8pm.** FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH.

SATURDAY 4th. **VIGIL MASS 7pm.** SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

John Mannion, Cappalusk.

SUNDAY 5th. **VIGIL MASS 7pm.** THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD.

PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGES TO MASS TIMES ABOVE:

R.I.P: Your prayers are requested for Mrs. Gabrielle Ticehurst, Sydney, Australia
(Nee Griffin, Gurteen) Sister of Mrs. Pam Lyng, and Mrs. Claire Dooley
who died recently.

CHURCH ENVELOPES: The 2025 Church Envelopes are available for
Collection/Distribution at St. Joseph's Alter at the men's side wing at the front of
the Church. Please take your own if at all possible.

CHURCH COLLECTIONS: BALLYMAC/GURTEEN. W/E 21/12/24 & 22/12/2024

W/Envelopes.	€544.50	W/Envelopes	€577.50
Loose Plate	€ 40.10	Loose Plate	€ 55.95
PRIESTS XMAS	€842.00	PRIESTS COLLECTIONS	€605.00
HOLY DAYS	€ 27.00	HOLY DAYS	€ 79.00
CANDLES	€262.32	TROCAIRE	€ 24.37

PADRAIG PEARSES GAA CLUB: RESULTS OF THE LOTTO DRAW WHICH TOOK
PLACE ON MONDAY 23rd. DECEMBER. WINNING No.'s 1,18,20,28, NO WINNER, & 3
MATCH 3's, SINEAD KILKENNY, E. WARD, PAT RUANE. NEXT WEEK'S DRAW ON
MONDAY 30th. DEC. IN "BRODERICK'S BAR", KILLCONNELL, FOR A JACKPOT OF
€12,500. PLAY LOTTO ONLINE @ <http://tinyurl.com/ygpyqc2q>

MEMBERS 250 CLUB CHRISTMAS DRAW €1,000 - DARREN BURKE.

DECEMBER 250 CLUB MEMBERS DRAW.

€100 OLLIE KENNY, €75 NOEL MURPHY, €50 DEARBHLA McDONAGH.

Mountbellew CE Scheme Vacancies. *General Operatives/ Maintenance Workers*

Duties to include: Working around Mountbellew with responsibility for cutting grass,
shrub planting, cleaning, painting, litter control, keeping public areas tidy and general
maintenance around the town. 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

Used Stamps for Charity: If you have any used stamps, we would welcome these for the
Missions, which help fund their many projects. A box will be placed in the church
porches on the first weekend in January where they can be left in.

Pilgrims of Hope 2025

Loving Father,
we come before you,
in this Jubilee Year.

Our hearts are full of longing.
Now is the time to lay the past to rest.
Today is the day for a new beginning.
Breathe on us Spirit of God.

Inspire us.

Strengthen us.

Help us to follow ever more closely
the example of Jesus, your Son.

Help us to love you with all our heart.

Help us to care for one another.

In a world upset by war and discord,
we beg for the gift of lasting peace.

With Mother Mary by our side,
may we journey together

as pilgrims of hope on the road of life.

We ask this of you, O loving Father, through Christ Our Lord. Amen

The Ordinary Jubilee Year takes place every twenty five years. It is a special time of reconciliation with God and with one another. During the Jubilee Year 2025, the Cathedral of Our Lady Assumed into Heaven and St Nicholas, Galway and the Cathedral of St Brendan, Loughrea, have been dedicated as special places of pilgrimage where the Holy Year Indulgence may be obtained. www.galwaydiocese.ie / www.clonfertdiocese.ie

40 Hours Adoration in New Year: Ballinasloe-Creagh parish will

host. Open to all and all who wish to know more / participate are encouraged to visit:
www.creideamh.ie/40-hours

Would like someone to talk to over Christmas? SeniorLine is Ireland's national telephone service for older people open every day of the year 10am-10pm, Freephone 1800 80 45 91. You may feel isolated, alone, bereaved or far from family. SeniorLine's older volunteers are trained to listen, to support and refer to other helpful services if necessary. So don't be alone and lift the phone. Phone SeniorLine 1800 80 45 91, No problem too big or too small.

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.

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.