

St. Augustine's Church, Clontuskert

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Fifth Sunday of Easter 105.5FM Radio 3rd May 2026

Masses and liturgical services live streamed. www.churchcamlive.ie/clontuskert



Masses

10am Sunday 3rd May For the people of the parish.
10am Sunday 10th " Essie Stapleton; Joe Colohan; Michael Curley.

Please continue to pray for all the sick of the parish and for peace.

Readers for May: Sunday 3rd: Eamon Lally; Sunday 10th: Kay Colohan/Stapleton Family;
Sunday 17th: Fist Communicant; Sunday 24th: Costello Family; Sunday 31st: Regina Byrnes.

Ministers of the Eucharist for May: Sunday 3rd: Mary Callaghan;
Sunday 10th: Padraic Colohan; Sunday 17th: Jim Stephenson;
Sunday 24th: Sean Kelly; Sunday 31st: Maria Brennan.

Altar Society for May: Helena Hopkins & Carol Hopkins.

Ministry of Catechist and Order of the Permanent Diaconate In order to best facilitate discernment and preparation of the formation programme, the closing date for application for the Ministry of Catechist as well as for the Permanent Diaconate in the Dioceses of Clonfert, Galway, Kilmacduagh and Kilfenora is being extended. As part of a dynamic and creative team, in union with priests, deacons, parish pastoral councils and others, Catechists assist with the delivery of various faith development programmes and opportunities at both parish level and beyond. Permanent Deacons are ordained to a life of service in charity to the poor, the vulnerable and the marginalised. They exercise a ministry of the Word in preaching and teaching, and Ministry at the Altar, in assisting the celebrant at Mass, in officiating at certain liturgies, and preparing people for and officiating at Baptisms and Weddings. Both the Ministry of Catechist and the Permanent Diaconate involve a sizeable period of discernment and formation. For a fuller description, please see the brochures that are available in your local Church. For a conversation and further information please contact Fr Hugh Clifford, Email catechistsdeacons@clonfertgalway.ie or Tel. 091 637154, before 31st May 2026.

Shrine of Our Lady of Clonfert – Come join in prayer for May Devotions. Confessions available Wednesdays and Fridays from 6.00pm onwards. Church open daily for private prayer, 7.00am to 11.00pm. For further information 090 967 5113 or email stbrenseyrecount@clonfertdiocese.ie Full schedule is on the website www.clonfertgalway.ie

Clonfert/Galway Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock on Sunday May 17th. Ceremonies beginning at 2.30pm with Sacrament of the sick, followed by Eucharist at 3pm, followed by Rosary Procession. All are invited and welcome.

40 Hours Eucharistic Adoration will take place from 6 pm on Fri. 1st May to 10 am on Sun. 3rd May in Clonfert Family Centre, Ballinasloe (H53 NX59). A time to give thanks and to invoke God's help and blessing as we enter Summer 2026. Everyone welcome. More info @ www.creideamh.ie/40-hours

Priests Retirement Fund Thank you for your donation to this collection which looks after the retired Priests of the Diocese.

Clonfert and Galway Priests Retreat: Please keep in your prayers our Priests who are on retreat this coming week.

Knock Pilgrimage to Pray for Peace in the Holy Land People from all over Ireland are invited to Knock Shrine on Saturday May 16, for a special pilgrimage to pray for peace in the Holy Land. The pilgrimage – organised by the papal charity Aid to the Church in Need – will be led by Bishop William Shomali from Bethlehem. Bishop Shomali will offer a message of hope at 11am, and celebrate Mass at 3pm. All are welcome. More information at www.acnireland.org
Join this year's Young Adult Camino Pilgrimage (ages 18–35), 11th–20th July 2026. Walk the final 100km from Sarria to Santiago with Bishop Michael Duignan. Step out in faith and experience the grace of the Camino. Includes flights, accommodation and visit to Finisterre
Contact youthpilgrimage@clonfertgalway.ie

The Day Care Centre Eyrecourt is now open for all services, Contact Margaret 0872699560. Trip to Knock Shrine on Thursday May 14th.

Diocese of Clonfert, Galway, Kilmacduagh and Kilfenora Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2026, led by Bishop Michael Duignan departing from Shannon 29 June for 5 nights. Further enquiries contact Society Travel, Ballinasloe 090 9645350 or Joe Walsh Tours 01 2410 800.

Interested in becoming a priest in the Dioceses of Clonfert, Galway, Kilmacduagh and Kilfenora? – come and find out more about Diocesan Priesthood at our Vocations Afternoon on Sunday May 10th, 2026. For more information contact Fr Ian on 087 2048497 or email at: priesthood@clonfertgalway.ie

Managing Emotions Wellbeing workshop. On Wednesday, 6th May, (1.30 - 4.30 pm). For more information please contact: Amanda Hunt, Email: regarirecoverycollege@gmail.com, Tel: 087 968 4352. All voices welcome. 18+

Eyrecourt Active Retirement trip to Slieve Russell Hotel Cavan in June Places available, Contact Rita on 0868728619 or Mary 0876470138.

Calling Young Adults to Join the 2026 Pilgrimage to Lourdes Between the ages of 18 and 25? Interested in joining the Clonfert, Galway, Kilmacduagh and Kilfenora Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2026 as a member of pilgrimage staff? Become part of the vibrant team assisting pilgrims who otherwise would not be able to travel. For those who have taken part in the past it has been an unforgettable and enriching experience. This year's pilgrimage takes place from 29 June to 4 July. For further information, staff rates, and application forms contact Darina, mob. 085 2288043, email dmccarthy@clonfertgalway.ie, or contact your local parish priest.

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 accordballinasloe@gmail.com

CHURCH MUSIC AVAILABLE FOR WEDDINGS AND FUNERALS. For information, Contact Katie by ringing 0872590302

HopeSpace supports children and young people (4-17 years) grieving the loss of someone they love. We provide a free one-to-one in person listening service in a confidential, caring and supportive environment. Contact Áine at support@hopespace.ie or call 091 342566/087 4667506 for more details.

Connaught Retreat Day – Catholic Mothers Ireland invite you to a Connaught Retreat Day on Saturday, 9th May, from 10am–6pm at the Fr Peyton Centre, Attymass (F26 X884). A day of prayer, reflection, and spiritual renewal with guest speakers Br Ronan Sharpley OFM, Children's Rosary Ireland, and Fr Valerian Castelino C.S.C. Lunch and refreshments provided. Cost: €50 (assistance available if needed). Booking: www.catholicmothers.ie/retreats All welcome — bring a friend.

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