

Anniversaries

Maureen Coughlan, Adamstown.
William Deasy, Bawnleigh.
Mary Murphy, Skehanagh.
Michael Walsh, Farlistown.
Humphrey Mulcahy, Corran.
Mary Twomey, Ballygarvan.
Cathy Connolly, Tulligmore.
Marian McCarthy, Goggins Hill.
Cornelius O'Mahony, Rosscarbery.
Timothy & Mary O'Keeffe, Adamstown.
Cornelius (Con) Hurley, Ballyguinnane.



We Remember

Elizabeth (Liz) Barrett, Lombardstown who died recently.
We pray for her family, neighbours and friends.



Sympathy

We offer our sympathy to **Michael Twomey**, Adamstown on the death of his mother Kathy Twomey, Adamstown.

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 2nd:-
Ballygarvan 9.30am

Tuesday 3rd:-
Goggins Hill 9.30am

Thursday 5th:-
Ballyheada 10.00am

Friday 6th:-
Ballygarvan 9.30am
Ballyheada 8.00pm

Saturday 7th:-
Ballyheada 7.00pm

Sunday 8th:-
Ballygarvan 10.00am
Goggins Hill 11.30am

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

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

Blessing of throats will take place at 9.30am Mass in Goggins Hill.

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 Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, Amen.

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for Ballygarvan, Ballyheada and Goggins Hill

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Mary O'Halloran submits....

World Day for Consecrated Life

February 2nd, 2015

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.



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*

**To be kind is more important than to be right.
Many times what people need is not a brilliant
mind that speaks, but a special heart that listens.**

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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 mother's 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 chose 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



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



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

Lourdes Invalid Fund

The annual special collection for **Lourdes Invalid Pilgrimage Fund** will be held at all masses next week end **Saturday/Sunday February 7th/8th.**



Carer Available

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

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!!!! All welcome.



Family 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.



Thank You



Brothers of Charity St. Patrick's Upton would like to sincerely thank all who supported and assisted in any way with the recent **Christmas Room** in aid of **St. Vincent de Paul and St. Patrick's Upton.** A total of **3,440Euro** was raised.

St. Brogans College

St. Brogan's College, Bandon Induction Morning for 6th class students who have enrolled, on **Saturday February 7th** at 9.00am. Further Information **023/8841120.** All welcome.

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.

Bus Leaving:- Ballygarvan 1.30pm; Ballinhassig 1.45pm.

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.

Ladies Football



Ballygarvan Ladies Football Training for Juvenile players will commence on **Friday February 6th** in **Pairc Liam MacCarthaigh.**

Training Times:-

Under 6 to 12; 5.20pm-6.20pm
Under 14 to Minor; 6.30pm -7.45pm.

New members welcome from all areas of Ballinhassig Parish.

Further information contact:- **www.ballygarvanladiesfootball.com** or **email: ballygarvanladiesfootball@gmail.com**

Congratulations

To **Ballygarvan GAA Underage & Camogie** who had one of their best years in the club.

Well done to players, trainers, coaches, parents and supporters on their **All Ireland, County and Divisional titles in 2014!!!!**

