

St. Peter and Paul's Church, Ballymacward.

EIRCODE H53 YH60

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Saturday 4th. Vigil Mass at **8pm**. SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER.

Michael Naughton, Corskeagh (20th. Anniv)

John and Mary Bellew, Bawnogues (Anniv)

Br. Linnius Bellew, Bawnogues (19th. Anniv)

Monday 6th. Mass at 9am. Bridie & Jackie Dooley, Annagh (Anniv)

Marian Dooley/Staunton, Moylough (Anniv)

Thursday 9th. PARISH MASS KNOCK APPARITION CHAPEL @ 12-30pm.

Friday 10th. NO MASS THIS FRIDAY.

Saturday 11th. **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION @ 11am.** (Ballymacward N.S.)

Saturday 11th. Vigil Mass at **8pm**. THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD.

Laurence Barrett, Liscune (5th. Anniv)

Maudie Healy, Liscune (8th. Anniv)

READER FOR MAY: ROSE LYDON.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS MAY: MARY LALLY/TOMAS HILLARY (4th/11th.)
ANNE KINDREGAN/ROSE KELLY. (18th/25th.)

BALLYMACWARD/GURTEEN SOCIAL CLUB: This **Thursday 9th. May.** The ANNUAL OUTING TO KNOCK SHRINE will take place. with a BUS leaving BALLYMACWARD HALL @ 9-30am. (Tea/Coffee in La Ceile @ 11am) Mass will be celebrated by Fr. Ray @ 12-30pm. in the Apparition Chapel. (Dinner in the "Red Gap" Barnaderg @ 4-15pm.) NOTE; ALL PARISHIONERS ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US ON THE DAY IN KNOCK.

THANK YOU: *To all that supported the Bealtaine Day in the Hall on Thurs. 2nd. May. To those that donated items for sale, paintings for display, and photographs, all was very much appreciated. Mile Buiochas.*

FUNDRAISER: ON SATURDAY MAY 11th. GARBALLY N.S. WILL HOLD A FUNDRAISING "TABLE QUIZ" IN SCREENES BAR, GUILKA. Registration @ 8-30pm. QUIZ STARTS @ 9pm. SHARP. TABLES of 4 €40.00. SPOT PRIZES & RAFFLE ON THE NIGHT. TO PRE REG., TEXT (085) 8278667 All are welcome.

PADRAIG PEARSES GAA CLUB: RESULTS OF THE LOTTO DRAW WHICH TOOK PLACE ON MONDAY 29th. APRIL WINNING No.'s 11,12,21,29, NO Winner, 3 MATCH 3's, JOE MURRAY, GABRIEL FLANNERY & PADDY/HELEN HILLARY. NEXT WEEK'S DRAW ON MONDAY NIGHT 6th. MAY, IN , "MITCHELL'S BAR" GURTEEN, FOR A JACKPOT OF €9,100 PLAY LOTTO ONLINE @ <http://tinyurl.com/ygpyqc2q> **JANUARY**

APRIL 250 CLUB MONTHLY WINNERS:

€100 COLM HYNES, €75 MICHAEL HARDIMAN, €50 NUALA BARRY.

BALLYMACWARD HALL: Please make ALL FUTURE BOOKINGS for the HALL by contacting **NIAMH CARR on (087) 6992773.** Thank you.

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

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Sunday 5th. Mass at **10am.** SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER.

The deceased members of the Burke Family, Colemanstown/Tiaquin.

Thursday 9th. PARISH MASS KNOCK APPARITION CHAPEL @ **12-30pm.**

Friday 10th. NO MASS THIS FRIDAY.

Sunday 12th. Mass at **10am.** THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD.

Mary Molloy, Faha (32nd. Anniv)

Winifred (Freddie) Hardiman, Clough (Anniv).

THANK YOU: *During the week we received a letter from the Missionary Sisters of St. Peter Claver, wishing to thank the people of the Parish for there generous contribution to there recent mission appeal. The total sum received was **€931.24***

(Ballymacward **€515.00**, & Gurteen **€416.24**)

CHURCH COLLECTIONS: BALLYMAC/GURTEEN. W/E 27/04/23 & 28/04/2023

W/Envelopes.	€332.30	W/Envelopes	€287.30
Loose Plate	€ 53.55	Loose Plate	€ 23.75
CANDLES	€ 54.59	CANDLES	€ 52.00
PRIESTS EASTER	€ 85.00	PRIESTS EASTER	€ 5.00
TROCAIRE.	€ 46.22	HOLY PLACES	€ 5.00
MISCELLANOUS	€ 10.10		

The Clonfert and Galway Pilgrimages to Knock takes place on Sunday 19th May. Ceremonies begin as usual at 2.30pm with the celebration of the Sacrament of the sick followed by the celebration of Eucharist at 3pm, followed by the Rosary Procession.

ACTIVE RETIREMENT: Mountbellew/ District Active Retirement Meeting on **WEDNESDAY 8th. MAY at 7.00pm**, in the Pastoral Centre Mountbellew. New members welcome. *(Please Note the change of Day and Time of meeting)*

Connaught retreat will take place in Calasanctius College, Oranmore, Co. Galway on the weekend of May 10th to 12th, consisting of workshops, talks, testimonies, music, prayer and time to relax & meet with others. Come along for the weekend or pop in & say hello! Donation only, 16-35yrs. To book a place or for more information, visit www.youth2000.ie or email connaught@youth2000.ie.

All Ireland Rosary Rally - Knock - June 1st The All Ireland Rosary Rally is back this year on Saturday, June 1st in Knock. The day begins with a Marian Conference at 9.30am in St John's Centre. Speakers include: Fr Michael Donnelly, Sr Ana Margarita Lanzas SCTJM, and Fr Joseph Maria Deane CFR. For more information and to see a list of buses going from around Ireland please visit www.AllIrelandRosaryRally.com

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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 ***The Youth 2000***

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 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

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 or. www.canatalks.com

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.

