

Anniversaries

Jimmy Butler, Barrett's Hill.
Julia Spillane, Summer Hill.
John Cullinane, Dunderrow.
Vera Madden, Goggins Hill.
John Murphy, Old Abbey.
Liam Barrett, Killeady.
Cathy Deasy, Ballea.
Kate Twomey, Lissarda.
Tadgh Twomey, Lissarda.
Jerry Murphy, Old Abbey.
Richard Looney, Farnanes.
Mary O'Mahony, Ballygarvan.
Catherine Cullinane, Farlistown.
Michael Cosgrave, Ballinphellic.
Fr. Liam Cosgrave, Ballinphellic.
Edward O'Connell, Ballinspittle.
Catherine Cosgrave, Ballinphellic.
Denis & Eileen O'Connor, Upton.
Margaret O'Mahony, Skibbereen.
William O'Mahony, Skibbereen.

We Remember

James (Jim) Dwyer, Fivemile Bridge who died during the week. *We pray for his family, neighbours and friends.*

In death life is changed not ended

Special Collection

Reminder:- The Special Collection this week end Saturday/Sunday **March 14th/15th** is for the **Bishops' Commissions**.

2015 Ballinhassig Parish Newsletter

Notices for inclusion should be received not later than 2.00pm on Wednesday
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MASS TIMES

Next Week

Monday 16th:-

Ballygarvan: 9.30am



St. Patrick's Day

VIGIL MASS March 16th:

Ballyheada: 7.00pm

Tuesday :- **March 17th**

Ballygarvan 10.00am
Goggins Hill 11.30am

Thursday 19th:-

Ballyheada 10.00am

Saturday 21st

Ballyheada 7.00pm

Sunday 22nd:-

Ballygarvan 10.00am
Goggins Hill 11.30am

Lenten Adoration

Parishioners are encouraged to continue during Lent to...

***Make time to pray together as a family.

***Call to the Church and Pray the Stations of the Cross.

*** Make an effort to call to or do something extra for a neighbour or someone in need.



Ballinhassig Parish

Newsletter

for Ballygarvan, Ballyheada and Goggins Hill



Vol. 23 No. 28 Sunday: March 15th, 2015 (Fourth Sunday of Lent)

Mary O'Halloran
submits....

St. Patrick Patron of Ireland

It can be difficult to separate fact from fiction in the life of St. Patrick, not unusual when he was probably born more than 1,600 years ago. His life is a wonderful example of how God brings good out of evil.



He tells us in his "confessions" how he was brought to Ireland to work as a slave at the age of 16, until that time he had little knowledge of God. In his loneliness and isolation he discovered the Lord, praying as many as 1000 prayers by day and the same by night as he tended the sheep on Sliabh Migh. Finally escaping, probably to France, he could not forget the needs of the pagans in Ireland.

He was consecrated bishop at the age of forty three. In a dream it seemed the people of Ireland were calling on him to return. Patrick took this as a call from God and lit a flame on the hill of Tara on Holy Saturday night which has never since been extinguished.



During this time he converted many, ordained priests, divided the country into dioceses, held church councils, founded several monasteries for both sisters and brothers, throughout the country. Patrick is the Patron Saint and credited with bringing Christianity to Ireland.

The "Breastplate" of St. Patrick gives us a good example of his spirituality.



Christ shield me this day:

*Christ with me, Christ before me,
Christ behind me, Christ in me,
Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ on my right, Christ on my left,
Christ when I lie down, Christ when I arise,
Christ in the heart of every person who thinks of me,
Christ in the mouth of every person who speaks of me,
Christ in the eye that sees me,
Christ in the ear that hears me.*

Mothers Day in Ireland?

The history of celebrating *Mothers Sunday or Mothers Day* in Ireland can be traced to the medieval practice where children from poor families were sent to work as domestic servants and apprentices to work with the rich. Once in the year in the middle of Lent the children were given a day off to visit their 'Mother Church' and worship the Virgin Mary. After visiting the Mother Church or Cathedral of their home town these children visited their mothers and presented them with flowers they picked along the way. Some girls baked a special Mothering Cake on the day.



Patterns of living changed after the Industrial Revolution and Mothering Sunday celebrations almost lapsed. The custom was revived after World War 11. **We now celebrate Mothers Day on the fourth Sunday of Lent.**

On this day people present their mothers with cards, flowers and other gifts to express love and gratitude.



Wishing all Mothers; Grandmothers; Great Grandmothers; Godmothers, Stepmothers etc. of the parish, and Mothers everywhere a very Happy Mother's Day this Sunday March 15th, 2015.

We also remember and pray for all those who have left their earthly homes and returned home to God.

You are all in our thoughts and prayers.

A Mother's Love

There are times when only a Mother's love can understand our tears, can soothe our disappointments, And calm all of our fears.

There are times when only a Mother's love, can share the joy we feel when something we've dreamed about, quite suddenly is real.

There are times when only a Mother's faith, can help us on life's way and inspire in us the confidence, we need from day to day.

For a Mother's heart and a Mother's faith and a Mother's steadfast love Were fashioned by the Angels And sent from God above...

(author unknown)

Mothers Day

The most important person on earth is a Mother.

She cannot claim the honour of having built Notre Dame Cathedral.

She need not.

She has built something more magnificent than any cathedral – a dwelling for an immortal soul, the tiny perfection of her baby's body...

The angels have not been blessed with such a grace.

They cannot share in God's creative miracle to bring new saints to Heaven. Only a human mother can.

Mothers are closer to God the Creator than any other creature; God joins forces with mothers in performing this act of creation...

"What on God's good earth is more glorious than this; to be a Mother?"

(Cardinal Joseph Mindszenty)

Active Retirement Club

Ballinhassig Parish Social & Active Retirement Club are organising an 'Overnight Trip to Dublin'

If interested contact one of the following before the end of March.



Noreen 4888213;

Mary 4885245;

Breda 4885449; or John 087/7546818.

Depending on the numbers interested will determine whether the trip will go ahead or not. All welcome.

Also Lunch in Kirby's on March 31st.

If interested names to any of above as soon as possible.



Vintage Run

Ballygarvan Vintage Club will hold a 'Vintage Run' on Sunday **March 29th**, commencing from Bridgies at 12noon. *Tractors; Cars; Bikes; etc.* welcome. *Proceeds in aid of Local Charities.*

Community Alert

Ballinhassig Parish Community Alert Group invite any elderly or vulnerable person who inadvertently has not been contacted about a **Personal Alarm** to contact any committee member or Parish Office **4885062** about the provision of same.

Note: Now more than ever we all need to be more vigilant of strangers in the area, some of these can be very convincing, posing as representatives from legitimate organisations and targeting the elderly and vulnerable of the parish. Please report any theft of property, beware as theft of oil and diesel is on the increase at present.



We all need to:-

Be active, Be alert, Be involved.

Daffodil Day

Coffee Morning in aid of the Irish Cancer Society's 28th



Daffodil Day will be held on March 27th in the home of **John O'Callaghan, Rathroe** from 10.00am-6.00pm. All welcome.

Could You Foster

Five Rivers Fostering are holding an information evening at the **Carrigaline Court Hotel** on Thursday **March 26th at 8.00pm**. In attendance will be **Five Rivers Fostering** social workers and some of our current foster carers. We will be giving a short presentation on fostering and answering questions. Further details from **021/7355977** or **www.fiveriversfostering.ie**

Cookery Class

Pavilion Garden Centre, Ballygarvan will hold a *cookery class* with *Anne Zagar* on Wednesday **March 18th** at 10.30am. Anne will demonstrate Easter buns and seasonal tray bakes. Places limited, details and booking **4888134**.

Floral Demonstration

Waterfall/Ballinora Garden and Lifestyle Club will host a 'Spring Floral Demonstration & Workshop' by *Maureen O'Keefe* on Monday **March 23rd** in the Scout Den, Ballinora. Details of workshop requirements contact **087/6451540**. All welcome.



Ceili

Tracton GAA - Ceili St. Patrick's Night 9.00pm-12.00pm. Music Ger & Ken. Proceeds to Rennie's N.S., All welcome.