

## Anniversaries

Mary Grainger, The Square.  
John Hurley, Meadstown.  
Mary Collins, Ballea.  
Joe Barry, Rigsdale.  
Denis Minihane, Ballea.  
Tim Twohig, Castlewhite.  
Danny Twomey, Lissarda.  
Mary Forde, Ballyhooleen.  
Michael Foley, Ballygarvan.  
Margaret Twomey, Lissarda.  
Mary Casey, Killaminoge.  
Eileen O'Halloran, Templemartin.  
Dominic Harrington, Shanagraigue.  
Madge O'Sullivan, Fivemile Bridge.  
John Russell, Ballygarvan & Australia.  
George Sheck, Ballygarvan & Germany.  
Bridie, Ciss & John Tom O'Leary,  
Adamstown.



## We Remember

Michael Cullinane, Bandon Road and  
Ballinhassig who died during the week.  
*We pray for his family, neighbours  
and friends.*



## Lourdes 2015

**Young Adult Helpers - Lourdes 2015.**  
The *Diocese of Cork & Ross* invite  
Young Adults 18-30 years old to come  
to Lourdes as helpers from **June 11th-  
16th**. Limited places, will assist with  
the sick and be involved with the full  
pilgrimage programme, will also have  
free time, time for prayer etc. Details  
and booking Fr. Charlie Kiely **4537603**  
or email: **charliekiely@gmail.com**

## MASS TIMES Next Week

**Monday 9th:-**  
*Ballygarvan 9.30am*

**Tuesday 10th:-**  
*Goggins Hill 9.30am*

**Thursday 12th:-**  
*Ballyheada 10.00am*

**Saturday 14th:-**  
*Ballyheada 7.00pm*

**Sunday 15th:-**  
*Ballygarvan 10.00am*  
*Goggins Hill 11.30am*

## Thank You

*Fr. Kieron O'Driscoll* along with his  
dad Denis, sisters Madeleine and Car-  
mel; brothers Monsignor Aidan, JJ,  
Bernard, Rory and  
Finian would like to  
sincerely thank every-  
body for the support,  
prayers and kindness shown to them  
on the recent death of their mother/  
wife Nora Esther (Essie). Sincere  
thanks to all who sympathised with  
them, attended removal, funeral,  
phoned/texted, called per-  
sonally, sent mass cards,  
floral tributes and helped in  
any way. Your support and  
prayers were much appreciated to help  
us cope with our loss.

*Love  
One Another*



*Mass offered for your intentions.*

# Ballinhassig Parish Newsletter

*for Ballygarvan, Ballyheada and Goggins Hill*

**Vol. 23 No. 23 Sunday: February 8th, 2015 (Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time)**

*Mary O'Halloran submits....*

## Springtime in the Heart

There is real wisdom, Lord, in the adage  
'It is always Springtime in the heart that loves God.'  
Springtime is a season of optimism and hope  
And the Christian lives a faith centred on hope.  
Thank you, Lord for the hope that you bring  
The renewal that you bring both to this world  
And to our hearts and lives.



For the cycle of life  
Which brings death and rebirth  
**We rejoice in the promise of Spring.**



For the lengthening days  
And sunlight's warmth upon the soil  
**We rejoice in the promise of Spring.**



For a snowdrop's beauty  
Reflecting its creator's artistry  
**We rejoice in the promise of Spring.**

For new born lambs  
Their joy and exuberance  
**We rejoice in the promise of Spring.**

For all of creation  
And the majesty of its Creator  
**We rejoice in the promise of Spring.**



**'It is always Springtime in the heart that loves God.'**

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*Notices for inclusion should be received not later than 2.00pm on Wednesday by  
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## World Day of the Sick

On **February 11th in 1858**, Our Lady first appeared at Lourdes to 14 year old **Bernadette Soubirous**. Later Bernadette was to learn that the mysterious lady was the Blessed Virgin and to hear from her lips, 'I am the Immaculate Conception.'

In 1992 Pope John Paul 11 instituted the *World Day of the Sick* to be held each year on the commemoration of **Our Lady of Lourdes on February 11th**.

*A special Mass and Anointing of the Sick will be held in Ballinhassig Parish in May 2015.*



Pope Francis in 2015 is commending World Day of the Sick to the intercession of Mary, so that she will help sick people to live their own suffering in communion with Jesus Christ.

The theme for this world day is **"I was eyes of the blind, feet of the lame"** (Job 29:15) and in his message to mark this occasion, the Holy Father turns his attention especially to the sick and all those who provide them with care and treatment.

### We Pray For



We pray for all who suffer,  
for all in the depths of depression,  
Those tortured by anxiety and guilt.  
Lord, in your love and mercy,  
Free them and raise them up.

Lord Jesus, who healed the sick,  
We pray for all who are not well.  
Be their help and strength  
And bless all who care for them.

### Prayer In Recovery

Lord, may I always remember to thank you.  
May I be a little better each day.  
Continue your healing power within me  
Bless all those who care for me.

Lord, you have known pain.  
I am hurting and a little scared.  
I have asked, but as yet I see no answer.  
Give strength and patience in my weakness  
as I join my suffering to yours. Amen.



### Lourdes Invalid Fund

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



### Thank You

Thanks to all who supported and helped at the November 2014 **Dance** in aid of **Cork ARC Cancer Support House**.

A total of **2345.65Euro** was donated after paying Hall Rental & Band.

### Ballinhassig AFC

Congratulations to our schoolgirl players **Aileen Cremin and Rachel O'Sullivan** who have signed to **Cork City Womens FC U18 Academy**.

We are currently working on entering a **women's team to the Cork League**.

**Training will commence shortly**, season from mid April to early August.  
**Training on Monday night, Game on Wednesday night.** Good way to have fun and stay fit. Details contact Liam **086/8485190**. All welcome.

## February 14th

### St. Valentine



#### Patron Saint of :-

**Love, marriages, engagements, young people, greetings, travellers, etc.**

**Saint Valentine** was a Catholic priest who had also worked as a doctor. He lived in Italy during the third century AD and served as a priest in Rome. Historians don't know much about Valentine's early life, they pick up his story after he began working as a priest. Valentine became famous for marrying couples who were in love but couldn't get legally married in Rome during the reign of Emperor Claudius II, who outlawed **weddings**. When Emperor Claudius discovered that Valentine was performing weddings, he sent Valentine to jail.

The most famous miracle attributed to **Saint Valentine** involved a note that he sent to a young blind girl named Julia who Valentine had befriended. Shortly before he was martyred for his faith in Jesus Christ, Valentine wrote Julia a farewell note. Believers say that God miraculously cured Julia of her blindness so that she could personally read Valentine's note, rather than just have someone else read it to her. Valentine signed Julia's note **"From your Valentine,"** and that loving note, combined with the memory of Valentine's support of engaged and married couples in his work as a priest, led to the tradition of sending loving messages on his feast day, **Valentine's Day**. Throughout the years since Valentine died, people have prayed for him to intercede for them before God in heaven about their romantic lives.



## Social & Active Club

### Final Reminder:-

**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 All Welcome!!!!**

## Congratulations

Congratulations to **Swimmer:- Emma Cassidy, Ballygarvan**, winner of the Evening Echo Ladies' sport star of the month in December.



Congratulations to **Edmund Forrest, Ballygarvan** who was recently elected **Cork County Board PRO**.

## Spring Gardening

**Ballinora/Waterfall Garden and Lifestyle Club** will host Alan Pritchard of Newmarket, who will give a talk on all aspects of **Spring Organic Gardening** on **Monday February 16th** at 8.00pm in the **Scout Den, Ballinora**. All welcome.

### Thank You

**Michael Bermingham, Rigsdale** would like to sincerely thank all those who sympathised with him, attended removal, funeral, sent mass cards etc. on the death of his mother **Margaret Bermingham, Blackpool**. **Mass offered for your intentions.**