

## Anniversaries

Tim Joe Hurley, Springmount.  
Joan O'Reilly, Whitechurch.  
Joan Lucey, Adamstown.  
Kay Diffley, Longford.  
Mary Healy, Killarney.  
J.P. Duane, Ballinphelic.  
Tim O'Mahony, Goggins Hill.  
Gearoid Coakley, Fivemile Bridge.  
Ruth O'Sullivan, Fivemile Bridge.  
Maura O'Sullivan, Fivemile Bridge.  
Finbarr Townsend, Ballynaloughy.  
John Rice, Owens & Goggins Hill.  
Sean and Dan Madden,  
Gortnaclogh & Carrigaline.  
Theresa Curtin, Turners Cross  
& Goggins Hill.

## We Remember

**Bernard White**, Carrigaline  
who died during the week.  
*We pray for his family, neighbours and friends.*

## MASS TIMES Next Week:-

**Monday 12th:-**  
*Ballygarvan 9.30am*

**Tuesday 13th:-**  
*Goggins Hill 9.30am*

**Thursday 15th:-**  
*Ballyheada 10.00am*

**Saturday 17th:- Vigil Ballyheada 7.00pm**

**Sunday 18th:-** *Ballygarvan 10.00am*  
*Goggins Hill 11.30am*

2016 Ballinhassig Parish Newsletter

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## Sympathy

*We offer our sympathy to the following whose loved ones died recently:-*

**Eamon Long**, Ballygarvan on the death of his wife **Brid**;

**Eugene McCarthy**, Gortnaclogh on the death of his wife **Eileen**; **Mary O'Leary**, Tulligmore, Hester and Dan Canniffe on the death of their sister Eileen McCarthy; and the McCarthy Family, Bawnleigh on the death of Eileen McCarthy;

**Noel Murphy**, Ballyleigh, Caroline, James, and Martin on the death of their father and to Nora on the death of her husband **Tom Murphy**, Waterfall;

**Paul O'Connor**, Rathmacullig on the death of his mother **Helen O'Connor**, Rathmacullig;

**Sadie Mackey**, Rathmacullig on the death of her brother **Martin Oliver (Ollie) O'Keefe**, Carrigaline & Kilkenny; **Kathleen O'Keefe**, Carrigaline on the death of her husband **Martin Oliver (Ollie)** and Eddie, Nellie, Pat, Richard, Joan, Margaret, Gerry and Vincent on the death of their brother **Martin Oliver (Ollie)**; Carrigaline & Kilkenny;

**Ann Ashman**, Ballygarvan Upper on the death of her sister **Mary Hayes**, Togher.  
**Breda Keohane**, Ballinaboy on the death of her father **Patrick (Pat) O'Donovan**, Rosscarbery;  
**Ann O'Callaghan**, Briar Hill on the death of her mother **Cissie Keohane**, and her brother **Paul Keohane**, Glandore.

*In death life is changed not ended*

# Ballinhassig Parish

## Newsletter

*for Ballygarvan, Ballyheada and Goggins Hill*

Vol. 25 No. 1 Sunday: September 11th, 2016 (Twenty Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time)

Fr. Christy writes...

## *Mercy is the gift of God*

Pope Francis speaking in 2013 said: "I am always struck when I reread the parable of the merciful Father. ... The Father, with patience, love, hope and mercy, had never for a second stopped thinking about [his wayward son], and as soon as he sees him still far off, he runs out to meet him and embraces him with tenderness, the tenderness of God, without a word of reproach. ... God is always waiting for us. He never grows tired. Jesus shows us this merciful patience of God so that we can regain confidence and hope — always!

Its a message that, when you think about it, is truly amazing. No matter what, God loves us, he is waiting for us to reach out to Him and he will always respond like the Father in the story of what we call the Prodigal Son. He heard the plea of Moses to show mercy. And he did. Such is the power of his love, he showers us freely with his mercy. I think the whole point of this **Year of Mercy** is simply; as God is merciful to us, then, all he asks in return is that we too, are people who live a life that is merciful towards others.

"Let us commit ourselves to not put any obstacles to the Father's merciful acts," Pope Francis said. "Instead, let us ask for the gift of great faith to become signs and instruments of mercy."  
The challenge for us is to identify how we can do that.





## BALLINHASSIG PARISH NEWSLETTER TWENTY FIFTH EDITION

This publication is the *Twenty Fifth Edition of the Ballinhassig Parish Newsletter*. Since its introduction in the autumn twenty five years ago it has been published voluntarily on a weekly basis from September to June. Thanks to everyone who is involved in collecting and submitting news, the remaining few who distribute it to station areas and the many parishioners who were involved in any way with the publication over the years.



The newsletter is now produced, edited and printed in the *P.A.N. Centre (Parish Office)*. It contains both church related and news from individuals, clubs and organisations from all areas of the parish and outside. The publication may look small, but it takes effort and dedication to keep it going week after week, year after year.

We hope you will continue to enjoy and support our Newsletter and that it will continue to meet the parishioners needs as a means of communicating parish related information. Available in church, all local shops and also on [www.ballinhassigparish.com](http://www.ballinhassigparish.com)



*I would like to take this opportunity to once again remind all individuals, clubs and organisations to continue to send in the news from all areas of the parish. It is essential that notices/news are received in the P.A.N. Centre by 2.00pm on Wednesday. Looking forward to your continued support and co-operation in the year ahead. (Mary O'Halloran, P.A.N. Centre (Parish Office 4885062))*

### Gougane Sunday

*Ballinhassig Parish Social & Active Retirement* Club Trip to St. Finbarr's Gougane Barra to join in the celebration of Gougane Sunday on:-

**September 25th as follows:**  
Bus leaving:-

**Ballygarvan 11.30am**

**Ballinhassig 11.45am**

Evening meal *Kilumney Inn*.

Further details and booking contact:- 4885449; 4885245; 4888213; or 087/7546818.

All welcome.

### Meetings

#### Parish Assembly:-

Monday **September 12th** in the Marian Hall at **8.00pm**.

#### Do This In Memory

Tuesday **September 13th** at **8.00pm** in the New School Hall, **Ballygarvan**. All parents of First Holy Communion children 2017 are invited to attend.

#### Finance Committee:-

Thursday **September 15th** in the P.A.N. Centre at **8.00pm**.

### Good Luck

To all the *Junior Certificate* students of the parish who will receive their results this week. Best wishes also to all others outside the parish.

*Jesus,  
my friend, walk  
with me to-day  
and always as  
I continue my  
journey.*

### For Your Diary:-

**Fr. Kieron Farewell /Thanksgiving Night  
Marian Hall, Ballinhassig**

**Saturday October 22nd at 8.00pm**

(More details next week)



### Farewell & Welcome

Best of luck to **Fr. Kieron O'Driscoll PP** who has left Ballinhassig Parish having been granted a Sabbatical year during which time he will pursue studies to further his ministry. We wish him luck, peace, health and happiness in his future endeavours.

We welcome **Fr. Christy Fitzgerald** former PP Frankfield /Grange to Ballinhassig Parish. We wish him well in his new parish as he continues his pastoral role.

### Anti Bullying Training

Free Anti-Bullying Training for Parents  
*Ballyheada N.S.*

Wednesday **September 14th @7.30pm**

In conjunction with the National *Parents Council Ballyheada Parents Association* present a session

which will enable you to support your child regarding *issues* and also will inform you of the *Anti-Bullying procedures* for *Primary & Post Primary Schools*. Refreshments served, spot prizes. All welcome hope to see you on the night.



### Connecting For Life

HSE Community Meeting:—

Side by Side to Prevent Suicide

**Tell us what You think!**

Kinsale :- Acton's Hotel,  
September 13th:- 7.00pm-9.30pm

*Cork Community Healthcare*, in partnership with local organisations and community and voluntary groups, is developing a *Suicide Prevention Action Plan* for the city and county. Suicide prevention is everyone's business and we all need to be aware of what we can do individually and as part of our community to promote mental health and reduce suicide. All welcome.

### Best of Luck

To *Eimear O'Sullivan* and the Cork Camogie Team in Sundays All Ireland Final.

### Coffee Mornings

*Coffee Morning* in aid of *Marymount Hospice on Thursday September 15th* in the home of **Noleen Coomey, Gortnaclogh** from 10.00am.



Also **Sacristy of Ballyheada church** from 10.30am-1.00pm. All welcome.

### Men's Shed - Parish

The **Men's Shed** project has commenced in the **Community Centre, Ballygarvan**. This is a parish wide endeavour. Further details next week.

### Piano Lessons

*Piano Lessons* commencing all ages from 7 to "never too late" in *Ballygarvan Community Centre*. Further details and booking Cork City Music College 4966885 or [www.ccmc.ie](http://www.ccmc.ie)

### Light A Candle

Join the global community in observing *World Suicide Prevention Day on September 10th*.

On Saturday **Light a Candle** near a **window at 8.00pm** to show your support for suicide prevention, to remember a lost loved one and for the survivors of suicide.

