

Anniversaries

Edmond (Eddie) Burke, Goggins Hill.
Kathleen Twohig, Goggins Hill.
Patricia (Pat) Connor, Corran.
John Casey, Ballygarvan.
Pat Hurley, Fivemile Bridge
Tom Buttimer, Kilmurriheen.
Dan Joe Sheehan, Ballyheada.
Fr. Wilfrid Ahern, Ballygarvan West.
Sr. Ellen Mary Ahern, Ballygarvan West.
Maureen Campbell, Rigsdale.
Tony Jeffers, Rigsdale.
Gretta Murphy, Bandon.
Kathleen Galvin, Newcestown.
Pearl O'Halloran, Farmers Cross.
Pat O'Donoghue, Gleann Dara.
Tim O'Callaghan, Ballyduhig.
Maureen Murphy, Bandon Road.
Christopher O'Callaghan, Ballea.
Christina O'Callaghan, Ballea.
James O'Sullivan, Lios Cross.
Tom O'Neill, Limerick.
Dan Looney, Ballygarvan.
Stephen Irwin, Ladysbridge.
Donie Deasy, Riverstick & Bawnleigh.
Marie Hickey, England & Ballyhooleen.

We Remember

Maura Kiely (née O'Keefe)
Ballinabearna & Mellifontstown,
Kinsale;

Mary Hickey (née O'Donoghue)
Clougheenduan & Rathmore, Co. Kerry;

John Bernard Prendergast, Rigsdale &
Clara, Co. Kilkenny;

Live Streamed

MASS Next Week

MONDAY- FRIDAY 10.00am
Ballinhassig Parish Facebook Page

Live Streamed

SUNDAY 11.00am
Ballinhassig Parish Facebook Page

The churches in this parish
are open Daily:- for
PERSONAL PRAYER
LIGHTING OF CANDLES

BALLYGARVAN:- 9.30am – 5pm
BALLYHEADA:- 9.30am – 5pm
GOGGINS HILL:- 9.30am – 5pm

**Please wear a mask, sanitise on
entry and exit, follow signage.
and maintain social distancing.**

Irish Catholic Paper

Please collect in Ballygarvan Church.

We Remember

John Joe Hurley, Dunmanway;
Marie Lambe, England;
Sr. Elizabeth Dromey, ODC
Kilmichael & Newry.

Mary Ellen (Mamie) Daly,
(née Butler) Riverstick who died recently.
We pray for their families,
neighbours, friends and carers.

In death Life is changed not ended.

2021 Ballinhassig Parish Newsletter

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Ballinhassig Parish

Newsletter

for Ballygarvan, Ballyheada and Goggins Hill

Vol. 29 No. 26 Sunday: April 25th, 2021 (Fourth Sunday of Easter)

WHOSE VOCATION IS IT?

“Pope Francis reminds us that holiness is not elitist or an imposed burden. It is an invitation to every human life, to know that each one of us is personally called, chosen and named by God for a kind purpose. Our vocation is to answer this kind invitation.”
(Fr. John. Cullen writing in Intercom)

Traditionally, on the fourth Sunday of Easter, Good Shepherd Sunday, we focus on praying for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. While this is vital and never more important than now when our need is enormous, it is also a time for us to pray for all God's people that they too hear his call and respond to him in the way they choose to live their life.

As a diocese we are facing the serious challenge of a shortage of priests. We are beginning a stage now, where not all parishes will have their own resident priest. Parishes will need to be reimagined and reshaped as they share the ministry of a priest. That will present a serious challenge for parishioners and for an ever decreasing number of priests who are also growing older. Who would have ever thought or imagined we would face a shortage of priests let alone a parish without a resident priest.

On this Vocations Sunday, as we pray for people to respond to God's call to the priesthood and religious life, we pray too that all members of the faith community (the parish) will respond to God's call and play their part in continuing the mission of preaching the Gospel in our world today.

It is only working together, all of us, priests and people, as members of the faith community, each sharing their gifts and talents, that we can respond to the challenges we face now and into the future for our Church.

Sympathy

We offer our sympathy to **Margaret, Carmel, Denis, Thomas, Cornelius, Catherine and Noreen Kiely**, Ballinabearna on the death of their mother **Maura Kiely**, Ballinabearna & Mellifontstown, Kinsale.



Donal Hickey, Clougheenduan on the death of his wife **Mary**, Clougheenduan & Rathmore, Co. Kerry.



Iris Prendergast, Rigsdale on the death of her husband **John Bernard Prendergast**, Rigsdale and Clara, Co. Kilkenny and **Clive, Glenn, Miriam, Michael and Isabella** on the death of **John Bernard Prendergast**, Rigsdale and Clara, Co. Kilkenny.



Catherine Healy, Ballinaboy and **Michael, John, Gerard and Fachtna** on the death of their father **John Joe Hurley**, Dunmanway.

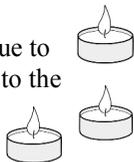
Breda Madden, Ballinvoltig on the death of her sister **Marie Lambe**, England.



Anne Sweetnam, Coolcullitha on the death of her mother **Mary Ellen (Mamie) Daly**, Riverstick. Sympathy also to all other relatives, neighbours and friends of the above.

Votive Lights

Thanks to all who continue to contribute so generously to the **Votive Lights collection** in our three churches.



Readings May 2nd

Acts 9:26-31. Ps 21:26-28, 30-32, R/v 26.
1 Jn 3:18-24.
Jn 15: 1-8.



Good Shepherd Sunday.

This Sunday April 25th is **Day of prayer for Vocations** and is **Good Shepherd Sunday**. This Sunday is a day of special prayer for vocations to the work of service in the church. Christ is the good shepherd who has given his life for his sheep.



Prayer for Vocations

God our Father, send workers into your harvest.

*May the spirit we received in baptism
Touch the hearts of many
To offer themselves in
priesthood, religious life
and other forms of service.*



Give parents and families the wisdom and courage to support young people in searching for and following the call of God in their lives. Amen.

Prayer to Greet the Day

Holy Spirit, give me wisdom and the courage of my convictions, as I make life decisions to-day and every day. Some may be simple, others complex, but all require honesty and quiet reflection.

I pray that, with your help and guidance, my heart will be open to God's will in whatever choices I am asked to make. Amen.



Thank You

John O'Callaghan, Rathroe sincerely thank those who contributed to **Daffodil Day 2021**. Again this year due to restrictions **Coffee Mornings etc.** could not be held. Your kindness and generosity for individual donations was much appreciated. A total of 400Euro has been lodged in aid of the Irish Cancer Society.



Ballygarvan Camogie Club Camogie Membership 2021

We hope all are staying safe and well as we continue to live with the impact of Covid-19. We have not increased our registration fees this year as we appreciate 2020 was a challenging year for everyone.



Membership can be paid **online** using **Ballygarvan Camogie Club's online registration and payment system with Clubforce**. We have groups from under 6 to Seniors. New members always welcome. Registration is easy follow the link on our website. <http://ballygarvancamogie.com/register/> All welcome.

Rosary for Month of May

You are invited to join **Jerry** for the **Rosary for the Month of May** on Monday, Wednesday & Friday at **8.00pm** live streamed from Ballyheada Church. **Facebook Live on Ballinhassig Parish Facebook**



Mass of the Sick Healing & Light

Live Streamed from Ballygarvan Church on Tuesday **May 4th at 7.30pm.**

Synodal Pathway

HOW MIGHT ALL VOICES BE HEARD ABOUT CHURCH?

How do we go about changing the mindset about how the Catholic Church is shaped? We're used to thinking hierarchically or top down. The Irish Catholic Bishop's have announced first steps in a process to change this perception and this reality.

So how do we bring about a faith community where everyone has an equal respected and valued voice? This is what the bishops-and Pope Francis-are calling 'synodality'

*The hope is to have everyone share their insights on the Catholic Church in Ireland and through that process also bring about renewal. But that prompts a first question: **how might that happen?** What methods might be useful to create this 'conversation'*

*The bishops are asking for suggestions on that first question **between now and Pentecost Sunday, May 23rd.** Further details:- <https://www.catholicbishops.ie/synod/> You are invited to send your thoughts to the bishops by typing it at:-<https://www.catholicbishops.ie/synod/submissions/>*

*Thought for the week
Your contribution is unique, value it.*