

Anniversaries

Fr. Michael Lomasney, Castlelyons.
Timothy Crowley, Ballyduhig.
John Murphy, Kealkil.
Frank O'Connor, Banteer.
Frank Barry, Ballyduhig.
Liam O'Halloran, Rigsdale.
Teresa Hennessy, Innishannon.
Denis & Mary Whelton, Gortnaclough.



Saturday 17th:- Vigil

Ballyheada 7.00pm

Mass Intentions:-

Denis & Abina Murphy, Ballinaboy.
Mary Ahern, Grenagh.
Ann O'Sullivan, Gortnaclough.

Sunday 18th:-

Ballygarvan 10.00am

Mass Intentions:-

Kit Bowen, Bowens Cross.
Etta Bowen, Ballygarvan.
Kathleen Bowen, Ballygarvan.
Philomena Bowen, Ballygarvan.

Goggins Hill 11.30am

Mass Intentions:-

Elma Cronin, Corran (1st Anniversary)

We Remember

William Murphy, Liskillea, Waterfall.

Paul Foley, Ardmore & Ballygarvan.

Ena McGrath (née Lombard) Douglas & Ballyhooly who died during the week.

*We pray for their families
neighbours and friends.*

2026 Ballinhassig Parish Newsletter

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

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MASS TIMES Next Week:-

Wednesday 21st:-

Goggins Hill 9.30am

Thursday 22nd:-

Ballyheada 9.30am

Friday 23rd:-

Ballygarvan 9.30am

Saturday 24th:-

Ballyheada 7.00pm

Sunday 25th:-

Ballygarvan 10.00am

Goggins Hill 11.30am

Readings January 25th

Is 8:23-9:3.

Ps 26: 1, 4, 13-14, R/v 1.

1Cor 1:10-13, 17.

Mt 4:12-23.



*Jesus Christ
is the same
yesterday, today
and forever. (Heb 13:8)*

Best of Luck

Best of Luck to **Christine Kearney, Goggins Hill**, who recently retired from Eucharistic Ministry having served as Eucharistic Minister for over thirty years in Goggins Hill.

Ballinhassig Parish

Newsletter

for Ballygarvan, Ballyheada and Goggins Hill

Vol. 34 No. 19 Sunday: January 18th, 2026 (Second Sunday In Ordinary Time)

Mary O'H
submits...

God's Blessings

May the Lord bless you
and keep you.

May the Lord's face shine
upon you and be gracious to you.
May the Lord turn his face to
you and bring you peace.



May God bless the
ground you walk on.
May you see God's light on
the path ahead
when the road you walk is dark.

May you always hear
even in your hour of sorrow,
the gentle singing of the birds.
When times are hard may hardness
never turn your heart to stone.



May you always remember
when the shadows fall-
you do not walk alone.

*Neither death.... nor life....nor powers....
nor things present....nor to come.....
shall separate us from the love of God.....*

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2026

January 18th – 25th

This year:- *The week of Prayer for Christian Unity* has been proposed and prepared by various churches.

The theme for 2026 is based on the text from Ephesians 4:4

**“There is one body and one Spirit,
just as you were called to the one hope of your calling”**



This years theme was proposed by the *Armenian Church, Oriental Orthodox, Catholic and Evangelical* and accepted by the Dicastery for Promoting Christian Unity and the Faith Order Commission of the World Council of Churches. In 301, Armenia accepted the teaching of its first Catholicos, St. Gregory the illuminator and was the first nation to declare itself Christian.

Catholic Schools Week 2026

This Sunday **January 18th** marks the beginning of *Catholic Schools Week 2026* and will end on Saturday January 24th.

During this week, we aim to celebrate the unique contribution that Catholic schools, both primary and post-primary make to supporting each other. We invite all involved in Catholic education to reflect on how we can live out Jesus' message of the Gospel to each other and to everyone who is part of the school community including the home which is the first place children learn about God.

The theme for 2026 ‘*Catholic Schools Week*’ is:-

“Normal Lives, Called to Holiness,” focusing on finding holiness in everyday actions inspired by *Pope Francis and Blessed Carlo Acutis*, with daily themes of prayer, love, service and joy.

Daily Themes:-

Monday: *Holiness through prayer (a living relationship with God).*

Tuesday: *Love and Friendship (Jesus' commandment to love).*



Wednesday: *Family faith and intergenerational connection – Grandparents Day*

Thursday: *Service and Courage (self-giving love and moral strength).*

Friday: *Joy and Mission (being joyful Gospel witnesses).*

Holiness isn't extraordinary but lived in ordinary situations.

Grandparents Day

Each year, on the Wednesday of *Catholic Schools Week* the school community celebrates and pays tribute to grandparents and the role they play in handing on the faith to their grandchildren, and in supporting the community of faith at home and in the parish.

Some grandparents will visit the schools, for others it's a daily visit to collect their grandchild/children. They will remember the grandparents who cannot be with them; those who could not travel; those who are sick; lonely or isolated and those who have departed their earthly homes. You are in our thoughts and prayers.



Bless all our grandparents, that we can acknowledge their experiences and knowledge of stories, songs and memories. *We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Prayer for Grandparents



Lord Jesus,
you were born of the Virgin Mary,
the daughter of Saints Joachim and Anne.
Look with love on grandparents the world over.
Protect them! They are a source of enrichment
for families, for the Church and for all of society.

Support them! As they grow older,
may they continue to be for their families
strong pillars of Gospel faith,
guardians of noble domestic ideals,
living treasures of sound religious
traditions.



Make them teachers of wisdom and
courage, that they may pass on to
future generations the fruits of their
mature human and spiritual
experience.

Faith Formation

The Diocese of Cork & Ross, in collaboration with UCC Chaplaincy and the Presentation Brothers LEAF Project, now offer a new **Formation in Faith** programme for young adults (18-35).

Commencing on Wednesday **January 28th**, will run for nine weeks, from 5.45pm-8.00pm in Mardyke House, Cork T12 W8RP.

You can choose between:-
Sycamore Formation Series:
A video-based programme, guided group discussion on Catholic formation.

Foundations in Theology:-
A lecture-based introduction to Catholic theology.
Further information and registration email Sheila at youthministry@corkandross.org

Consecrated Life

Diocesan Celebration for the **Day for Consecrated Life:-**

on Saturday **January 31st** at 3.30pm in *St. Francis' Church, Cork*.

All welcome.

Thought for the week

One of the deepest secrets of life is that all that is really worth doing is what we do for others,