

## Anniversaries

Mortimer Fenton, Ballinphellic.  
Con Sweeney, Bawnleigh.  
Hannah Deasy, Bawnleigh.  
Denis O'Leary, Killarney.  
Mary Murphy, Skehanagh.  
Sheehan Family, Ballyduhig.  
Michael Jordan, Tulligmore.  
Daniel Twomey, Lissarda.  
Margaret Twomey, Lissarda.  
Humphrey Mulcahy, Corran.  
Mary Twomey, Ballygarvan.  
Timothy Crowley, Ballyduhig.  
Maureen Coughlan, Adamstown.  
Marian McCarthy, Goggins Hill.  
Mary Forrest, Ballygarvan Upper.  
John, Rita & Ted Harnedy, Youghal.  
Cornelius (Con) Hurley, Ballyguinnane.



## We Remember

**Kathleen Bermingham** (née Walsh)  
Ballyphehane;  
**Michael O'Reilly**, Ballintemple;  
**Sean Drinan**, Carrigaline;  
**Peggy O'Connell** (née Dineen)  
Blarney who died recently. *We pray for their families, neighbours and friends.*



*In death life is changed not ended*

## The Church Is It Relevant?

A discussion facilitated by Dr. Anne Francis, organised by **Douglas Churches Together** will be held in **Douglas Library** on Tuesday **February 14th at 11.30am**. Tea/Coffee served from 11.00am. All welcome.



2017 Ballinhassig Parish Newsletter

Notices for inclusion should be received not later than 2.00pm on Wednesday by Mary O'Halloran (4885062,4885257) Mary O'Donovan (4888268), PAN Centre/Parish Office (phone/fax 4885062) info@ballinhassigparish.com www.ballinhassigparish.com Parish Priest:- Fr. Christy Fitzgerald Telephone: 4885104 or 087/9439666

## MASS TIMES Next Week

### Monday 30th:-

*Ballygarvan 9.30am*

### Tuesday 31st:-

*Goggins Hill 9.30am*

### Thursday 2nd:-

*Ballyheada 10.00am*  
*Blessing of Candles – Candlemas Day*



### Friday 3rd:-

*Ballygarvan 9.30am*  
*Blessing of Throats after Mass*

*Ballyheada 8.00pm*  
*Blessing of Throats after Mass*

### Saturday 4th:-

*Ballyheada 7.00pm*

### Sunday 5th:-

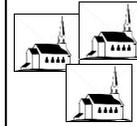
*Ballygarvan 10.00am*  
*Goggins Hill 11.30am*

Friday is the **First Friday of February**. Fr. Christy will make the usual monthly visits to the **housebound on Friday**.

## Parish Catechist Course

On **January 28th**, 38 people began the **Maryvale Certificate in Catechesis**. We ask you to remember them in your prayers as they begin this two year course in preparation to be commissioned as Parish Catechists. Also award ceremony for those who have completed their two year Maryvale Certificate in RCIA Catechesis.

# Ballinhassig Parish



## Newsletter

*for Ballygarvan, Ballyheada and Goggins Hill*

Vol. 24 No. 20 Sunday: January 29th, 2017 (Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time)

*Fr. Christy writes....*

## A Charter For Christian Living

Don't you just love the Beatitudes. They sound so full of hope, compassion and love. You can't help but wonder at times, when they are talking about the poor, the lonely, the bereaved, those yearning for justice, people who work tirelessly for peace: how can they be so blessed?

Maybe that's the truth of it though. It is a blessing surely, that we are not judging by the standards of this world and by the values of the world today. Jesus does tell us such people are surely blessed but in a special way. They are blessed as the chosen of God and through them we meet the Lord himself.



The prophet Zephaniah in the reading from the Old Testament this weekend reminds us 'Seek the Lord, all you, the humble of the earth, who obey his commands. Seek integrity, seek humility...' The message is clear to us. We seek the Lord and we find him in faith, in the hearts and lives of those around us.

It means very simply that we are to be the blessing on those who are in need in any way, and in responding to them we no longer seek the Lord because we have truly found him, and in doing so, we become blessed ourselves! Not an easy ask though, but then again, the Beatitudes are our charter for Christian living.

Faith is more than just the words we say, it is also about what we do with them afterwards.



**Catholic Schools Week 2017** begins on **January 29th** and concludes on **February 4th**. Theme for this year is 'Catholic Schools- Learning with Pope Francis to Care for our Common Home'. Wednesday 1st is **Grandparents Day**.

*Loving God, Bless all our grandparents, those with us here today, those who cannot be with us and those who have gone to be with you.*



## Feast of Saint Brigid

**S**t. Brigid. 'The Mary of the Gael's as she has been known to generations of Irish people celebrates 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 (Dubthach) 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-including 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 Brigid 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.

Saint 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.



## Blessing of Candles



**Thursday February 2nd:**

**Feast of the Presentation of the Lord.** This feast is a combined remembrance of the Son & the Mother and celebrated as **World Day for Consecrated Life**, in the Church calendar

**It is candlemas day, Candles will be blessed at the 10.00am Mass in**



**Ballyheada.** If you cannot attend and would like to get your candles blessed, bring them labelled with **your name & church name and leave in the box in church porch as follows:-**

**Ballygarvan:- Monday; Goggins Hill:- Tuesday; Ballyheada:- Wednesday.**

## Blessing of Throats

**Friday February 3rd:**

**Feast of St. Blaise, Bishop & Martyr.**

**Blessing of throats will take place after:-**

**Mass in Ballygarvan Friday 3rd at 9.30am**

**Mass in Ballyheada Friday 3rd at 8.00pm**

Since the eight century St. Blaise has been venerated as the Patron for sore throats and sick cattle.



Using two crossed and unlighted candles, the priest touches the throat of each person saying: **Through the intercession of St. Blaise, bishop & martyr, may God deliver you from all ailments of the throat and from every other illness. In the name of the Father ..... Amen.**

## St. Vincent De Paul

### Thank You

St. Joseph's Conference of St. Vincent

De Paul would like to sincerely thank all who contributed so generously to our **Christmas Church Gate**

**Thank You!**

**collections** at Ballygarvan, Ballyheada and Goggins Hill, which raised **2,089.11Euro.**

We would also like to thank the following for their fundraising efforts and donations throughout the year:

**Ballinhassig Camogie Club** Fundraising Ceili **300.00Euro**, **Ballinhassig Parish Social & Active Retirement Club** **100.00Euro**; **Carrigaline Community School** **636.00Euro**; **Ballygarvan National School** **1090.00Euro** and **Anonymous** donation of **200.00Euro.**

Sincere thanks to all for your continued support throughout the year.

## Goggin's Hill Youth

### Choir

**Goggin's Hill Youth Choir** is open to new

members. Anyone in the community who is in second class or older is



very welcome to come along and join us. We practice twice a month and usually sing once a month.

**PRACTICE ONLY Goggins Hill**

**Church January 29th & February 26th from 10.30am-11.10am. PRACTICE 10.30am, followed by Mass 11.30am on February 12th & March 12th.** Further information Claire **086/6024262** or Henrietta **085/1695982.**

**Thought For The Week**

**Life can only be understood backwards, But it must be lived forward.**

## Social & Active Group

**Ballinhassig Parish Social & Active Retirement Group:-**

### Special General Meeting

**Wednesday February 8th at 7.30pm**

**Marian Hall, Ballinhassig**

### Purpose of Meeting:-

Amendment of constitution, election of committee members and **election to the post of Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer.**



If new committee members and the 3 posts cannot be filled, the group will have to be dissolved. All welcome.

## Enrolment Goggins Hill

### N.S. 2017.

Enrolment forms for Junior Infants 2017 are now available from the school office **4885241** or email:- **info@gogginshillschool.com**



## Coffee Morning

Coffee Morning in aid of 'The Down Syndrome Centre Cork' will be held on Sunday **February 5th from 11.00am** in the **New School Hall, Ballygarvan.** Further details contact Nora **087/9201567.** Support appreciated.



All welcome.

## Childminder Wanted

**Childminder wanted** in the Ballinhassig area, **two days per week initially**, to mind child in the **minders own home.** Further details **Karena 087/6699715.**



**Childminder wanted** to mind 3 boys (2 in school) **in own home** 2-3 days per week. Details contact **086/8347045.**