

Anniversaries

John & Chris Guirey, Kinsale Rd.
Con O'Brien, Knocklucy.
William Nagle, Tracton.
Spillane Family, Meadstown.
Mary Reynolds, Ballyhooleen.
Finbarr Kearney, Goggins Hill.
McCarthy Family, Timoleague.
John and Hannah Rice, Belgooly.
William Reynolds, Ballyhooleen.
Derry Doody, Ballinrea, Carrigaline.
Daniel Coleman, Ballynagrumbolia.
Paddy and Teresa Ryan, Ballygarvan.

We Remember

Charlie Francis, Athlone.
Christine Keller, Crosshaven
who died during the week.
*We pray for their families,
neighbours and friends.*

*We have loved them in life, Let us
not forget them in death.*



Fr. Kieron Farewell

Saturday October 22nd at 8.00pm.

Baking/Confectionary/Sandwiches
appreciated on the night.

These can be handed in to
the **Marian Hall:- From
3.00pm -3.30pm; from
7.00pm or bring when you
arrive. All welcome.**



2016 Ballinhassig Parish Newsletter

Notices for inclusion should be received not later than 2.00pm on Wednesday
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MASS TIMES Next Week

Monday 17th:-
Ballygarvan 9.30am

Tuesday 18th:-
Goggins Hill 9.30am

Thursday 20th
Ballyheada 10.00am

Saturday 22nd:- Vigil
Ballyheada 7.00pm

Sunday 23rd:-
Ballygarvan 10.00am
Goggins Hill 11.30am

Active Retired Club

*Ballinhassig Parish Social & Active
Retirement Club outing* to Griffin's
Garden Centre on **October 26th.**
(Cost of Bus 8 Euro)

Bus leaves Ballygarvan 11.30am
Bus leaves Ballinhassig 11.45am.

Details and booking contact:
Breda 4885449; Noreen 4888213;
John 087/7546818. All welcome.



Happy 90th Birthday

Congratulations to
Angela O'Regan,
Bawnleigh and *Kit Jordan,* Tullig-
more who celebrated their **90th
Birthday** recently. Enjoy!!!!!!

Ballinhassig Parish

Newsletter

for Ballygarvan, Ballyheada and Goggins Hill



Vol. 25 No. 6 Sunday: October 16th, 2016 (Twenty Ninth Sunday In Ordinary Time)

*Fr. Christy
writes...*

Hang in There

It's not easy hanging in there when things are going wrong. We sometimes can't because we run out of steam. Our energy is gone and we can't keep going. Moses certainly is an example of staying power.

As long as he believed God stayed with him he kept going and he hung in there. He held out the staff of God over the people and as long as he did so they were successful against their enemies. He needed people to hold him up when he got tired. He couldn't do it on his own. But, he accepted their help and physical support.

The widow in the gospel story persisted against all the odds. She was fully intent on getting justice and she kept after the judge until she succeeded. For ourselves, we too, have to keep up and persist. Like the widow and Moses we might have to hang in there for a while but it will be worth it. God will prevail and our prayers will be answered.

As Pope Francis said recently: "All of us experience moments of fatigue and discouragement, especially when our prayers seem ineffective. But Jesus assures us: unlike the unjust judge, God promptly answers his children, although this does not mean he does it in the time and manner that we would like. Prayer is not a magic wand! It helps to preserve our faith in God, and to trust in Him even when we do not comprehend His will. In this, Jesus himself - who prayed so much! - is the example.



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"We ask the Lord for a faith which becomes unceasing prayer, persevering, like that of the widow in the parable, a faith that is nourished by the desire of his arrival. And in this prayer we experience the compassion of God, like a Father who comes to meet his children full of merciful love."

Team Hope Shoe Box Appeal

It is that time of year again when it is time to start planning **Team Hope Shoe Box Appeal in Ballinhassig Parish.**

It's been another difficult year for many economically, weatherwise in the spring and autumn, personal loss and tragedies, illness and bereavement, but for the children who receive your shoe box gift it will have an impact far greater than you can imagine, as well as all the great gifts, you will bring smiles laughter and hope to children who think the world has forgotten them.



Worldwide recession makes no difference to them, they live with recession and poverty all their life. They are forgotten children, victims of war, diseases and poverty, living on the edge in some of the poorest countries in the world. Christmas is just another ordinary day, nothing special, no Christmas tree, no presents. But your shoebox can bring a little hope and a practical expression of God's love at Christmas time. **A shoebox won't change the world, but it might just change the world for one child,** it can do far more than we can imagine, by bringing Christmas to children who have never experienced anything like it before.



The project simply works by asking people to fill an average sized shoe box or plastic container, **wrap the box and lid separately with Christmas paper.** This year boxes from Ireland will once again go to Eastern Europe and Africa. The boxes are given to children regardless of their nationality, political background or religious beliefs.

Because it is Christmas, whenever it is culturally appropriate and in consultation with local people the children, along with their box may be offered a booklet telling the story of the nativity and the life of Jesus.



You choose whether you would like your box to go to a boy or girl and what age group, 2-4; 5-9; 10-14.

All boxes are opened by volunteers at the collection centres simply to check they are ok for contents and customs purposes. **(our boxes will go to a collection centre in Blackpool, Cork)**



The boxes are then sealed, sent by truck or container and will only be opened again by the receiving child.

If you would like to participate in this project contact Mary at the P.A.N. Centre (Parish Office) at 4885062 for further information and special leaflet which must accompany each box.

Boxes must be returned to the P.A.N. Centre (Parish Office), Cottrell's Gala, Ballinhassig or national schools by November 11th, 2015

I have been associated with the shoe box appeal for seventeen years and the generosity of adults and children is amazing and greatly appreciated by the under privileged children who receive your gift filled shoe boxes.

The number of boxes collected continues to grow year after year. Once again your support would be greatly appreciated. *(Mary O'Halloran)*



Fr. Kieron Farewell/Thanksgiving Night



Marian Hall, Ballinhassig
Next Saturday
October 22nd, 8.00pm



If you would like to be associated with this **Farewell /Thanksgiving Presentation to Fr. Kieron:-** You are **invited** to place your voluntary contribution in an envelope which are available in the churches' or Parish Office.

Envelopes can be returned as follows:-

In the Sunday Offertory collection basket; or direct to the P.A.N. Centre.

Envelopes can be returned up to:-

October 19th but prior to this would be much appreciated. Thanking you in anticipation for your co-operation and generosity which will be treated in the strictest confidence. **All welcome.**

Enquiries to **Organising Committee:- Henrietta, Noreen, Ann, Mary & Parish Assembly at the P.A.N. Centre (Parish Office) 4885062.**

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or bring with you when you arrive.



If you are brave enough to say goodbye, Life will reward you with a new Hello!!!!

Community Alert

Meeting on Monday **October 17th** in the **Marian Hall at 7.30pm.**

New members welcome.

Advent Preparation

Preparation for **Advent** will be held in the parish on **November 22nd & 29th.** More details next week.

Coffee Morning

Coffee Morning in aid of **Dialysis Unit CUH** on Sat. **October 29th** from **10.00am-12.30pm** in the home of **Tim and Ann Coakley, Ballinaboy.**

Halloween Disco

Goggins Hill Parents Association Halloween Disco in the **Marian Hall** on Sat. **October 29th,** 6.30pm-8.30pm. Parents to supervise their child. Cost 3Euro, discounts. More details next week.