

## Anniversaries

Madge O'Sullivan, Fivemile Bridge.  
Dan O'Sullivan, Fivemile Bridge.  
Denis Reynolds, Ballynaloughy.  
Hannah Deasy, Ballynaloughy.  
Seamus Aherne, Barrett's Hill.  
Catherine Aherne, Barrett's Hill.  
Denis Finn, Fivemile Bridge.  
David Finn, Fivemile Bridge.  
Bernie Shiels, Rigsdale.  
Thomas & Rose Murphy, Newbridge.  
John & Kathleen Keating, The Curragh.



## We Remember

*Mary Griffin (née McCarthy)*  
Clougheenduan;



*Maura O'Sullivan (née Harrington)*  
Carrigaline who died during the week.  
*We pray for their families,  
neighbours and friends.*



## Sympathy

We offer our sympathy to **Paddy Griffin**, Clougheenduan on the death of his wife **Mary**;



*Esther, Brenda, Thomas, Cora,  
Geraldine and Olive Corcoran, Farmers Cross* on the death of their father **Tom Corcoran, Farmers Cross**.  
*Sympathy also to all other relatives,  
neighbours and friends of the above.*

**Stations of the Cross for Lent** in **Ballygarvan Church** on Thursday **March 28th at 7.30pm**. All welcome.

## MASS TIMES Next Week

**Monday 25th:-**  
*Ballygarvan 9.30am*

**Tuesday 26th:-**  
*Goggins Hill No 9.30am*  
*Confirmation Goggins Hill 10.30am*

**Thursday 28th:-**  
*Ballyheada 10.00am*

**Saturday 30th:- Vigil Mass**  
*Ballyheada 7.00pm*

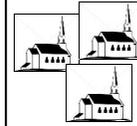
**Sunday 31st:-**  
*Ballygarvan 10.00am*  
*Goggins Hill 11.30am*

**Offertory Collection Week End**

January 6th	1360
January 13th	1500
January 20th	1455
January 27th	1147
February 3rd	1367
February 10th	1365
February 17th	1485
February 24th	1295

*The above does not include direct debits, standing orders, cheques and other one off payments. Thanks for your continued contributions towards parish costs.*

# Ballinhassig Parish



## Newsletter

*for Ballygarvan, Ballyheada and Goggins Hill*

**Vol. 27 No. 26 Sunday March 24th 2019 (Third Sunday of Lent)**

## HOLY GROUND

I remember that September day in 1979, Pope, now Saint John Paul went down on his knees and kissed the ground at Dublin airport. It was a powerful moment of witness. In this gesture, he recognised the land, more than that, he bowed to the sacredness of the land he had chosen to visit. Other than a visit to Poland, it was his first visit outside Rome and was to be the first of many to countries all over the world. This gesture of kissing the ground remained a central part of all his visits. Indeed, there is footage of him, feeble now and tired and unable to kneel on the ground, being brought a bowl of earth that he might kiss it and acknowledge, as he did in Dublin that day, the soil beneath our feet.

I think I understood it for what it was, a sign of reverence of the earth. Respect. Moses, in today's reading, is told to take off his shoes for the ground on which he walks is "holy ground". Respect. Reflecting again on Trócaire's Lenten Campaign this year, we are reminded of land-rights. Grass is grass and earth is earth wherever it is found, and rights are rights. There remains much injustice in our world. Much of Trócaire's work seems to be linked with being on the side of right rather than might. Respect.

Trócaire seeks to connect with like-minded people, native to the countries to which it brings aid, because these are the people who know the story best. The work done by Trócaire here in Ireland and abroad is crucial and the ability of people on our "ground" to recognise those best placed to make a difference is a key factor in the work being done and supported by us at parish level. When St. John Paul kissed the ground of Ireland, he made a statement around respect. He knew that he would be here for a limited amount of time but wanted the people of Ireland, like Moses, to recognise the holiness of the ground on which they walked and, to leave the world a better place, but in no way damaged, because we lived. Respect!

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*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) ballinhassigparish@gmail.com www.ballinhassigparish.com Parish Priest:- Fr. Christy Fitzgerald Telephone: 4885104 or 087/9439666*

## Matt Talbot Novena

Way Of The Cross Church, Togher  
Monday March 25th at 7.30pm  
Preacher:- Sr. Jennifer McAleer, Good Shepherd, Montenotte.  
Celebrant:- Fr. Colin Doocey,  
PP Mahon.  
Mass and Novena Prayers at  
7.30pm. All welcome.



## Pray For Vocations

Holy Hour To Pray For Vocations  
Venue:- Mercy Hospital Chapel  
Date:- Wednesday March 27th  
Time:- 3.00pm- 4.00pm  
All welcome.



## Knock & Lough Derg

Date:- May 20th - 22nd  
Package includes two nights accommodation, two evening meals and Lough Derg Retreat.  
Itinerary:- Monday May 20th:- Mass at Glenstal Abbey, Limerick on route to Lough Derg.  
Tuesday May 21st:- Lough Derg Retreat 9.30am-4.00pm.  
Wednesday May 22nd:- Visit Knock  
Booking 023/8849196, 087/6167835 or cormac@oconnorbushire.com

## Catholic Young Adults Conference 2019 (18-40)

"Be not afraid"  
Mary Woman of Courage  
Venue:- Dominican Retreat Centre, Ennismore, Cork.  
Date:- Saturday March 30th  
Time:- 11.00am - 6.00pm  
Workshops, Testimonies, Lunch, Mass & Adoration. Cost:- 15Euro inc. Lunch  
Guest speaker Fr. Marius O'Reilly  
Booking and details 087/7914975 or 087/2414635.  
(Legion of Mary Project)

## Anam Cara Cork

The Organisation that supports bereaved parents, will hold a 'Parent Evening' in the Clayton Hotel, Silver Springs, Cork  
Date:- Wednesday April 3rd  
Time:- 7.20pm  
This is a Free Event and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age or circumstances of your child's death whether recent or not. All welcome.



## Marriage Enrichment Weekend

April 12th to 14th, Cork  
Refresh, renew, rekindle your marriage relationship on a Marriage Enrichment Weekend. Details & booking 086/8334382 or 087/2162436 or www.marriageencounter.ie



## Nano Nagle Birthplace

Day Of Relaxation /Meditation with Sr. Eileen Nash  
Date:- Saturday March 30th  
Time:- 10.30am-3.30pm;  
cost 25Euro inc. tea/coffee, bring a packed lunch.  
Booking essential 353 22 26411 or email: secretary@nanonaglebirthplace.ie



## Women Of Faith

A Catholic Conference for Women  
Venue:- SMA Parish Centre, Wilton, Cork  
Date:- Saturday May 25th  
Time:- 9.30am-3.30pm  
Speakers, Mass with Archbishop Okolo, Papal Nuncio. Confessions & Adoration. Bring a packed lunch. Donation only.  
Enquiries to 086/8760058.

## Lent Retreat Day

With Dom Richard Purcell OCSO on Saturday March 30th from 10.00am -5.00pm at Bons Secours Convent, College Rd., Booking 087/2209994 or evapost@gmail.com

## Social & Active Retirement Club

Ballinhassig Parish Social & Active Retirement Club  
Upcoming Events:- April & May



Monthly Social April 11th from 2.30pm - 4.30pm.  
These social afternoons are open to all, particularly over 50's. Afternoon includes chat, cuppa, refreshments and special guest.

## Annual Outing:-

Wednesday May 1st (departure time later)  
Itinerary:- Breakfast in the Charleville Park Hotel on to Bunnratty Castle & Folk Park followed by a visit to the Crescent Shopping Centre, Limerick and then back to Blarney for Evening Meal followed by chat, music and dance. Cost 50Euro (including tickets to Folk Park, Bunnratty) Early booking essential as places will be filled on a first come first served basis with a waiting list.



Booking and details from:- Mairead Deasy 087/1376023; Joan McCann 087/9685484; Irene Forde 086/8611275; Mary O'Halloran 4885062 or 086/3183645 or any committee member. All welcome.

## Sunflower Day Volunteers

Volunteers needed to collect for a minimum of two hours on one or both days for Sunflower Days on June 7th & 8th in Cork City and surrounds. Typical areas will include Ballincollig, Douglas, Bishopstown, Blarney, Carrigaline etc. This is a fundraising initiative in aid of Marymount Hospital & Hospice and support of volunteers and the local community is central to this appeal. If you can spare a few hours please contact 087/6524716 or Parish Office 4885062.



## Thank You

Old Abbey Athletic Club sincerely thank all those who supported their recent collection. Your continued support appreciated.

## Clothing Collection

Ballincollig Community School will hold a 'Clothing Collection' on Monday April 1st. Clean Clothes, bed linen, paired shoes and handbags welcome. Your continued support appreciated.



## Calling All Singers!

Ballinhassig Parish Choir will participate in the Church Choir Interchange over the week-end of April 27th/28th as part of the Cork Choral Festival. New members are very welcome to come and join us over the coming weeks. Practices on:- Wednesday March 28th, April 10th & 24th at 8.15pm sharp in Ballygarvan Church. Further details 085/1695982.



Thought for the Week:-  
You don't get harmony when everybody sings the same note.

## Boston Tea Party

Ballygarvan Community Association will hold a "Boston Tea Party"  
Venue:- Old School, Ballygarvan  
Date:- Saturday April 13th  
Time:- 8.00pm  
How it Works:-  
Each host will serve a One Pot Dish & Dessert to friends. Cost 20Euro each. Few Tables still available.  
Booking and further details 086/3739460.  
All welcome.



## AGM Community Association

Ballygarvan Community Association AGM  
Venue:- Old School Ballygarvan  
Date:- Tuesday April 9th  
Time:- 8.00pm in the Community Centre (Old School) New members welcome.

## Old Abbey Athletic Club AGM

Venue:- Barrett's Bar, Killeady  
Date:- Thursday April 11th  
Time:- 8.00pm New members welcome.