

## Anniversaries

Mary Forrest, Ballygarvan Upper.  
Marian McCarthy, Goggins Hill.  
Mary Forde, Ballyhooleen.  
Des O'Reilly, Tulligmore.  
Con Deasy, Riverstick.  
John Murphy, Kealkil.  
Biddu O'Meara, Ballyleigh.  
Eileen Kelleher, Knocklucy.  
Con Hurley, Ballyguinnane.  
Tim Twohig, Castlewhite.  
Mary O'Keeffe, Adamstown.  
Mary Twomey, Ballygarvan.  
Timothy Crowley, Ballyduhig.  
Timothy O'Keeffe, Adamstown.  
Eileen O'Halloran, Templemartin.



## We Remember

Mary (Maureen) Coughlan,  
Adamstown;  
Mary Murphy, Montenotte;  
John Cronin, Kinsale who  
died recently. *We pray for  
their families, neighbours and friends.*



## Sympathy

We offer our sympathy to  
Michael Coughlan, Adamstown  
and Mary O'Riordan, Forge Hill  
on the death of their mother Mary  
(Maureen) Coughlan, Adamstown;  
Noreen Bowen, Meadstown on the death  
of her sister Mary Murphy, Montenotte.  
*We hold you close within our hearts, and  
there you shall remain, to walk with us  
throughout our lives until we meet again.*



**MAY THEY REST IN PEACE**

## MASS TIMES Next Week

<b>Monday 3rd:-</b>		
	<i>Ballygarvan</i>	<i>9.30am</i>
<b>Tuesday 4th:-</b>		
	<i>Goggins Hill</i>	<i>9.30am</i>
<b>Thursday 6th:-</b>		
	<i>Ballyheada</i>	<i>10.00am</i>
<b>Friday 7th:-</b>		
	<i>Ballygarvan</i>	<i>9.30am</i>
	<i>Ballyheada</i>	<i>8.00pm</i>
<b>Saturday 8th:-</b>		
	<i>Ballyheada</i>	<i>7.00pm</i>
<b>Sunday 9th:-</b>		
	<i>Ballygarvan</i>	<i>10.00am</i>
	<i>Goggins Hill</i>	<i>11.30am</i>

*Friday is the First Friday of February.*  
Fr. Kieron & Sr. Josephine will make  
the usual monthly visits to the **house-**  
**bound on Thursday & Friday.**

## Blessing of Throats

**Monday February 3rd:**  
*Feast of St. Blaise, Bishop & Martyr.*

*Blessing of throats will take place at  
9.30am Mass in Ballygarvan.*

*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 Fa-  
ther, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
Amen.*

# Ballinhassig Parish

## Newsletter

*for Ballygarvan, Ballyheada and Goggins Hill*



**Vol. 22 No. 22 Sunday: February 2nd, 2014 (The Presentation of the Lord)**

*Mary O'Halloran submits....*

## World Day For Consecrated Life

February 2nd, 2014

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. So too, those in consecrated life are called to reflect the light of Jesus Christ to all peoples. The celebration of World Day for Consecrated Life is transferred to the following Sunday in order to highlight the gift of consecrated persons for the whole Church.



## Prayer for Consecrated Persons

God our Father, we thank you for calling men and women to serve in your Son's Kingdom as religious priests, sisters, brothers, members of secular orders. Renew their knowledge and love of you, and send your Holy Spirit to help them respond generously and courageously. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.



*Blessings  
of the  
Lord*

2014 Ballinhassig Parish Newsletter

*Notices for inclusion should be received not later than 2.00pm on Wednesday  
by Mary (4888268), Mary (4885257)  
PAN Centre/Parish Office (phone/fax 4885062)  
info@ballinhassigparish.com  
www.ballinhassigparish.com*



## Feast of Saint Brigid



**St. Brigid. 'The Mary of the Gael's** as she has been known to generations of Irish people celebrate 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 was born near Dundalk A.D. c454 to a pagan chieftan father (Dubthach) and a Christian slave mother (Broicsech).

Brigid's mother was sent away but Brigid later returned to take her mothers place in the usual round of bondswoman's duties-including minding livestock, serving meals etc. She was given charge of the dairy but gave much of the produce away to the poor which enraged her father. In time the father tried to arrange a marriage for his daughter. 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 after.

St. Brigid is the patroness of cattle; infants; midwives; blacksmiths; poets, nuns & students.

*St. Brigid 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.*



### 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.*

*Remember to bring your candles to be blessed at all Masses this week end.*

**Found Purse** on footpath opposite Ballygarvan Church. If you lost same contact **4888144 or 4885062.**

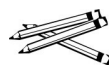
### Lourdes Invalid Fund

The annual special collection for **Lourdes Invalid Pilgrimage Fund** will be held at all masses next week end **Saturday/Sunday February 8th/9th.**



### Best of Luck

Best of luck to the proprietor, manager and staff of the newly opened **Ballygarvan Stores** in Ballygarvan Village.



## 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 Liason 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.

## Grief & Loss Programme

**Eight Week Grief & Loss Support Programme** for those who have experienced the death of a loved one, coming up to a year or more, and need support starting in the **Parish Centre, Carrigaline** on **Monday February 17th** to **April 17th** from **8.00pm - 10.00pm.** Further information contact the **Parish Centre 4371109** on or before **Friday February 7th.** All welcome.



### Tea Dance

**Ballinhassig Parish Social & Active Retirement Club** are invited to an **Afternoon Tea Dance** in **Ballinspittle** on **Monday February 17th.** More details next week.



### Social & Active AGM

**Ballinhassig Parish Social & Active Retirement Club** will hold their AGM in the **Marian Hall** on **Tuesday February 18th** at **7.30pm.** All welcome.



### Valentines Cookery Class

Chef **Michael Buckley** of the **Pavilion Garden Centre, Ballygarvan** will give you all the inspiration and know how you need this Valentines Day with his **Valentines Cookery Class** on **Thursday February 6th** at **10.30am.** Cost 5 Euro. Further information on **www.thepavilion.ie** or **4888134.** All welcome.



### Wanted House To Rent

Wanted Family home to **Rent** in the **Ballinhassig area.** Further details contact **087/9878149.**