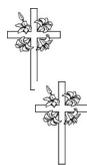


## Anniversaries

Haddie Ahern, Ballinphellic.  
Patrick Doody, Ballygarvan.  
Eileen O'Leary, Knocklucy.  
Jim O'Brien, Rathroe.  
Con McCarthy, Halfway.  
Phil Duggan, Coolatooder.  
Sean O'Halloran, Rathfarnham.  
John & Mairead Murphy, Old Abbey.  
Dan & Margaret O'Callaghan,  
Ballyhooleen



### Saturday 14th:- Vigil Ballyheada 7.00pm

Mass Intentions:-

John Pio O'Sullivan, Skehanagh.  
Vera Madden, Goggins Hill.  
Julia Spillane, Summer Hill.



### Sunday 15th:- Ballygarvan 10.00am

No Mass Intentions:-

### Goggins Hill 11.30am

Mass Intentions:-

Mary O'Keeffe, Rearour.  
Dan & Sheila O'Neill, Dunmanway.



### Monday 16th:- Ballyheada 7.00pm

No Mass Intentions:-

### Tuesday 17th:- Ballygarvan 10.00am

No Mass Intentions

### Goggins Hill 11.30am

Mass Intentions:-

William Barrett, Killeady.

## MASS TIMES Next Week:-

### St. Patrick's Day

Monday 16th:-*VIGIL MASS:*  
Ballyheada 7.00pm

Tuesday 17th:-  
Ballygarvan 10.00am  
Goggins Hill 11.30am



Wednesday 18th:-  
Goggins Hill *NO MASS*

Thursday 19th:-  
Ballyheada *NO MASS*

Friday 20th:-  
Ballygarvan *NO MASS*

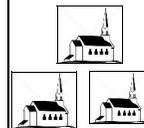
Saturday 21st:-  
Ballyheada 7.00pm

Sunday 22nd:-  
Ballygarvan 10.00am  
Goggins Hill 11.30am

### Easter Ceremonies

Schedule for Easter Ceremonies  
2026 will be published next week.

# Ballinhassig Parish Newsletter



for Ballygarvan, Ballyheada and Goggins Hill

Vol. 34 No. 27 Sunday: March 15th, 2026 (Fourth Sunday Of Lent)

Mary O'H  
submits...

## St. Patrick- Patron Saint of Ireland

Let us ask our patron Saint to intercede for our country and its people and the Irish diaspora worldwide, so that we may daily announce the Gospel of the Lord through our words and actions.

### St. Patrick's Day Prayer

May God give you, for every storm, a rainbow,  
for every tear, a smile, for every care, a promise  
and a blessing in each trial.



For every problem life sends, a faithful friend to share.  
For every sigh, a sweet song and an answer for each prayer.

### Laetare Sunday

Laetare meaning "Rejoice"

Laetare Sunday is the Fourth Sunday of Lent.  
Like Gaudete Sunday midway through Advent the  
church expresses **Hope** and **Joy** in the midst of our  
Lenten fasts and penances.  
This Sunday provides encouragement as we progress  
towards the end of Lent. It is a small break from the  
penitential season that reminds us of the **Joy** and **Hope**  
ahead at Easter.



The Vestments worn on the day are Rose as on Gaudete Sunday.

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# St. Patrick Patron of Ireland



It can be difficult to separate fact from fiction in the life of **St. Patrick**, not unusual when he was probably born more than 1,600 years ago. His life is a wonderful example of how God brings good out of evil. He tells us in his "confessions" how he was brought to Ireland to work as a slave at the age of sixteen, until that time he had little knowledge of God.



In his loneliness and isolation he discovered the Lord, praying as many as 1000 prayers by day and the same by night as he tended the sheep on Sliabh Migh.

Finally escaping, he could not forget the needs of the pagans in Ireland. He was consecrated bishop at the age of forty three. In a dream it seemed the people of Ireland were calling on him to return. Patrick took this as a call from God and lit a flame on the hill of **Tara** on **Holy Saturday** night which has never since been extinguished.



During this time Patrick converted many, ordained priests, divided the country into dioceses, held church councils, founded many monasteries for both sisters and brothers, throughout the country. **Patrick** is the **Patron Saint** and credited with bringing Christianity to Ireland.

The "**Breastplate**" of **Saint Patrick** gives us a good example of his spirituality.

*Christ with me,  
Christ before me,  
Christ behind me,  
Christ in me,  
Christ beneath me,  
Christ above me,  
Christ on my right,  
Christ on my left,  
Christ when I lie down,  
Christ when I arise,  
Christ in the heart of every person  
who thinks of me,  
Christ in the mouth who speaks of me,  
Christ in the eye that sees me,  
and Christ  
in the ear that hears me.*

Amen.



## We Remember

**Maurice Finn, Ballygarvan & Pouladuff**  
**Mai Hurley, Kilbrittain & England;**  
**Jim McCarthy, Innishannon** who died recently.

*We pray for their families,  
neighbours and friends.*



## Daffodil Day Coffee Morning

A **Coffee Morning** will be held on:-  
**Daffodil Day, Friday March 20th**  
in the home of **John O'Callaghan,**  
**"Fuchsia" Rathroe, Ballinhassig .**  
**Time:- 9.00am - 6.00pm.**

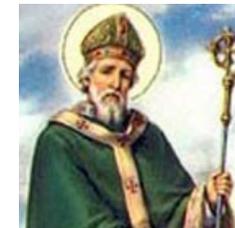


Also at **Gala Ballinhassig from 9.30am-2.00pm** All proceeds in aid of the Irish Cancer Society. All welcome.

**Cork Scripture Group** Bible Workshop.  
March 21st. Details & Booking:-  
corkscripturegroup@gmail.com

## Lúireach Phádraig (St. Patrick's Breastplate)

Críost liom, Críost romham,  
Críost i mo dhiaidh, Críost istigh ionam,  
Críost fúm, Críost os mo chionn,  
Críost are mo lámh dheis, Críost ar mo lámh chlé,  
Críost are mo luí dom, Críost I mo sheasamh dom,  
Críost I gcroí gach duine áta ag cuimhneamh orm,  
Críost I mbéal gach duine a labhraíonn liom,  
Críost I ngach súil a fhéachann orm,  
Críost I ngach cluas a éisteann liom. *Amen.*



## Mothers Day Prayer - March 15th, 2026

We celebrate **Mothers Day** on the **fourth Sunday of Lent**. Loving God, we thank you for the love of the mothers you have given us, whose love is so precious that it can never be measured, whose patience seems to have no end.



**We pray for** new mothers, coming to terms with new responsibilities; **for** expectant mothers, wondering and waiting; **for** those who are tired, stressed or depressed; **for** those who struggle to balance the task of work and family; **for** those unable to feed their children due to poverty; **for** those whose children have physical, mental or emotional disabilities; **for** those who raise children on their own; **for** those who have lost a child; **for** those who care for the children of others; **for** those whose children have left home; **for** those whose desire to be a mother has not been fulfilled.

**We also pray for** those who are grieving the loss of their mother; **those** who never knew their biological mother, and now yearn for her; **those** who experienced the wonder of an adopted mother's love and families separated by war or conflict.



Wishing all Mothers; Grandmothers; Great Grandmothers; Godmothers; Stepmothers; Foster mothers of the parish, and Mothers everywhere a very **Happy Mother's Day this Sunday.**

*We also remember and pray for those who have left their earthly homes and returned home to God.*  
**You are all in our thoughts and prayers.**

## Emigrants Day

On **March 17th** remember and pray for Emigrants wherever they may be as it is:-  
**Day of Prayer for Emigrants.**



## Carry On Regardless

Marian Hall, Ballinhassig from March 19th –22nd.  
Tickets:- Adults 15Euro & Children 7.50Euro.  
Tickets on sale Sunday **March 15th** from 2.00pm -4.00pm in the Marian Hall or **087 6579 925.**  
*Best of Luck to everyone involved in the Carry on Regardless Show.*

## Church Flower Group

Meeting of **Ballygarvan Church Flower Group** on Saturday March 21st at 11.00am. Please attend. New members welcome.

## Matt Talbot Novena

Continues on Monday **March 16th** in Togher Church, celebrant Fr. John Walsh, PP Togher Parish.