

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 or post to Ballymacward N.S., Ballymacward, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway. H53 NX21.

ART CLASSES: Art Classes will be continues THIS Tuesday the 26th. of March at 7 pm., in Ballymacward Hall. For more Information call Mary 087 6400067.

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](tel:0909677966) or email: info@gurteenns.com

CANA Talks – “A Roadmap to Happiness” – T.F Royal Theatre, Castlebar – Friday 31st 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. Can pay cash at the door. 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, 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

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.



Holy Week & Easter

St. Peter and Paul's Church, Ballymacward.

EIRCODE H53 YH60

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

EIRCODE H53 PN24

To contact Fr. Raymond Sweeney Ph: (Landline) 090 9687614. or (M) 086 3868169
(Listen to Mass at 101.4 fm)

PARISH WEBSITE: ballymacwardgurteenparish.com

PARISH EMAIL ADDRESS. ballymacwardparish@eircom.net

Contact details for Parish Secretary (087)9322127 or email, kenpatger@yahoo.co.uk

SUMMER TIME: Clocks go **FORWARD 1 HOUR NEXT SATURDAY MARCH 30th**..

Mass Time in BALLYMACWARD for the Summertime will be confirmed in next week's Newsletter.

Mass in GURTEEN will be @ **10am**. For the Summertime on SUNDAY'S STARTING on EASTER SUNDAY 31st. MARCH.

BALLYMACWARD/GURTEEN SOCIAL CLUB: Thursday 28th. MARCH - HAND IN THE BAG.

PADRAIG PEARSES GAA CLUB: RESULTS OF THE LOTTO DRAW WHICH TOOK PLACE ON MONDAY 18th. MARCH WINNING No.'s 6,9,20,23, NO Winner, 3 MATCH 3, SEAN HARDIMAN, EMMETT WARD, KAYLA MURPHY. NEXT WEEK'S DRAW ON MONDAY NIGHT 25th. MARCH, IN GERRY McDONAGHS, CASTLEBLAKNEY, FOR A JACKPOT OF **€8,500** PLAY LOTTO ONLINE @ <http://tinyurl.com/ygpyqc2q> JANUARY

CHURCH COLLECTIONS: BALLYMAC/GURTEEN. W/E 16/03/23 & 17/03/2023

W/Envelopes.	€323.10	W/Envelopes	€149.00
Loose Plate	€ 84.52	Loose Plate	€ 61.10
17 th . MARCH	€210.50	17 th . MARCH	€307.00
EMIGRANTS	€ 88.00	EMIGRANTS	€163.10
LENTEN	€ 20.00	LENTEN	€ 5.00
PRIESTS EASTER	€ 20.00	PRIESTS EASTER	€ 5.00
MISC	€ 5.00	MISC	€ 10.00

FUNDRAISER - COFFEE MORNING: Easter **Sunday** Coffee Morning: Come along to Mitchell's Bar after mass on **Sunday 31st of March**, for some chat, coffee/ tea and delicious breakfast treats. All proceeds to St. Kerrill's N.S Parents Association Fund. All welcome.

Saturday March 23rd.



Vigil Mass BALLYMACWARD at 7pm. PALM SUNDAY.

Paddy Kenny, Carhoon (40th. Anniv)

The deceased members of the Ward Family, Alloon John and Margaret Tannian, Ballinastack (Anniv) and the deceased members of the Tannian Family.



Sunday 24th. March. GURTEEN Mass at 11am. PALM SUNDAY.

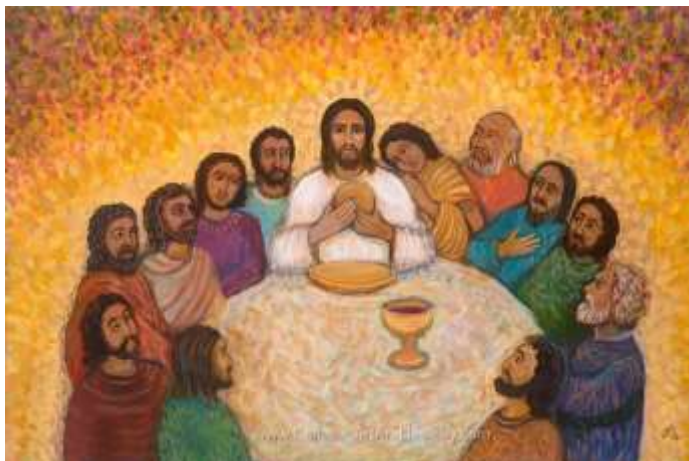
Gabrielle Molloy, Faha (1st. Anniv)

Monday 25th. Mass at 9am. Tuesday 26th. Mass at 9am. Wednesday 27th. Mass at 9am.

Wednesday 27th. Spy Wednesday. Chrism Mass @ 8pm. St. Brendan's Cathedral

Loughrea.

HOLY THURSDAY 28th. MASS OF THE LORDS SUPPER BALLYMACWARD @ 7pm.



THE LORDS PASSION GOOD FRIDAY 29th. BALLYMACWARD @ 3pm.

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HOLY SATURDAY NIGHT 30th. EASTER VIGIL BALLYMACWARD @ 7pm

Michael Connell, Liscuib (17th. Anniv).



EASTER SUNDAY 31st. MARCH DAWN MASS @ 6am. CLOONKEENKERRILL CEMETERY, followed by a CUP of TEA & some LOVELY SCONES & CAKE, with thanks to the ladies committee. Wrap up well and bring a Brolly.



***EASTER SUNDAY 31st. MARCH MASS OF THE LORDS
RESURRECTION GURTEEN CHURCH @ 10am.***

John and Paddy Grady, Ballyglass, & deceased members of the Grady Family
John, Margaret & Martin Connor, Killuane & deceased members of the Family

Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week, the high point of the Church Year. Pause for a few moments to become aware of God's presence and pray:

Loving Father,

With palm branches we recall when

Jesus was welcomed by crowds into the city of Jerusalem

Bless us with your Spirit as we prepare to journey
through Holy Week

May we find time to listen again to the story of the
passion, death and resurrection of Jesus.

There, may we discover the love of God, which knows
no bounds.

We bring with us our suffering and pain, our worry and
loss and the suffering, pain worry and loss
of the whole world at this time.

May we hear proclaimed this coming
Easter Day that Jesus is risen!

May we have our hope renewed in God who brings
good out of bad and even life out of death.

Amen

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.

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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!