

St. Peter and Paul's Church, Ballymacward. **EIRCODE H53 YH60**

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**SUNDAY 14<sup>th</sup>. MORNING MASS @ 10am THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT.**

*(Gaudete Sunday)*

Vincent and Kathleen Costello, Ballymacward/Mounthazel (Anniv)

Mary and Bertie Madden, Alloon (9<sup>th</sup>. and 50<sup>th</sup>. Anniv) & there Daughter Dympna Power.

Paddy and Philomena Murray, Liscune (27<sup>th</sup>. and 39<sup>th</sup>. Anniv)

Martin Murray, Liscune (31<sup>st</sup>. Anniv) & Patsy Mylette, Sister of Phil.

Joe and Sarah Murray, Liscune (58<sup>th</sup>. and 44<sup>th</sup>. Anniv)

Joe and Nancy Kelly, Ballymacward Village (14<sup>th</sup>. and 13<sup>th</sup>. Anniv)

Michael, Kathleen and James McGuire (15<sup>th</sup>., 12<sup>th</sup>., and 15<sup>th</sup>. Anniv)

**MONDAY 15<sup>th</sup>. Mass at 10am.**

**THURSDAY 18<sup>th</sup>. CAROL SERVICE WOODLAWN CHURCH @ 8pm.**

(Special Guests BALLYMACWARD Church Choir) Everyone welcome

**SUNDAY 21<sup>st</sup>. MORNING MASS @ 10am FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT.**

Mass for the People of the Parish.

**2026 CHURCH ENVELOPES: ARE AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION/DELIVERY  
AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH ALTER:**

**SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL:** Please have the Envelopes for the annual collection returned to the Church this weekend or next, so they can be forwarded to the Society in time for Christmas. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.**

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS FOR DEC;** MARY & NOEL HYNES (7<sup>th</sup>. & 14<sup>th</sup>.)  
JOE MURRAY & MARY JENKINS LALLY (21<sup>st</sup>. & 28<sup>th</sup>.)

**CHRISTMAS EVE @ 7pm. & CHRISTMAS MORNING @ 9am.**

(ALL AVAILABLE MINISTERS WHO ARE IN THE CHURCH PLEASE HELP OUT)  
**SERVERS FOR DECEMBER: EMMA & SADBH MITCHELL**

<b>December Readers Ballymacward Church</b>	
<b>SUNDAY 14<sup>th</sup>.</b>	<b>MICHELLE HILLARY</b>
<b>SUNDAY 21<sup>st</sup>.</b>	<b>ANNE KELLY (Eske)</b>
<b>CHRISTMAS EVE @ 7pm</b>	<b>MARY CARR</b>
<b>CHRISTMAS DAY @ 9am</b>	<b>AINE HILLARY/KELLY</b>
<b>SUNDAY 28<sup>th</sup>.</b>	<b>MAJELLA CAMPBELL</b>

**CHRISTMAS GIFT IDEA:** Why not give a BALLYMACWARD BINGO BOOK as a Gift this Christmas. A SINGLE BOOK for **€10.00** and a DOUBLE BOOK for **€18.00** The Loose leaf's are included. Books can be purchased from ASSUMPTA CONNELL (086) 0683450. Thanks for your ongoing support.

**DUNMORE BINGO:** Following the refurbishment of Dunmore Hall this Autumn, Bingo is back, and there **CHRISTMAS BINGO** is **THIS SUNDAY 14<sup>th</sup>. DECEMBER @ 3pm.** Great prizes, including a **€500 JACKPOT** in **45 NUMBERS** or LESS. Raffle for Hampers, etc. Draw for Single/Double Book, Lucky Line sheet & Jackpot sheet. Complimentary refreshments. A lovely way to pass Sunday afternoon in comfortable surroundings, and the team in Dunmore look forward to welcoming you all.

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

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**SATURDAY 13<sup>th</sup>. VIGIL MASS @ 7pm. THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT.**

Margeret Cunniffe, Attymany (Months Mind)

**FRIDAY 19<sup>th</sup>. MASS @ 8pm.** Millie and Sean Bolton, Killuane, Elizabeth Murphy, and Baby David Murphy/Bolton

**SATURDAY 20<sup>th</sup>. VIGIL MASS @ 7pm. FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT.**

Alfie Doyle, Colemanstown (Months Mind)

Ronan Finnerty, Clough (20<sup>th</sup>. Anniv & 40<sup>th</sup>. Birthday) and the deceased members of the Finnerty Family.

Eamon Mitchell, Gurteen (3<sup>rd</sup>. Anniv)

Paddy Walsh, Leneragh (23<sup>rd</sup>. Anniv) and deceased members of the Walsh Family.

P.J. Ruane, Skehana (4<sup>th</sup>. Anniv) and deceased members of the Ruane Family.

Jimmy and Evelyn Qualter, Clough (Anniv)

**NOTE (A): 2026 CHURCH ENVELOPES ARE AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION @ ST. JOSEPH'S ALTER IN THE MENS SIDE AISLE.**

**NOTE (B): NEW YEAR (2026) MASS TIMES & LOCATIONS:**

STARTING ON **SATURDAY 3<sup>rd</sup>. JANUARY** EVENING MASS WILL BE IN BALLYMACWARD @ 7pm., and SUNDAY MORNING MASS WILL BE IN GURTEEN @ 10am., STARTING ON **SUNDAY 4<sup>th</sup>. JANUARY**. (THIS ARRANGEMENT IS FOR THE YEAR 2026 and will alternate annually)

**PADRAIG PEARSES GAA CLUB LOTTO: RESULTS OF THE LOTTO DRAW WHICH TOOK PLACE ON MONDAY 8<sup>th</sup>. DECEMBER. WINNING No.'s 4,11,22,26. NO WINNER, & 4 MATCH 3's, MARK HENNELLY, PAT DALTON, MICHELLE LAHEEN, MARTGIN KILKENNY. NEXT WEEK'S DRAW ON MONDAY 15<sup>th</sup>. DECEMBER. IN "RUANE'S BAR", GLENTANE, FOR A JACKPOT OF €5,000. Thanks for your support.**

**CHURCH COLLECTIONS: BALLYMAC/GURTEEN. WEEK ENDING 06/07 – 12/25**

Envelopes.	€436.00	W/Envelopes	€280.50
Loose Plate	€182.46	Loose Plate	€129.00
ALL SAINTS	€ 5.00		
ALL SOULS	€ 5.00	15 <sup>th</sup> . AUGUST	€ 4.00
PRIESTS XMAS	€150.00		
8 <sup>th</sup> . DECEMBER	€133.80	8 <sup>th</sup> . DECEMBER	€ 22.00

**Save the Club Draw--** Mountbellew Golf Club have launched a "Save the Club" draw with tickets on sale at €20 or three for €50. The prize fund is for 1<sup>st</sup> prize €10,000, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ten year membership of the Club 3<sup>rd</sup> €3,000, 4<sup>th</sup> prize €1000 in Cash. The draw will be held on March 1st 2026. Tickets can be purchased from any club member or online from the clubs website. The club has been rescued by the generosity of members and friends of the club from the "Vulture Fund Owners" but the now West Midlands Credit Union Loan must now be paid off and hence the draw to help with the repayments. All support appreciated.

**HopeSpace CLG** provides a free one-to-one listening service for children and young people (4-17 years old) who are impacted by grief caused by bereavement. See [hopespace.ie](https://hopespace.ie), contact Áine at [support@hopespace.ie](mailto:support@hopespace.ie) or call 091 342566/087 4667506 for more details.

**Network – Male Advice Line** Domestic abuse doesn't discriminate. If you're a man facing abuse, you're not alone. We're here to help. Call our Male Advice Line: 1800 816 588 Visit: <https://mensnetwork.ie/> Our confidential service provides support, advice, and a listening ear to male victims of domestic abuse. Seeking help is a sign of strength, and we're here to guide you every step of the way.

**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)

**JUBILEE YEAR:** The Ordinary Jubilee Year takes place every twenty five years. It is a special time of reconciliation with God and with one another. During the Jubilee Year 2025, the Cathedral of Our Lady Assumed into Heaven and St Nicholas, Galway and the Cathedral of St Brendan, Loughrea, where the Holy Year Indulgence may be obtained.

### **Pilgrims of Hope 2025**

Loving Father, we come before you,  
in this Jubilee Year. Our hearts are full of longing.  
Now is the time to lay the past to rest.  
Today is the day for a new beginning.  
Breathe on us Spirit of God.  
Inspire us. Strengthen us.  
Help us to follow ever more closely the example of Jesus, your Son.  
Help us to love you with all our heart.  
Help us to care for one another.  
In a world upset by war and discord,  
we beg for the gift of lasting peace.  
With Mother Mary by our side, may we journey together  
as pilgrims of hope on the road of life.  
We ask this of you, O loving Father, through Christ Our Lord. Amen

