

## Anniversaries

Maisie O'Sullivan, Ballyhooleen.

Margaret Twomey, Lissarda.

Daniel Twomey, Lissarda.

Con Sweeney, Bawnleigh.

Mary Murphy, Skehanagh.

Michael Jordan, Tulligmore.

Angela Blanchfield, Rigsdale.

Humphrey Mulcahy, Corran.

Elizabeth O'Leary, Killarney.

Danny O'Leary, Meadstown.

Lily O'Leary, Meadstown.

Pa and Mary O'Leary, Ballea.

Joe & Eileen Bowen, Killingley.

Mary Forrest, Ballygarvan Upper.

Marian McCarthy, Goggins Hill.

## We Remember

Eustace Burke, Carrigaline.

Margaret O'Donovan, Farmers Cross.

Mary(Molly) O'Mahony, Ballysho -  
oneen who died recently. *We pray for  
their families, neighbours & friends.*

## Blessing of Candles

**Saturday February 2nd:**

*Feast of the Presentation of the Lord.* This feast is a combined remembrance of the Son and the Mother and celebrated as *World Day for Consecrated Life*, in the calendar of the Church. *It is candlemas day and Candles will be blessed at 7.00pm Mass in Ballyheada.*



## MASS TIMES

**Next Week**

**Monday 28th:-**

*Ballygarvan No Mass*

**Tuesday 29th:-**

*Goggins Hill No Mass*

**Thursday 31st:-**

*Ballyheada No Mass*

**Friday 1st:-**

*Ballygarvan 9.30am*

*Ballyheada 8.00pm*

Friday is the **First Friday of February.**  
Fr. Kieron and Sr. Josephine will make the usual monthly visits.

**Saturday 2nd:-**

*Ballyheada 7.00pm*

*(Blessing of Candles at 7.00pm Mass)*

**Sunday 3rd:-**

*Ballygarvan 10.00am*

*Goggins Hill 11.30am*

*(St. Blaise, bishop & martyr and St. Ansgar, are not celebrated this year)*

## Grandparents Day

This year Wednesday **January 30th** of *Catholic Schools Week* is the day for the school community to celebrate and pay tribute to grandparents and the role they play in handing on the faith to their grandchildren and in supporting the community of faith at home and in the parish.

# Ballinhassig Parish

## Newsletter

*for Ballygarvan, Ballyheada and Goggins Hill*



**Vol. 21 No. 20 Sunday: January 27th, 2013 (Third Sunday In Ordinary Time)**

*Mary O'Halloran writes....*

## Feast of St. Brigid

*St. Brigid. 'The Mary of the Gael's* as she has been known to generations of Irish people celebrate her *Feast day on February 1st.* She is



remembered for her hospitality and hard work, as a woman of God and a woman of the people. Her powerful personality appealed

to all, from those on high to the humble beggar. She was born near Dundalk A.D. c454 to a pagan chieftan father (Dubhach) and a Christian slave mother (Broicsech) Brigid's mother was sent away but Brigid later returned to take her mothers place in the usual round of bondswoman's duties-minding livestock, serving meals etc. She was given charge of the dairy but gave much of the produce away to the poor which enraged her father. In time the father tried to arrange a marriage for his daughter.

She choose a life of prayer, service to God and to the poor. She became the first nun in Ireland, forming the first religious community for women in Ireland in Ardagh, but later



moved to what is now Kildare, her most famous where she founded a double monastery with the assistance of bishop Conleth. Brigid and seven others completed their novitiate there and went to make their final vows to St.Mel, bishop of Armagh and nephew of St. Patrick. Her convent grew and she travelled all over Ireland, she tended the sick, built schools, made vestments etc. She was so loved by bishops, priests, chieftans that she became known as *'The Mary of the Gaels'* She died A.D. 525 shortly after her 70th birthday, her sisters kept a fire burning in an enclosure at her Kildare convent for centuries after.

St. Brigid is the patroness of cattle; infants; midwives; blacksmiths; poets, nuns & students. *St. Brigid is depicted in art as a nun with a Cross woven from rushes,*

*a crozier, fire (candle, lamp or bowl of fire) or a cow.*



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## St. Brigid's Cross & Customs

*How do you make a Saint Brigid Cross?*

Get at least 12 pieces of reed or straw (16 is better) take the shortest one and hold it upright



Take a **second** straw and fold it in the middle. Wrap the second straw around the first one at the centre so that it opens to your right. Pull it tight. Rotate 90 degrees counter clockwise, holding it at the centre where the straws come together.

Take a **third** and wrap it around the second so that it opens to your right. Pull it tight. Rotate 90 degrees counter clockwise, holding it at the centre where the straws come together.

Take a **fourth** and wrap it around the third so that it opens to your right. Pull it tight. Rotate 90 degrees counter clockwise, holding it at the centre where the straws come together.

You will always be adding a straw at the top so it opens to your right, then turning the entire assemblage 90 degrees counter clockwise, and repeating (*add to the right, turn to the left*)

*Secure the ends of the arms of the Cross with twine, ribbon, or rushes and trim the ends so that they're even.*

In olden times these were made in every home every year. When made they were blessed with Holy Water hung up in the home and left in place until next year to be burned and replaced with a new one.

People also hang a cloth or ribbon out on a bush or tree on the eve of her Feast Day believing that if she touches it, it would have curative powers. These cloths are called "**St. Brigid's Mantle**"

*As part of the Year of Faith 2012/2013 maybe we could make an effort to revive the tradition and make a St. Brigid's Cross.*  
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## Ballyheada Church Wall

Qualified persons are invited to tender for work in association with **Ballyheada Church Boundary Wall.**

All tenders will be treated in the strictest confidence and interested parties are invited to inspect the works by appointment.



Description and drawings of the proposed works is available from the **P.A.N. Centre/Parish Office at 4885062** or leave name, address or contact number in the letter box outside P.A.N. Centre door.

## Showtime - Parish

*'Carry on Regardless 2013' is back in the Marian Hall, Ballinhassig from **Thursday March 14th to Monday March 18th.***

**Registration night for Adults:-**  
**Tuesday January 29th in the Marian Hall at 8.00pm.**

**Registration for Children:-**  
**Saturday January 26th in the Marian Hall at 4.00pm.**



## Ballinhassig Parish Assembly



## Parish Social

**Saturday February 16<sup>th</sup> at 8.00pm sharp**

**Marian Hall, Ballinhassig.**

**Meal Provided By:-  
Tadhg Long Catering Marian Hall.**

**Music by Barry O'Halloran**

**Tickets 20Euro & Available from:-**

**Cottrell's Gala, Ballinhassig  
Mary P.A.N. Centre (Parish Office) 4885062 or**

**Parish Assembly Members.**



## Thank You

The Matron, staff and community in **Kinsale Community Hospital** would like to sincerely thank the parishioners of **Ballinhassig Parish**, and especially **Ballyheada church area** for their donations of **Christmas Hampers.**



## History Society AGM

*Ballygarvan & District Local*

*Historical Society:-*

**AGM on Thursday  
January 31st at 7.45pm in  
Ballygarvan old N.S.**



followed by a talk on  
*"Ireland Reaching Out" a new reverse*

*Genealogy project covering  
the entire parish of Ballinhassig  
and beyond. All welcome.*



## BCDA Bag Packing

*Ballinhassig Community Development Association* have been allocated '**Bag Packing Time**' in Tesco and require help.



Have you one hour to spare on **Sunday January 27th between 12noon and 6.00pm.**

Contact Con **4885756** or Kay **087/2944637** for details.

Your support in the past was much appreciated, your continued support would be appreciated and essential to maintain and finance the outstanding debt on the **Marian Hall.**

## Weight Loss

New Nutrition and weight loss class commencing on **February 5th** in the **Marian Hall**, Ballinhassig. Weigh in, advice and recipes. Information and booking **086/3864321.**

## Congratulations

*Congratulations to the pupils and staff of Kinsale Community School on winning the **BT Young Scientist of the Year** competition and also to those who won individual category awards.*