

Anniversaries

Danny and Lilly O'Leary, Meadstown.
Pa and Mary O'Leary, Ballea.
Mary Collins, Ballea.
Denis Minihane, Ballea.
Eileen Bowen, Killingley.
Mary Grainger, The Square.
Sheehan Family, Ballyduhig.
Margaret Russell, Tulligmore.
Kathleen Bouse, Ballyguinnane.
Edward O'Connell, Ballinspittle.
Patrick O'Donovan, Coolatooder.
Mary O'Donovan, Coolatooder.
Eileen O'Halloran, Templemartin.
Mags O'Sullivan, Fivemile Bridge.
Timothy & Nora O'Donovan, Durrus.
Mortimer Fenton, Ballinphellic North.



Sympathy

We offer our sympathy to *Maria, Siobhan and Margaret Scanlon* on the death of their mother Joan Scanlon, Waterfall;
Lucy Martin, Ballygarvan, daughter *Amy* and son *Chris* on the death of Bertie Martin, Carrigaline and Ballyphehane.



Church Flower Groups

Goggins Hill Church Flower Group meeting in the sacristy of Goggins Hill Church on Tuesday **February 16th at 8.00pm**. New members welcome.
Collection for Church Flowers:
Saturday February 20th -Ballyheada
Sunday February 21st:- Ballygarvan and Goggins Hill.

MASS TIMES Next Week

Monday 15th:-
Ballygarvan 9.30am

Tuesday 16th:-
Goggins Hill 9.30am

Thursday 18th:-
Ballyheada 10.00am

Saturday 20th:-
Ballyheada 7.00pm

Sunday 21st:-
Ballygarvan 10.00am
Goggins Hill 11.30am

This Weeks



Thought for Lent

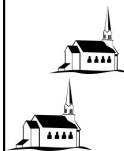
Maybe instead of **giving up** something for **Lent** we should consider **taking up something** *****One Lenten tradition** is to call to the Church and pray the **Stations of the Cross**; There are **fourteen stations** which tell the story of Jesus' journey to his death on Calvary, a **fifteenth** is added sometimes representing Jesus' Resurrection. At each station we say:- *We adore you O Christ and we bless you, because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world. Pray the Our Father; Hail Mary and Glory be to the Father.*



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Newsletter

for Ballygarvan, Ballyheada and Goggins Hill



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Mary O'Halloran
submits....

Lenten Path

During Lent we are encouraged to stop, to take a look at our lives, to see where we are going. We are challenged to learn once again what it means to be a follower of Jesus.



LENT....

- .. **Lent** begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Thursday.
- .. It lasts for **forty days**, reflecting the forty days that Jesus spent in the desert.
- .. **Lent** is a time for **Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving**.
- .. **Purple** vestments are worn by the priest during **Lent**.
- .. The **Gloria and Alleluia** are not prayed during **Lent**.
- .. Decoration of the **sanctuary and altar** are **simple** during **Lent**.
- .. **Lent** is a time **to give up** or **take up** in preparation for **Easter**.

Lord forgive me if I Forget

Lord,
If I forget the poor,
Because I am busy
Running around,
If I close my eyes
To their plight
Because I am anxious
About my own life,
Forgive me,
And help me
To be more mindful
In future.



Instill in me
A deeper sense
Of your justice,
So that I will never
Turn my back
On your little ones,
Your hungry ones,
Your suffering ones.



May I pay back
Your love of me
With love to them.



2016 Ballinhassig Parish Newsletter

Notices for inclusion should be received not later than 2.00pm on Wednesday
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February 14th Feast Day of 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.



Day of Praise, Workshop

and Healing:- (*Celebrating the Year of Mercy*)

Sunday **February 28th, Rochestown Park Hotel**

Time:- 9.30am-1pm, Lunch, Mass 5pm.


Rosary, Praise, Workshop, Music, Eucharistic Adoration.

Speaker Maria Vadia. Details **087/2898518; 087/2505528**

Headstones

Headstone cleaning and kerbs. New inscriptions and gold lettering. Contact **086/4477484**

SPRING STATIONS

Those who are scheduled for the **Stations** this Spring please contact the *P.A.N. Centre* (Parish Office) at 4885062  as soon as possible to book a date.

The grass withers and its flowers fall away, but the Word of God endures forever. (1 Peter 1:24)

Jubilee Year of Mercy

The Pastoral Development Office have invited **Cardinal Cormac Murphy O'Connor** to speak on

"**Pope Francis and the Gospel of Mercy**" in Christ the King Church, **Turner's Cross** on

Sunday **February 21st at 3.00pm**, donation only. At this gathering Bishop Buckley will launch "*The Year of Mercy pilgrimage in Cork City*" Further details contact **4537601. All welcome.**



Rediscovering Mercy

Four sessions to explore **Mercy** in a personal, local, global and prayerful context will be held at the Pastoral Development Office, Ballyphehane on **February 22nd and 29th; March 7th and 14th.** Beginning with coffee at **10.30am-12.15pm.** Free car parking. Further details **4537601.**

N.S. Enrolment 2016/2017

Goggins Hill:- Application forms available from school office **4885241** or

www.gogginshillschool.com

Closing date **February 22nd.**

Ballyheada:- Application forms available from school office **4885066** for Junior Infants commencing September 2016 also 2017 & 2018. Closing date **March 4th.**

Charity Fun Walk

Charity Fun Walk in aid of *Finbarr Crowley.*

Sunday **February 14th, 3.5k** commencing at **Barrett's**

Killeady at 1pm.

Donations by Bucket collection. All welcome, support appreciated.




Family Fun Bingo

Ballinhassig Camogie Club will hold a **Family Fun Bingo Night.**

Marian Hall- **February 27th** at 8.00pm. Proceeds to Hurling Wall/ Astro Pitch.



Community Alert

Community Alert Meeting in the **Marian Hall** on Monday **February 15th** at 7.00pm. New members welcome. 

Ballinhassig Parish Community Alert would like to sincerely thank **Kirbys Haulage** for their generous sponsorship of a **Defibrillator** which is mounted on the outside wall of **Cottrell's Gala shop, Ballinhassig** by the kind permission of **Con Cottrell** for use in the community, in case of an emergency in the village and surrounding areas.

Denny Finn(Tulligbeg), **Con Cottrell** (Cottrells Shop) and **Mary O'Halloran** (PAN Centre/Parish Office) have been trained in the use of the defibrillator.

Billy Kirby Haulage was founded by Billy Kirby senior in 1964. In 2000 Gerard Kirby took over the running of the company which now has four trucks based in their Cork depot and six trucks in their UK depot. Their generosity in the purchase of this vital piece of life saving equipment is greatly appreciated.

Thanks from **Ballinhassig Parish Community Alert Group.**