

**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 16<sup>th</sup>. Vigil Mass at 7pm. FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT/ST. PATRICK'S DAY.**

Mary O'Dea, Mounthazel (5<sup>th</sup>. Anniv) & her Daughter Mary Kelly, New Inn (11<sup>th</sup>. Anniv)

Bobby Fahy, Glentane, (Anniv) and the deceased members of the Fahy Family.

Pat, John & Margaret Murray, Highpark (Anniv) and Fr. Nicholas Murray (13<sup>th</sup>. Anniv)

Tom and Rita Greaney, Ballygreaney, and there Son Rory (Anniv)

Kevin & Mona Greaney, Ballygreaney, there parent's, & deceased members of the Greaney family

Michael, Paddy, Mary and Winifred Loughnane, Mounthazel(3<sup>rd</sup>., 5<sup>th</sup>., 24<sup>th</sup>. & 47<sup>th</sup>. Anniv) & Michael

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup>. Mass at 9am.** Denny Morrissey, Garafine and the deceased members of the Morrissey family.

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup>. Mass at 9am.**

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup>. Mass at 9am**

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup>. Mass at 9am.**

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup>. Mass at 7pm.** The Deceased members of the Brien and Donoghue families, Esker

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup>. Vigil Mass at 7pm. PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORDS PASSION.**

Paddy Kenny, Carhoon (40<sup>th</sup>. Anniv)

The Deceased members of the Ward Family, Alloon.

John and Margaret Tannian, Ballinastack and the deceased members of the Tannian Family.

**R.I.P.:** Your prayers are requested for Bi Bi Flynn, Ballymacward, and for Bridie Golding, Claregalway, Sister of Mary Hynes, Carana, and also for Barry Murphy, Newtowndaly, Nephew of James Tannian, Ballinastack, who died in the past week.

**Happy St Patrick's Day** and God's blessings on you and all your families. Bishop Michael Duignan.

**St Patrick's Day Emigrant Collection** Thank you for your contributions to this special collection that goes to support the work of Irish Chaplaincies abroad and Pastoral Outreach for Irish Emigrants around the world.

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS MARCH:** NOEL and MARY HYNES. (16<sup>th</sup>./23<sup>rd</sup>./ 30<sup>th</sup>.)

**SOCIAL CLUB: THIS THURSDAY MARCH 28<sup>th</sup>. HAND IN THE BAG.**

**BALLYMACWARD NATIONAL SCHOOL:** Ballymacward National School will be 50years old in April. If anyone has photos etc of themselves/teams/classes, please copy and forward to the school by email or post: Email: [st.peterandpaulns@gmail.com](mailto:st.peterandpaulns@gmail.com) or post to Ballymacward N.S., Ballymacward, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway. H53 NX21.

**ART CLASSES:** Art Classes will be continues **THIS Tuesday the 19<sup>th</sup>. of March at 7 pm., in Ballymacward Hall.** For more Information call **Mary 087 6400067.**

**Community Council Notice.** Community Council meeting on **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup>. March at 8pm., in Ballymacward Hall,** All members to please attend.

St. Michael's.

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

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**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup>. Mass at 11am. FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT. ST. PATRICK'S DAY.**

Paddy Burke, Caltragh (54<sup>th</sup>. Anniv)

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup>. Mass at 8pm. Special Intention.**

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup>. Mass at 11am. PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORDS PASSION.**

Gabrielle Molloy, Faha (1<sup>st</sup>. Anniv)

**CHURCH COLLECTIONS: BALLYMAC/GURTEEN. W/E 16/03/2024 & 17/03/2024**

W/Envelopes.	€442.15	W/Envelopes	€419.12
Loose Plate	€ 83.30	Loose Plate	€ 95.50
HOLY DAYS/MISC	€ 20.00	LENTEN	€ 44.00
PRIESTS EASTER	€ 50.00	LOURDES	€ 20.00
LENTEN	€ 50.00	HOLY DAYS	€ 20.00

**PADRAIG PEARSES GAA CLUB: RESULTS OF THE LOTTO DRAW WHICH TOOK PLACE ON MONDAY 11<sup>th</sup>. MARCH, WINNING No.'s 16,25,29,30, NO WINNER, & 1 MATCH 3, DERMOT BYRNES. NEXT WEEK'S DRAW ON MONDAY NIGHT 18<sup>th</sup>. MARCH, IN MITCHELL'S BAR, GURTEEN, FOR A JACKPOT OF €8,400. PLAY LOTTO ONLINE @ <http://tinyurl.com/ygpyqc2q>. THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT.**

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

**MONSTER AUCTION;** Garbally National School Monster Auction is **CANCELLED**.

**PARADE:** Mountbellew St Patricks Day parade is being held on 17<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:stpatricksdaymountbellew@gmail.com).

**St. Patrick's Weekend Concert** Cantairí Chonamara and Music Matters present Connemara Songlines, a suite celebrating the Connemara landscape composed by Máire Ní Dhuibhir, and TREO ensemble, directed by Karen Dervan, on MONDAY 18th MARCH, at 6.30pm in GAELSCOIL RIABHACH, LOUGHREA H62 TK22. Tickets at the door or pre-book with Sarah 087 990 5710

**Concert in Gullane's Hotel on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March at 8pm** with the Ballinasloe Town Band and La Canada High School Orchestra from California under director Jennifer Munday. Donations to local charities.

**CANA Talks** – "A Roadmap to Happiness" – T.F Royal Theatre, Castlebar – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May, 8 pm. 6 speakers plus Special Guests. Inspiration + Entertainment. Each speaker has just 15 minutes to inspire you (from a faith perspective)! Enjoy real-life stories, humour, inspiring talks, great visuals, music, + more. This is not a conference, but a show! Tickets €20 + booking fee @ [www.ticketmaster.ie](http://www.ticketmaster.ie). Can pay cash at the door. [www.canatalks.com](http://www.canatalks.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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:marriagepreparation@accord.ie) [www.accord.ie](http://www.accord.ie)

**Information and Support for Birth Mothers** - whose babies were placed for adoption may be found at [www.birthinginfo.ie](http://www.birthinginfo.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.

## **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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