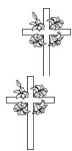


Anniversaries

Biddy O'Meara, Ballyleigh.
Timothy & Mary O'Keeffe,
Adamstown Lower.



Saturday 1st:- Vigil
Ballyheada 7.30pm

Mass Intentions:-
William Deasy, Bawnleigh.
Mary Murphy, Skehanagh.
Daniel Desmond, Rigsdale.

Sunday 2nd:-
Ballygarvan 10.30am

Mass Intentions:-
Ellen Moore, Myrtle Hill.
(1st Anniversary)

Denis Bernard, Meadstown.
John Timmons, Cahergal.
Mary Twomey, Ballygarvan.

Goggins Hill 12noon

Mass Intentions:-
Dermot O'Mahony, Goggins Hill.
Marion McCarthy, Goggins Hill.
Margaret O'Mahony, Goggins Hill.

We Remember

Joe Hanley, Allihies.

Jim and Margaret Collins,
Bishopstown who died recently.
We pray for their families,
neighbours, friends and carers.



In death Life is changed not ended.

MASS TIMES Next Week:-

Wednesday 5th:-
Goggins Hill 9.30am

Thursday 6th:-
Ballyheada 9.30am

Friday 7th:-
Ballygarvan 9.30am
Holy Hour after Mass.

Ballyheada:-
Holy Hour 7.00pm-8.00pm

Saturday 8th:-
Ballyheada 7.30pm
First Saturday Prayers before
Mass at 6.50pm.

Sunday 9th:-
Ballygarvan 10.30am
Goggins Hill 12noon

Votive Lights

Thanks to all who continually donate to the votive lights in our churches.

Readings February 9th

Is 6:1-8. Ps 137:1-5, 7-8, R/ v 1.
1 Cor 15:1-11.
Lk 5:1-11.



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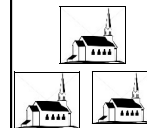
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for Ballygarvan, Ballyheada and Goggins Hill



Vol. 33 No. 22 Sunday: February 2nd, 2025 (The Presentation Of The Lord)

Mary O'H
writes...

Lá Fhéile Bríde February 1st

St. 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 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 *and 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.*



Prayer to Saint Brigid. You were a woman of peace. You brought harmony where there was conflict. You brought light to the darkness. You brought hope to the downcast. May the mantle of your peace cover those who are troubled and anxious, and may peace be firmly rooted in our hearts and in our world. **Amen.**

St. Brigid's Cross

How to 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.



World Day for Consecrated Life

In 1997, Pope John Paul II instituted a day of prayer for women and men in consecrated life.

This celebration is attached to the *Feast of the Presentation of the Lord on February 2nd.*

This Feast is also known as *Candlemas Day*; the day on which candles are blessed symbolising Christ who is the light of the world. Those in consecrated life are called to reflect the light of Jesus Christ to all peoples.



Parish Confirmation

February 14th:- Ballygarvan
February 27th:- Goggins Hill.

Saint Brigid's Customs

In olden times a *Saint Brigid's Cross* was 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 *St. Brigid* touches it, it would have curative powers. These cloths are called "**St. Brigid's Mantle**"
Maybe this year we could begin to revive the tradition of making a St. Brigid's Cross at home.



Blessing of Candles

Sunday February 2nd:
Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. This feast is a combined remembrance of the Son & the Mother celebrated as **World Day for Consecrated Life**, in the Church calendar.

It is known as Candlemas Day. Candles will be blessed at Mass on: **-Saturday 1st & Sunday 2nd** for use throughout the year.

The Flame symbolises Christ's Divinity;
The wick symbolises Christ's soul and the **wax** symbolises Christ's body.

(Bring your own Candles)



Blessing of Throats

Saturday /Sunday February 1st/2nd

Feast of St. Blaise, Bishop & Martyr is celebrated on February 3rd.

Blessing of throats will take place after:-

All Masses this week end.

The blessing of **St. Blaise** is a sign of our faith in God's protection and love for us and for the sick.

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.**



Social & Active

Ballinhassig Parish Social & Active Retirement Club First monthly social of 2025 on **Thursday February 13th** in the *Marian Hall*, Ballinhassig from **2.30pm-4.30pm.** Guest *singer & musician chat and cuppa.* All welcome.
(Socials are held on the second Thursday of each month)

Meeting on Monday February 10th @11am.

Diocesan Priesthood

The Diocese Of Cork & Ross:-

Is God Calling you to be a Diocesan Priest?

Discernment Group for men aged 18-40 begins on Saturday **February 8th.** Details /information Email

vocations@corkandross.org.

Some parishes have already begun a 'Prayer Circle' for Vocations to the Priesthood in Cork & Ross.

Special Collection - Lourdes

Next week end **February 8th/9th** the **second collection** is the annual collection for the **Diocesan Lourdes sick/assisted pilgrimage fund.**

The sick are brought on the Lourdes Pilgrimage and helpers are granted aid to help defray their costs as they give generously of their time. Thank you for your continued support and generosity of this Pilgrimage over the years.

Set Dancing Marian Hall Tuesdays, beginners & improvers +353 87 818 5111.

Dancing for those with **Parkinson's** Tuesday afternoon in the Marian Hall, details **086 361 4572.**

Club Ceili Carrigaline Saturday February 8th. Family friendly evening of ceili dances, tea etc.

Spring's Arrival February 1st

I didn't hear a bugle blow when spring arrived today, instead I heard the thrilling sound of song birds everywhere. Nor did I see a festive feast to mark this gladsome day. Instead I saw rebirth of life, a world of blossoming. Oh, yes, I saw the power of God in this first day of Spring.

