

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

EIRCODE H53 YH60 (Listen to Mass at 101.4 fm)

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Saturday 24th. Vigil Mass at 7pm. SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT.

Eamon Cheevers, Garafine (1st. Anniv) and the deceased members of the Cheevers family.

John Joe, and Mary Murphy, Gurtyryan (Anniv)

Gerry O'Dowd (Anniv)

John, Winifred, Sean and Eileen Nutley, Gurtyryan, and the Nutley family.

Martin Crehan, Mounthazel. (Anniv)

Monday 26th. Mass at 9am.

Tuesday 27th. Mass at 9am.

Wednesday 28th. Mass at 9am

Thursday 29th. Mass at 9am.

Friday 1st. Mass at 7pm. FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH.

Mary and John Hogan, Castleblakney, (Anniv) and the

deceased members of the Hogan Family, and Christy Lyons, Castleblakney.

Tom and Mary Byrnes, Lisuib (Anniv) and the deceased

members of the Coen, Byrnes, Molloy and Keane families.

Saturday 2nd. Vigil Mass at 7pm. THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT.

Oliver, Paddy and John Byrnes, Attyregan, and Winifred and John Daly, (Anniv)

R.I.P.: Your prayers are requested for Jayne McHugh, Killconnell, Granddaughter of the late Bartley and Nonie Kenny, Esker who died during the week.

READER FOR MARCH:

MICHELLE HILLARY.

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS MARCH: ANGELA HARTY, TOMAS HILLARY (2nd./ 9th.)
NOEL and MARY HYNES. (16th./23rd./ 30th.)**

DRAMA: Caltra Drama Group are performing a 3 Act Comedy Play "For the Love of Maude" by Anne Marie Harney, in Caltra Community Centre this Saturday 24th & Sunday 25th February at 8:30pm SHARP each night. Pay at the Door, Admission €10 Come and enjoy it's a Cracker.

BADMINTON: BADMINTON CONTINUES EVERY TUEDAY NIGHT IN THE HALL.

SOCIAL CLUB: THIS THURSDAY FEBRUARY 29th. YOGA. (There won't be a creaky bone in the Parish after this, I might even try it myself)

DRAMA: THERE NEARLY READY UP IN KILLAGHTON, ON NEXT WEEKEND 1st., 2nd., & 3rd. of MARCH THEY PRESENT "A FISH OUT OF WATER" A 3 ACT COMEDY BY JIMMY KEARY, IN KILLAGHTON HALL (H53 KF22) CURTAIN UP @ 8-30pm SHARP. ADMISSION €12. TICKETS @ THE DOOR. A FUN NIGHT IS PROMISED WITH LOTS OF SEASONED PERFORMER'S AND A SURPRISE LOCAL GUEST THREADING THE BOARDS.

St. Michael's.

Fr. Michael Griffin Memorial Church, Gurteen. "Ballinasloe Faith Community Area"

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- Sunday 25th. Mass at 11am. SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT.
Willie and Maria Raftery, Gurteen (Anniv)
Pete Finnerty, Clough (Anniv) and the deceased members of the Finnerty Family.
- Friday 1st. Mass at 8pm. FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH.
- Sunday 3rd. Mass at 11am. THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT.
Maureen, (10th. Anniv) Tommy, and Mikey Clancy, Colemanstown.

R.I.P.: Your prayers are requested for Mrs. Nora Mellett, Claremorris, Mother of Mary Mannion, Cloonkeenkerrill, and for Mrs. Caitlin Duane, Ballinasloe, formerly of Cloonkeenkerrill who died during the week.

St. Kerrill's Festival rescheduled A.G.M. will take place on Thursday 29th., February at 9pm. in Mitchell's Lounge, looking forward to seeing you all.

CHURCH COLLECTIONS: BALLYMAC/GURTEEN. W/E 17/02/2024 & 18/02/2024

W/Envelopes.	€398.00	W/Envelopes	€586.60
Loose Plate	€ 40.00	Loose Plate	€ 26.50
HOLY DAYS	€ 22.00	LENTEN	€292.50
LOURDES	€ 35.00	LOURDES	€ 13.50
LENTEN	€301.00		
PRIESTS CHRISTMAS	€ 20.00	TROCAIRE	€ 20.50
CANDLES	€199.79	DONATION	€ 50.00

ART CLASSES: All you budding Artists, Art Classes will be commencing **Tuesday the 5th. of March at 7 pm., in Ballymacward Hall.** All levels catered for. Who knows, one day you might have a painting hanging in the National Gallery, but one way or the other, it promises to be fun. For further information call **Mary 087 6400067.**

PADRAIG PEARSES GAA CLUB: RESULTS OF THE LOTTO DRAW WHICH TOOK PLACE ON MONDAY 12th. FEBRUARY, WINNING No.'s 10,11,18,21, NO WINNER, & 2 MATCH 3's, MARTINA DONNELLAN, & EMMETT COSTELLO. NEXT WEEK'S DRAW ON MONDAY NIGHT 26th. FEBRUARY, IN RUANE'S BAR, GLENTANE, FOR A JACKPOT OF €8,100. PLAY LOTTO ONLINE @ <http://tinyurl.com/ygpyqc2q>. THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

Mountbellew Mart: On Friday 1st March at 7pm, Mountbellew Mart will launch the KEPAK All Ireland and All Nations Sheep Shearing and Wool Handling Championships 2024 in the Malt House, Mountbellew. All are invited and admission is free. Food and refreshments will be served, and entertainment will be provided by local musicians.

Gurteen National School. Parents wishing to enrol their child in Gurteen N.S., may now do so by contacting the school for an enrolment form. Phone: [\(090\) 9677966](tel:0909677966) or email: info@gurteenns.com

PARADE: Mountbellew St Patricks Day parade is being held on 17th March at 12 midday. The theme of this year's parade is Sheep /Sheep shearing, to help Mountbellew promote the All-Ireland Sheepshearing competition and the International Five Nations Competition which is being held on June Bank Holiday weekend. We are encouraging every business in the town to enter a float this year. There is no entry fee this year. Entry forms can be obtained from Henrys Bar, or any committee member or email stpatricksdaymountbellew@gmail.com

Life in the Spirit Seminar:- Every **Tuesday** until the 19th March at 7p.m. in The Family Centre, Ballinasloe, H53 NX59. Life in the Spirit Seminar is a series of talks, song, prayer & praise, discussion and a chance for you to take the time to deepen your personal relationship with God. All are welcome. Details contact: Theresa 086 3241269

New opportunity to join Mountbellew CE Scheme.

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 maintaining nature trails and general maintenance around the town. 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

Medjugorje International Youth Festival from July 31st– August 7th 2024. Spiritual Director: Bishop Michael Duignan. **OPEN TO ADULTS BETWEEN THE AGES OF 18 (by 31st July 2024) AND 35.** Subsidised Fare €680 – all inclusive. For further information and booking form contact the Clonfert Diocesan Office: tel. 091 841 560, email office@clonfertdiocese.ie, or contact your local priest. Limited spaces – first come, first served. Closing date 12th of April.

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

Interactive Lenten Scripture Initiative drawing on the riches of second half of St. Mark's Gospel will take place in Clonfert Family Centre, Ballinasloe, H53 NX59, for six Sunday evenings (7.30 – 8.30/8.45 pm) beginning Sunday 11th February. For more details please contact John on 087 9068032. Everyone welcome.

Information and Support for Birth Mothers - whose babies were placed for adoption may be found at www.birthinfo.ie or by calling the relevant section of TUSLA at +353 818 445 500

The Alzheimer Society of Ireland will be holding a social Club in The Loughrea Family & Community Resource Centre Bridge Street, Loughrea every Wednesday 2pm to 4pm. Contact Teresa on 087 1888177.

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

Prayers for Migrants and Refugees We offer prayers for refugees and migrants; prayers for an open and generous response to all who are in need and for those seeking refuge and shelter among us; prayers for a commitment to building a culture of encounter and dialogue where we work tirelessly to banish all tensions among people and to promote harmony in our society; prayers for all areas of the world afflicted by violence and warfare especially at this time in the Holy Land, Ukraine and South Sudan.

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.

If you are considering such a vocation, speak to your local priest or our Diocesan Vocations Director,

Fr Aidan Costello to find out more, email: office@clonfertdiocese.ie

or phone 091-841212.

Renewing Our Commitment to Promoting the Dignity of Human Life

Loving Father! You are the source of all that is:

our beginning and our end. Pour out your Spirit upon us.

Form in us the mind of Christ. Give us a greater appreciation for the precious gift of life.

Renew in us a commitment to building a community where every human life is welcomed and valued

from the moment of conception to the moment of natural death.

Draw near to those who are sick or dying.

Help those who love them and care for them.

Bless us now and at the hour of our death. Amen

Our Lady of Clonfert! Pray for us!

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