

Anniversaries

Mortimer Fenton, Ballinphellic.
Nora Fenton, Ballinphellic.
Finbarr Lombard, Old Abbey.
Michael Jordan, Tulligmore.
Daniel Desmond, Rigsdale.
Frank Barry, Ballyduhig.
Anna Deasy, Bawnleigh.
Mary Murphy, Skehanagh.
Humphrey Mulcahy, Corran.
Danny O'Leary, Meadstown.
Lilly O'Leary, Meadstown.
Elizabeth O'Leary, Killarney.
Pa and Mary O'Leary, Ballea.
Joe and Eileen Bowen, Killingley.



We Remember

David Finn, England and
Fivemile Bridge who died re-
cently. *We pray for his family,
neighbours and friends.*



Sympathy

We offer our sympathy to Pat Hurley,
Fivemile Bridge on the death of her
brother David Finn, England and
Fivemile Bridge
*We hold you close within our hearts,
and there you shall remain, to walk with us
throughout our lives until we meet again.*



Remember and Pray

Please remember to pray for all our
parishioners and all others who are
unwell in any way at this time. **You
are in our thoughts and prayers.**

MASS TIMES

Next Week

Monday 27th:-
Ballygarvan 9.30am

Tuesday 28th:-
Goggins Hill 9.30am

Thursday 30th:-
Ballyheada 10.00am

Saturday 1st:-
Ballyheada 7.00pm

Sunday 2nd:-
Ballygarvan 10.00am
Goggins Hill 11.30am

Blessing of Candles

Sunday February 2nd:

*Feast of the Presentation of the
Lord.* This feast is a combined
remembrance of the Son and the
Mother and celebrated as **World
Day for Consecrated Life**, in the
calendar of the Church.

*It is candlemas day and
Candles will be blessed
at all Masses next
week end.*



**Remember to bring your
candles to be blessed.**

Priests Phone Number

Fr. Kieron O'Driscoll, Parish Priest
can be contacted on **021/4885104 or
087/9439666.**

Ballinhassig Parish

Newsletter

for Ballygarvan, Ballyheada and Goggins Hill



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Mary O'Halloran writes/submits....

Catholic Schools Week & Grandparents Day

Catholic Schools Week 2014 will begin this **Sunday January 26th** and will **conclude on February 1st**. The theme this year is **'Catholic Schools - Places of Faith and Learning'**. It was chosen to highlight that all learning takes place in a values context. This week will be an occasion to celebrate the work and achievement of Catholic Schools in Ireland both north and south.



Grandparents Day

During *Catholic Schools Week* the school community will celebrate and pay 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 all in our thoughts and prayers.

Reflection on Grandparents

Grandparents are a family's greatest treasure,
The founders of a loving legacy, the greatest storytellers,
The keepers of traditions that linger on in cherished memory.
Grandparents are the family's strong foundation.
Their very special love sets them apart.
Through happiness and sorrow, through their special love
and caring, Grandparents keep a family close at heart.



Grandparents bestow upon their grandchildren the strength and wisdom that time and experience have given them. Grandchildren bless their grandparents with a youthful vitality and innocence that help them stay young at heart. Together they create a chain of love linking the past with the future. ***The chain may lengthen, but it will never part...*** (author unknown)

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*Notices for inclusion should be received not later than 2.00pm on Wednesday
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St. Brigid's Cross & Customs

How do you 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.



In olden times these were 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 she touches it, it would have curative powers. These cloths are called "**St. Brigid's Mantle**" *Maybe we could make an effort to revive the tradition and make a St. Brigid's Cross.*

Thank You

Ballinhassig Parish Community Alert

Group would like to sincerely thank all those who contributed so generously to their recent church gate collection. *Proceeds will go towards the purchase and upkeep of personal safety equipment for the elderly and vulnerable of the parish.* Your continued support is much appreciated.



Thank You

The O'Shea Family, Gortnaclogh would like to express heartfelt thanks and appreciation to all the parishioners for the Special Mass, Mass Cards, Prayer Intentions, and all good wishes written and verbal over the recent months. *Mass has been offered for the Intentions of the Parishioners*



Thank You

Sincere thanks to the **children**, principal and staff of **Ballygarvan N.S.** who sold candles in **Aid of Cancer Treatment** at christmas. Your support is appreciated.

Tidy Village

Ballinhassig Tidy Village

Association will hold a Meeting on Monday **January 27th** in the Sportsmans Bar, Ballinhassig at **8.00pm.**



New members welcome.

In order to maintain the village new members would be welcome as our group has only a few members at present. Those in and adjacent to the village are invited to join and all others who would like to do so. If you have a little time to spare come to our meeting or enquire at Cottrell's.

Community Alert AGM

Ballinhassig Parish Community Alert

will hold their AGM on **Monday February 3rd at 7.30pm** in the **Marian Hall, Ballinhassig.**

New members welcome!!!!

What is Community Alert?

The Community Alert programme is a community based crime prevention, care and safety programme for rural communities. **It has a particular emphasis on older and more vulnerable people in rural communities.**

It was established in 1984 and is managed by **Muintir na Tire and the Garda Siochana.**

It aims to improve quality of life in rural communities through:

- *** **Reducing opportunities for crime**
- *** **Encouraging neighbourliness**
- *** **Promoting accident prevention and personal safety.**

How does it work Locally?

The Community Alert programme operates through a network of **Community Alert**



Groups, each of which

is responsible for a particular area.

There are over 1200 groups throughout the country. Each group has an elected **Community Alert Committee** which manages the group and a **Community Alert Area Co-ordinator** who maintains contact with a Garda Liaison Officer. Come along to our meeting for further details.

Puc Fada

Puc Fada on Sunday **February 2nd**, commencing at the Bank at **12.30pm.** Hope to see all players and families!! All welcome.

Goggins Hill N.S. Enrolment

Enrolment Application Forms for Goggins Hill N.S. for September 2014 are now available from the school office at **4885241.** Closing date for completed applications is **February 14th, 2014.**



All welcome.

Congratulations

Congratulations To **Shaun Holly, Half-way, science teacher** and the principal, staff and pupils of Kinsale Community School on their achievements again this year in the BT Young Scientist exhibition in Dublin recently.



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.**

Ballygarvan GAA Club



Registration night for under-age players and non playing adult members on Tuesday **January 28th** in the Clubhouse between 7.30pm and 8.00pm.

Child Minder Wanted

Wanted Child Minder in the **Ballygarvan/Ballinhassig** area to mind two boys aged three and one **three days a week** in childrens own home commencing in February. Further details contact **087/6178365.**

Lady Available - Housework

Local lady available to do light housework. Non smoker, clean driving licence, references available. Contact **086/1517819**