

## Anniversaries

Kathleen O'Connell, Rathmacullig.  
Thomas O'Connell, Rathmacullig.  
Teddy O'Connell, Rathmacullig.  
Catherine O'Connell, Killeagh.  
Tadhg O'Connell, Killeagh.  
Tom Crowley, Ballincrannig.  
Tim Hegarty, Kingsland.  
Teresa Hennessy, Upton.  
Frank O'Connor, Banteer.  
Derry Horgan, Ballyhooleen.  
Fr. Fachtna O'Neill, Curraheen  
Hannah O'Neill, Ballynaloughy.  
John O'Mahony, Meadstown.  
Patrick Hurley, Ballyguinnane.  
Margaret O'Mahony, Meadstown.  
Noel Barry Murphy, Coolmakee.  
Catherine Barry Murphy, Coolmakee.  
Peter and Anna Cronin, Dromoureen.



## We Remember

*Máire Brady*, Douglas.  
*David Hurley*, McSwiney's Villas.  
*We pray for their families,  
neighbours and friends.*



## Sympathy

We offer our sympathy to **Dr. Pat Brady**, Ballinhassig Village on the death of his mother Máire Brady, Douglas;  
**Mairéad Coakley**, Ballygarvan N.S. on the death of David Hurley, McSwiney's Villas,



## Masses Next Week

**Monday:- January 16th**

**Ballygarvan:- 9.30am**

**Tuesday:- January 17th**

**Goggins Hill at 9.30am**

**Thursday:- January 19th**

**Ballyheada at 10.00am**

**Saturday:- January 21st**

**Ballyheada at 7.00pm**

**Sunday:- January 22nd**

**Ballygarvan 10.00am**

**Goggins Hill 11.30am**

## Day of Migrants & Refugees

This Sunday *January 15th* is *World day of migrants and refugees*. Prayer:-

Mary Most Holy, you together with St. Joseph and the Child Jesus, experienced the suffering of exile. You were forced to flee to Egypt to escape the persecution of Herod. To-day we entrust the men, women and children who live as migrants and refugees to your maternal protection.



## Thought for the Week

*Running away from a problem only increases the distance from any solution .*

# Ballinhassig Parish

## Newsletter

*for Ballygarvan, Ballyheada and Goggins Hill*



**Vol. 25 No. 18 Sunday: January 15th, 2017 (Second Sunday In Ordinary Time)**

*Fr. Christy writes....*

## GRATITUDE FOR SERVICE

Jesus is chosen by the Spirit for a special purpose, to be the Servant and the Lamb of Sacrifice. Paul is chosen to be an Apostle and we in Baptism are chosen too, Chosen as followers, as family members, and are also called into service, to build up the kingdom of God on earth.

The strength of any community is how they bond together and respond to the needs of their community unselfishly.

**Ballinhassig** parish has been blessed down through the years in the generous service given by so many to so many for the betterment of this community.



This weekend we also salute those who have served and those currently serving in so many ways, and we thank them and God for their ministry: *The Parish Assembly, Parish Finance and Buildings Committee, Altar Servers, Parents who are Supervisors for Altar Servers, Sacristans, Church Liturgy Groups, Collectors, Counters, Ministers of Word & Eucharist, Pastoral Team for Funerals, Choirs, Musicians and Choir Directors, Legion of Mary, Eucharistic Adoration Groups, Altar and Flower Groups, Church Cleaning Groups, Do This In Memory Co-ordinators and Leaders, Social and Active Retirement Club, our Schools, their Principals, Teachers and Support Staff, and especially our Parish Secretary Mary O'Halloran, not forgetting the numerous people who serve in various groups within the wider community.*

Each and everyone is giving of their time and talent, helping make God's kingdom a reality here on earth and responding in a particular way to their baptismal calling to serve the faith community. May we continue to be blessed by the people who serve our community and live out this aspect of their baptismal calling.

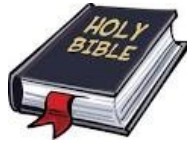


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## Cork Scripture Group

Cork Scripture Group is pleased to announce a course on *The God of Revelation* presented by *Mons Ned Goold*. It is open to anyone with an interest in Scripture. It will be held on Mondays **February 13th, 20th, 27th and March 6th, 2017** from 7.30 – 9.30 p.m. It will be held in the



Scala Centre, Blackrock (opposite Blackrock Castle)



**Night 1 & 2: The God of Israel** - exploring the nature of the God who revealed Himself in the Old Testament and in the struggles of that faith with differing cultures.

**Nights 3 & 4: The God who revealed himself in Jesus** – exploring “The Word” who “became flesh” and who “is lifted up from the earth to draw all to Himself”.

**Saturday workshop on March 4th** from 10.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m. in the Sacred Heart Hall Western Road. Well known Scripture scholar, Fr. Michael Mullins from Waterford, who has written many commentaries on the Bible will present the morning on **The Beatitudes:**

**A key to Unlocking Matthew’s Gospel.**

Cost: €50 [for the 4 nights and Saturday workshop]

booking and further details email [corkscripturegroup@gmail.com](mailto:corkscripturegroup@gmail.com)

<<mailto:corkscripturegroup@gmail.com>> or 021-4295144 before February 3rd, 2017.

## Trip to the Holy Land

Experience the Christmas Story in the land where it actually happened. Take the **Trip of a Lifetime to the Holy Land** from **June 12th-22nd, 2017**. **Group Leader will be Micheál de Barra** and Spiritual Director, **Fr. John Newman** (Bible Scholar).

Details and booking Micheál **086/8337681** or email [culturaltoursireland@gmail.com](mailto:culturaltoursireland@gmail.com)



## An Ciorcal Comhra

*An Ciorcal Comhrá/Irish Conversation Group*  
Ag tosnú arís/Beginning

An Luain/Monday **January 16th**, from **7.30pm-8.30pm** **Ballinhassig GAA Club**

Fáilte roimh gach leibhéal/all levels welcome

Tea, Coffee & Biscuits

Nil aon costas/No charge

Eolas **086/2578698**



## Second Collection January 15th

Quarterly collection for Diocesan Needs.

## KYSS

*Kinsale Youth Support Services* will hold a **FREE Mental Health Awareness Talk**

‘Parenting’ *The Challenges & The Rewards* on Thursday **January 26th** at **8.00pm** in **Actons Hotel, Kinsale**. The main speaker is **John Lonergan**, former Prison Governor & also **Caroline Crotty, Psychotherapist**. *All welcome.*

**Childminder Available**  
*Experienced childminder available in the Ballinhassig area to mind one child in her own home. Further details contact **087/7625653**. All welcome.*

## Childminder Available

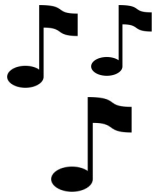
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## Fundraising Concert Saturday January 21st, 2017 Marian Hall, Ballinhassig



**Song for Bridget** is a *Fundraising evening for an 18 year old girl from Gambia requiring life threatening surgery.*

*An evening of Music with Elaine Canning; Ryan Morgan; Sinead Treacy; Barry O’Halloran and the RTA Choir.*  
Musical Director: *Eoin O’Callaghan*; MC: *Seán Radley*, doors open 7.30pm, show 8.00pm. Cost 15Euro.  
Great night assured, support appreciated.



**Tickets on sale on:-** Sunday 15th in the *Marian Hall, Ballinhassig* from 12.30pm-1.30pm and also from **Cottrell’s Gala, Ballinhassig.**

Further details and booking contact:-

**Barry 087/4129315 or Joan 087/9685484.**

This concert is being held to raise funds to enable Bridget to have life saving surgery. She is an 18 year old girl from Gambia who suffers from severe scoliosis of the spine.

**I Joan McCann, Briar Hill** (Ballinhassig Parish) have been going to Gambia for the past 6 years on a completely voluntary basis –facilitating workshops for teachers out there. During this time I have got to know the teachers very well, and as a result Bridget’s sad dilemma was brought to my attention. Her mother Philomena was one of the teachers attending our workshops, and she implored of us to help Bridget to have the surgery she so badly needed. How could we refuse? Two of us volunteers have taken on this campaign to raise the money. With the help of contributions from generous people Bridget will be given a fair chance in life and her family and generations to come will be truly grateful.



You are assured that all funds raised for Bridget’s surgery will be lodged– with an added narration on the source– into an account already open for this purpose.

Further details [www.gofundme.com/surgerybridget](http://www.gofundme.com/surgerybridget).

## Elderly Neighbours

This time of year when weather is cold and days are short, nights can be long and lonely for the elderly, especially those living alone. Make an effort to phone or call to them in person.