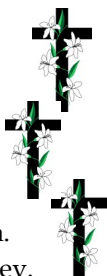


Anniversaries

William & Sheila Cronin, Rising Sun
Frank O'Connor, Banteer.
John Cullinane, Rearour.
Pat Coakley, Ballinaboy.
Dan O'Keeffe, Liskillea.
Alfie Roberts, Scart.
Con Sweeney, Bawnleigh.
Hannah O'Neill, Bauravilla.
Mairead Murphy, Old Abbey.
Danny O'Donovan, Gortnaclogh.
Noel Barry Murphy, Coolmakee.



We Remember

Patrick Kelleher, Clougheenduan.
Honor Archer, Douglas Road.
Bartley Buckley, Crosshaven.
Lena Crowley, Carrigaline
who died during the week.
*We pray for their families,
neighbours and friends.*



Pray for one Another

Please remember to pray for all our parishioners and all others who are ill in any way; those facing their final days in this life; those who are grieving, lonely, anxious or dealing with difficulties in their daily lives, and for the intentions of those who cannot pray themselves at this time.



2014 Ballinhassig Parish Newsletter

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

Next Week

Monday 13th:-
Ballygarvan 9.30am

Tuesday 14th:-
Goggins Hill No Mass

Thursday 16th:-
Ballyheada 10.00am

Saturday 18th:-
Ballyheada 7.00pm

Sunday 19th:-
Ballygarvan 10.00am
Goggins Hill 11.30am

Parish Assembly

Ballinhassig Parish Assembly
Meeting on **Monday January 13th**
at **8.00pm** in the Marian Hall.

Special Collection

The Special Collection next week
end Saturday/Sunday January
18th/19th is the *First Special Diocesan Quarterly Collection 2014*.

Prayer for a new Week - As I start a new week please help me through and I ask that you stand before me, behind me and to each side of me. Guide me in all my decisions and aid me in making the right choices for myself as well as others that I am responsible for. Amen.

Ballinhassig Parish

Newsletter

for Ballygarvan, Ballyheada and Goggins Hill



Vol. 22 No. 19 Sunday: January 12th, 2014 (The Baptism of the Lord)

Mary O'Halloran submits....

Baptism is Special

Parents request baptism of the Church for their child, it is a free decision. The reason for baptising a baby is that the parents wish their child to grow up as a Christian. Baptism is the inaugural or first step, it is a time of great joy, love, celebration and wonder.



We as a faith community here in the parish of Ballinhassig share in that joy as we are enriched by the addition of a new member.

What will this young person grow up to be?
What will he or she do with their life?

These are some of the many questions that we ask from time to time. The answer is all around us.

In 2013 we had sixty eight baptisms in our parish which we celebrated in our three churches, *Ballyheada; Ballygarvan and Goggins Hill*.

One thing is for sure, each person is special, an individual made in God's image and likeness with endless potential. We rejoice in their becoming members of our faith community here in Ballinhassig Parish and hope our prayers as well as our example will enrich their lives.

On this Sunday January 12th we celebrate the **Feast of the Lord's Baptism**. As we recall Jesus' baptism and how he has made us all into intimate and personal members of God's family. *May we all walk hand in hand in faith and be Blessed in one another as we are in the Lord.*

BAPTISM of the LORD
God, our Father, 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 the parents and families of our parish, the wisdom and courage to support all young people, in searching for and following the call of God in their lives.

We pray for all those who have recently answered the call and began their journey in religious life especially our own parishioners.



Stations Spring 2014

The *Spring Stations 2014* will commence shortly. Would those who are scheduled for the Stations this spring please contact the **P.A.N. Centre (Parish Office)** at 4885062 to arrange a date for same.



Lourdes Pilgrimage -Helper

Diocese of Cork and Ross *Young Adults Group (18-35)* Lourdes Pilgrimage 2014 invitation

'Come and See and be a Helping Hand'



A time for reflection, prayer, for service and for making new friends. Further information contact **Sr. Karen, Pastoral Development Office, 021/4537601.**

Thank You

Carrigaline Community School would like to thank all who supported them in their *Christmas Carol Singing event in Ballygarvan for St. Vincent De Paul.* Your support was much appreciated. (*Kevin McCluskey, Chaplin C.C.S.*)

Get Fit after Christmas

Ceili Fit, fun interactive dancing exercise class for all ages, genders and fitness level.

Monday nights in the White Lady Hotel from 8.30pm-10.30pm.

Enquiries and booking **087/8185111** or email: ceilifit@gmail.com.

All welcome.

SVP Ballinhassig Parish

We in the *St. Vincent De Paul Society in Ballinhassig* would like to extend our sincere gratitude to all the parishioners who contributed so generously to our Christmas Collection.



Very special thanks again this year to the *Ballinhassig Parish Social & Active Retirement Club* for their generous donation;

The *students of Carrigaline Community School* who supported us again this year with the proceeds *from their Carol Singing in Ballygarvan.*

Sincere thanks to the pupils, staff and parents of Ballygarvan N.S. for their generous donations for which we are truly grateful.

Sincere thanks for *Anonymous donations* and hampers received.

Due to your support and generosity we were able to fully support our own outgoings in the parish without any help from Head Office.

Sincere thanks to all for your continued support and generosity in 2013.

We wish you all a happy, peaceful and healthy New Year in 2014.

-(St. Josephs Conference, Ballinhassig)

Thank You

Ballyheada N.S.Enrolment

For the attention of parents in the Ballyheada N.S. catchment area

The Board of Management of Ballyheada N.S. wishes to advise parents that enrolment forms for **September 2014** are now available.



Please advise neighbours of this important information, particularly families where the eldest child has not started school. Please contact the secretary on **4885066** to obtain a form. Completed forms, including a copy of the birth certificate, must be returned to the school by **Friday February 7th, 2014.**

Tiny Tots Playschool

Tiny Tots Playschool, Ballygarvan have a Limited Number of **FREE PLACES** available from *September 2014.* Details and booking contact Cathy **086/3817808.** All welcome.



Talk on Crafts

Ballinora/Waterfall Garden and Lifestyle Club will host Annette Crowley who will give a talk on 'Crafts' in the Scout Den, Ballinora on **January 20th at 8.00pm.** All welcome.



Parish Calendars

Ballinhassig Parish Calendars 2014 are still available in the three churches or from Parish Office (**4885062**).



Irish Baby Blessing

Blessing for newly baptised baby. May all the blessings of our Lord touch your life today. May He send His little angels to protect you on your way. Such a miraculous gift, sent from above. Someone so precious to cherish and love.



May sunshine and moonbeams dance over your head. As you quietly slumber in your little bed. May good luck be with you wherever you go.

And your blessings out number the shamrocks that grow. (anonymous)

History Society AGM

Ballygarvan and District local History Society will hold their **AGM** in the Park Hotel (Radisson) Cork Airport at 8.00pm on Thursday **January 30th.** All welcome.

Another Fresh New Year

Another year to live. To banish worry, doubt, and fear, To love and laugh and give.

This bright new year is given me To live each day with zest . . . To daily grow and try to be My highest and my best.



I have the opportunity Once more to right some wrongs, To pray for peace, to plant a tree, And sing more joyful songs!?" (Arthur ward)