

Anniversaries

Mary Forrest, Ballygarvan Upper.
Donal O'Mahony, Watergrasshill.
Bridget Lane, Gortnacloagh.
Michael Jordan, Tulligmore.
Daniel Desmond, Rigsdale.
Frank Barry, Ballyduhig.
Anna Deasy, Bawnleigh.
Biddy O'Meara, Ballyleigh.
Elizabeth O'Leary, Killarney.
Jeremiah Bruton, The Lough.
Noel Barry Murphy, Coolmakee.
Catherine Barry Murphy, Coolmakee.



We Remember

Kathy Twomey, Adamstown;
Ben Deane, Dublin and Midleton;
John Cotter, Ballincollig and Arlin-

stown who died recently.
*We pray for their families,
neighbours and friends.*



Sympathy

We offer our sympathy to **Sadie French**, Ballincrannig, on the death of her brother Ben Deane, Dublin and Midleton.



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 26th:-
Ballygarvan 9.30am

Tuesday 27th:-
Goggins Hill 9.30am

Thursday 29th:-
Ballyheada 10.00am

Saturday 31st:-
Ballyheada 7.00pm

Sunday 1st:-
Ballygarvan 10.00am
Goggins Hill 11.30am

Blessing of Candles

Monday 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 the 9.30am Mass in Ballygarvan on Monday 2nd.

If you cannot attend Mass and would like to get your candles blessed, please bring them to Mass next week end with **your name and church name on them and leave in box in church porch.**



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 2015 will begin this Sunday January 25th and will conclude on February 1st. The theme this year is 'Catholic Schools - A Call to Serve' This annual event has been celebrated for the last five years. This week will be an occasion to celebrate the work and achievement of Catholic Schools in Ireland both north and south by inviting all involved in Catholic education to examine what we understand by service and how we live out the call to serve.



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 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)



2015 Ballinhassig Parish Newsletter

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.*

Fashion Show

Goggins Hill National School Parents Association will hold a **Fashion Show** on Friday **February 6th at 8.00pm** at the **Oriel House, Ballincollig.**

Tickets 10Euro and available from:-

Goggins Hill National School and local shops.

The Ultimate Girls Night Out!!!!



Gala Bingo Night

Ballinhassig Camogie Club will hold a **Gala Bingo Night** on Saturday **January 31st** in the **Marian Hall at 8.00pm.**

All proceeds in aid of the Ronald McDonald House, Crumlin which provides a home away from home for families with seriously ill children. Over the last number of years families from our community and over 500 families from Cork alone have had to make it their second home, so we urge you to please support this worthy cause.



Congratulations

Congratulations to the following members of **Old Abbey Athletic Club** who won the following at the recent **All Ireland Indoor Championships in Athlone.**

Pentathlon U14 - Gold Medal
Daniel Hurley, Ballyheada



Pentathlon U14 - Silver Medal
Diarmuid O'Connor, Gortnaclogh

Pentathlon U15 - Silver Medal
Brian Lynch, Rearour



Great achievement for Old Abbey with only a few Cork Clubs represented .

Community Alert

Ballinhassig Parish



Community Alert will hold a **Meeting** on Monday **January 26th at 8.00pm** 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. We have recently introduced **TEXT ALERT.**

Come along to our meeting for further details or phone Parish Office **4885062.**

Carer Available

Local lady available to care for elderly person in their own home in the **Halfway/Ballinhassig** area. Further details contact **087/6215327.**

Social & Active Club

Ballinhassig Parish Social & Active Retirement Club are invited to an

Afternoon Tea Dance in :-

Ballinspittle on

Monday February 9th
From 2.30pm-5.30pm.

Cost 5Euro.

Proceeds in Aid of the Irish Heart Foundation.



Further details and booking:-

Noreen 4888213; Mary 4885245

Breda 4885449; John 087/7546818

Over 60's Talent Competition on the Day. Prepare your songs etc.!!!!!

All welcome.



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 29th.

New members welcome.



St. Brogans College

St. Brogan's College, Bandon Induction

Morning for 6th class students who have enrolled, on Saturday **February 7th** at 9.00am. If you have not enrolled but wish to attend the day contact **023/8841120.**

Talent Competition

A Heat of **Over 60's Talent Competition** will be held in **Charleville Park Hotel** on Thursday February 12th at 8.00pm. If interested and are over 60, can sing, dance, etc. contact **086/8105585** or **087/6644654.** All welcome.