

Anniversaries

Maisie O'Sullivan, Ballyhooleen.
Michael Brown, Glasheen.
Helen Brown, Glasheen.
Mary Murphy, Skehanagh.
Daniel Twomey, Lissarda.
Margaret Twomey, Lissarda.
Humphrey Mulcahy, Corran.
Mary Twomey, Ballygarvan.
Eileen Kelleher, Knocklucy.
Marian McCarthy, Goggins Hill.
Cornelius (Con) Hurley, Ballyguinnane.



We Remember

Aimee Daly (nee Howe) Rathfarnham,
Dublin and Briar Hill;
Teresa Morrissey, Tipperary who
died recently. *We pray for
their families, neighbours
and friends.*



Sympathy

We offer our sympathy to *Marie
McCarthy*, Fivemile Bridge, on the
death of her mother Teresa Morrissey,
Tipperary.

*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 1st:-

Ballygarvan 9.30am



Tuesday 2nd:-

Goggins Hill 9.30am
Blessing of Throats after Mass

Thursday 4th:-

Ballyheada 10.00am
Blessing of Throats after Mass

Friday 5th:-

Ballygarvan 9.30am
Blessing of Throats after Mass

Ballyheada 8.00pm
Blessing of Throats after Mass

Saturday 6th:-

Ballyheada 7.00pm

Sunday 7th:-

Ballygarvan 10.00am
Goggins Hill 11.30am

Friday is the *First Friday of February*.
Fr. Kieron will make the usual monthly
visits to the **housebound on Thursday
and Friday.**

*Blessings
of the Lord*
Blessing of Throats

Wednesday February 3rd:

Feast of St. Blaise, Bishop & Martyr.
Blessing of throats will take place after
week day Masses as listed above.

Ballinhassig Parish Newsletter

for Ballygarvan, Ballyheada and Goggins Hill

Vol. 24 No. 22 Sunday: January 31st, 2016 (Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time)

Mary O'Halloran submits....

World Day for Consecrated Life

February 2nd, 2016 :- 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*. The Year of Consecrated Life closes in Rome on February 2nd with **Pope Francis** leading the religious of the world in prayer.



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.



Catholic Schools Week 2016 begins on **January 31st** and concludes on **February 7th**. Wednesday 3rd is Grandparents Day. **Blessing**

Loving God, Bless all our grandparents, those with us here today, those who cannot be with us and those who have gone to be with you. May they have courage and confidence to hand on your gifts of experience and knowledge of stories, songs and memories. Bless them and all of us gathered here today. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord.



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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 celebrates 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

Tuesday 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 Goggins Hill.

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



Blessing of Throats

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Feast of St. Blaise, Bishop & Martyr.

Blessing of throats will take place after

9.30am Mass in Goggins Hill Tuesday 2nd;
10.00am Mass in Ballyheada Thursday 4th;
9.30am Mass in Ballygarvan Friday 5th;
8.00pm Mass in Ballyheada Friday 5th.

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.

Ballygarvan



Church Painting

No Mass in Ballygarvan Church on Sunday February 14th & 21st.

Mass transferred to Ballygarvan N.S. (New School) on

Sunday February 14th & 21st due to Painting interior of the Church.



Lourdes Invalid Fund collection next week end **February 6th/7th.**

Ciorcal Comhra

Irish Conversation Group at GAA Rooms, Ballinhassig Gach Luan/Every Monday from **7.30pm-8.30pm.** Eolas/Information **086/2578698.**

Lenten Programme

Young Adults are invited on Tuesday **February 9th** to a **Lenten Programme** by the Office of Evangelisation & Vocations, Sisters of the Bons Secours to explore

"What does Mercy Mean"? and every **Tuesday of Lent** at Casa Maria opposite Bons Secours Hospital, College Rd., from 7.00pm-8.00pm. Also **Lenten Retreat Day Saturday March 12th 11.00am-4.00pm** in the Sisters of Bons Secours Convent. Booking essential. Further details **087/2209994** or email: **eavopost@gmail.com** All welcome.



Gurrane N.S. Enrolment Morning on Sat. Feb. 6th 10.30am-12pm for children beginning this year. **Free Toddler Morning/School Open Morning** Feb. 6th 10.30am-12pm. Tea/coffee/home baking; kids arts & crafts; music etc. Details contact **021/7331481** or **www.gurranens.ie**

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Goggins Hill N.S.

Enrolment Goggins Hill N.S. 2016/2017. Application forms available from the school office **4885241** or **www.gogginshillschool.com**



Drawing & Painting

Drawing & Painting classes, for all levels, commencing shortly in **Ballygarvan.** Details and booking contact **021/4893550.** All welcome.

Mens Shed -

Ballinhassig Parish

Following the Public Information meeting in the Marian Hall this week a follow up **Meeting** will be held in the **Marian Hall** on **Tuesday February 2nd at 2.00pm** for **those who are interested in setting up a Mens Shed in the Parish.**



Fundraising Bridge

Fundraising Bridge in aid of the **B.C.D.A. (Ballinhassig Community Development Association)** in the **Marian Hall**, Ballinhassig on **Sunday February 7th at 2.30pm.** Booking essential as supper will be provided and numbers are required for catering. Details and booking **087/2575689.** All welcome.



Community Alert

Church Gate Collection

Saturday **January 30th Ballyheada Church** Sunday **January 31st Goggins Hill Church** Ballygarvan Church later waiting on permit

Fianna Fail AGM

Local **Fianna Fail** Branch AGM in the **Marian Hall** on **Monday February 1st at 8.00pm.** New members welcome.