

St. Peter and Paul's Church, Ballymacward.

**EIRCODE H53 YH60**

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Saturday 28<sup>th</sup>. Vigil Mass at **8pm**. TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR.

Seamus Keane, Mounthazel (1<sup>st</sup>. Anniv)

Joe Bracken, Garafine (8<sup>th</sup>. Anniv) & the deceased members of the Bracken Family.

Monday 30<sup>th</sup>. Mass at 9am. Walter (Wally) Pritchard, Woodlawn (Months Mind)

Friday 4<sup>th</sup>. Mass at 7pm. FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH.

Marty Lydon, Annagh (10<sup>th</sup>. Anniv)

John and Mary Kelly, Garafine (Anniv)

Saturday 5<sup>th</sup>. Vigil Mass at **8pm**. TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Paddy Kelly, Carana (Anniv) and the deceased members of the Kelly family.

**READER FOR OCTOBER:**

ROSE LYDON.

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS FOR OCTOBER:**

ROSE LYDON, TERESA EGAN (6<sup>th</sup>. & 13<sup>th</sup>.)

MARY CARR & MILLIE KELLY (20<sup>th</sup>. & 27<sup>th</sup>.)

**CHURCH COLLECTIONS: BALLYMAC/GURTEEN. W/E 21/09/24 & 22/09/2024**

W/Envelopes.	€389.00	W/Envelopes	€254.00
Loose Plate	€ 84.50	Loose Plate	€ 55.65
PRIESTS EASTER	€ 5.00	PRIESTS SUMMER	€ 20.00
PRIESTS AUTUMN	€220.00	PRIESTS AUTUMN	€ 65.00
15 <sup>th</sup> .AUGUST	€ 5.00	15 <sup>th</sup> .AUGUST	€ 5.00

**BINGO:** Family Bingo Night commences in **BALLYMACWARD HALL**, THIS SUNDAY 29<sup>th</sup>. SEPTEMBER, and will continue on the LAST SUNDAY of EVERY MONTH. Doors open @ **6-30pm**, with the Bingo starting @ **7pm**. PLEASE COME AND GIVE IT YOUR SUPPORT.

**SOCIAL CLUB:** THURSDAY 3<sup>rd</sup>. OCTOBER. **QUIZ.**

**ACTIVE RETIREMENT:** The monthly meeting of Mountbellew & District Active Retirement will be held in the Pastoral Centre, Mountbellew on Monday 7<sup>th</sup>. OCTOBER at 8.00pm. New members always welcome.

**The National Vocations Office** will hold open days for adult men who wish to explore a vocation to the Diocesan Priesthood - Dublin - UCD Chaplaincy - October 12<sup>th</sup> Galway - Chapel of St. Columbanus - October 26<sup>th</sup>

Thurles - Pallottine College - November 10<sup>th</sup>.

Further details and information on the registration process is available on [vocations.ie/exploring](http://vocations.ie/exploring)

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

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Sunday 29<sup>th</sup>. Mass at **10am**. TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR.

Mary Teresa Greally, Clough (2<sup>nd</sup>. Anniv)

William Molloy, Faha (Anniv) and the deceased members of the Molloy Family.

James and Nora Kelly, John Kenny, and the deceased members of the Kelly, Kenny, and Walsh Families, Cappalus/Gurteen.

Friday 4<sup>th</sup>. Mass at 8pm. FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH.

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup>. Mass at **10am**. TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR.

Margaret Molloy, Clough (2<sup>nd</sup>. Anniv)

Margaret Duffy, Tample and the deceased members of the Duffy family

**PADRAIG PEARSES GAA CLUB:** RESULTS OF THE LOTTO DRAW WHICH TOOK PLACE ON MONDAY 23<sup>rd</sup>. SEPTEMBER WINNING No.'s 5,16,18,22, NO Winner, 2 MATCH 3's, AINE HILLARY & TOMMY McDONAGH. NEXT WEEK'S DRAW ON MONDAY 30<sup>th</sup>. SEPTEMBER IN "BURKE'S BAR, COLEMANSTOWN", FOR A JACKPOT OF €11,200. PLAY LOTTO ONLINE @ <http://tinyurl.com/ygpyqc2q>

**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.

**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)** Are you interested in the Catholic Faith? The RCIA is a process for adults interested in the Catholic faith, or desiring to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, or First Holy Communion. Please contact the parish (phone number and email address) or the Clonfert Diocese 091 841560 or [office@clonfertdioese.ie](mailto:office@clonfertdioese.ie) for further information.

**RETREAT:** 'As the deer yearns for running streams ...' retreat opportunity in Ballinasloe on evening of Friday 18<sup>th</sup> and morning of Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October. All welcome but places limited. See [www.creideamh.ie/retreat](http://www.creideamh.ie/retreat) for more details.

**Anam Cara's October Parent Support Evening** will take place on Wednesday 2nd Oct at 7.15pm in the Clayton Hotel, Briar Hill. We also offer a monthly online support meeting for bereaved parents. This month's online meeting will take place on Wednesday Oct 23rd at 7pm. To register or find out more, please email [info@anamcara.ie](mailto:info@anamcara.ie) Have you other questions about our support or upcoming events? Call us on 085 288 8888 or email [info@anamcara.ie](mailto:info@anamcara.ie)

**Mental Health and Wellbeing:** Upcoming community workshops running for a total of 8 weeks with the Regari Recovery College in Ballinasloe Town (Clonfert Family Centre). Starting on Wed., 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct 24 until Wed., 27<sup>th</sup> Nov 24, (1:30- 4:30pm). For more information please contact: Amanda Hunt on (087) 622 1335 or email [regarirecoverycollege@gmail.com](mailto:regarirecoverycollege@gmail.com). Reg., fee of €5, then all Modules are free to attend.

**Catholic Marriage Encounter in Ireland** is a weekend experience for married couples who want something more in their marriage – more fun, spontaneity, excitement, communication, understanding, romance, intimacy, passion and joy. Marriage Enrichment weekend is Friday 8 – 10 November 2024 in Focolare Centre, Prosperous, Co Kildare. Online Booking Only: [www.marriageencounter.ie](http://www.marriageencounter.ie)

**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](http://www.meals4health.ie) Special and modified dietary requirements catered for. Nationwide delivery available.

**Silent Retreat:** Theme: “If you but knew the gift of God...” Preached by: Fr. Kilian Byrne, Foyer of Charity in St. Mary’s Accommodation, Knock, Co. Mayo October 14<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> 2024 Cost: €540 full board Contact: Helen : 086 1678027/ [hellywilliams@gmail.com](mailto:hellywilliams@gmail.com) [www.foyerofcharity.ie](http://www.foyerofcharity.ie) A privileged time to come away from noise and distractions, and listen to the Spirit of God, - Who is Love. Silence, prayer, teachings of the Church.

**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)

### **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.