

Anniversaries

Maisie O'Sullivan, Ballyhooleen.
Margaret Hickey, Ballyhooleen.
Bridget Lane, Gortnaclogh.
Daniel Desmond, Rigsdale.
Phil Quinlan, Kilbrittain.
Daniel Lombard, Rearour.
Hannah Lombard, Rearour.
John Cullinane, Rearour.
Frank Barry, Ballyduhig.
Biddy O'Meara, Ballyleigh.
Daniel F. Walsh, Drumcondra
& Knocklucy.

We Remember

We remember the following who died during the week.

Richard O'Keefe, Kilkenny;
Richard (Dick) Creedon, Crossbarry and Inchigeela who died during the week. *We pray for their families, neighbours and friends.*

Sympathy

We offer our sympathy to **Sadie Mackey**, Rathmacullig West on the death of her brother Richard O'Keefe, Kilkenny;

Oliver, Richard and Sinead Creedon, Crossbarry on the death of their father Richard (Dick);

Margaret O'Shea, Gortnaclogh, Fr. Gerard, Michael, Joe, Tom, Bernard, Dominic, Oliver, Willie John, Teresa, Nora Mary and Miriam on the death of their brother Richard (Dick) Creedon, Crossbarry and Inchigeela.



Masses Next Week

Monday:- January 23rd

Ballygarvan:- 9.30am

Tuesday:- January 24th

Goggins Hill at 9.45am

Thursday:- January 26th

Ballyheada at 10.00am

Saturday:- January 28th

Ballyheada 7.00pm

Sunday:- January 29th

Ballygarvan 10.00am

Goggins Hill 11.30am

Stations Spring 2017

If you would like to host a **Station** in your home in **Spring 2017** please contact the **P.A.N. Centre (Parish Office)** at **4885062** to book a date.



Stations –Thank You

Fr. Christy would like to sincerely thank all those who hosted a **Station** in their home in **Autumn 2016**, thanks to all who contributed so generously. Thanks also to parishioners in the other station areas who returned their station envelopes and all who contributed so generously to the Christmas offering envelopes.

2017 Ballinhassig Parish Newsletter

Notices for inclusion should be received not later than 2.00pm on Wednesday
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Ballinhassig Parish

Newsletter

for Ballygarvan, Ballyheada and Goggins Hill



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From Intercom....

Jesus Begins His Ministry

A net is an expandable object. When the fish enter, it stretches. It's an image that reoccurs in parable and in the personal stories of the disciples up to and following the death and resurrection of Jesus. They understand the mystery of the Kingdom to be a net that gathers fish of all kinds.



In today's Gospel they let go of the net of preoccupation and follow the Lord into discipleship. Christ's net is reminiscent of the biblical 'leading strings of love' which God uses to draw people to himself. The disciples' response contrasts with that of those who put their hand to the plough and turn back. Jesus's project is the Kingdom, not the material restoration of the Temple. Not power. As a Church, we must know our priority is the Kingdom of God's mercy and of the Spirit, but do we?

(Mary O'Halloran submits..)

Go The Extra Mile

The things you do for others, do not for your own fame, But, give the glory to the Lord, and in our Saviour's name. An old person who is lonely, someone whose friends are few, Just be the kind of friend to them that Jesus is to you. When finding someone who's depressed, or one whose road is curved, you'll find the joy in serving, and not in being served. When God sends one, your way, in need, ask guidance from above, then give what help you have to give, and do it out of love. So, if you meet someone to-day, too tired to even smile, just walk along and share their load, and **Go The Extra Mile.** (Carol McKenney)



Christian Unity Week

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is observed from the **18th to the 25th January, the Feast of the conversion of St. Paul.**



The theme chosen for 2017 is "The love of Christ compels us" The 2017 resource material was prepared for worldwide use by the churches in Germany.

In Ireland Churches Together have adapted the prepared material on the theme 'Crossing Barriers' based around the verses 2 Corinthians 5:14-20. During this week we should all make a special effort to pray for Unity of all Christians in our troubled world.



Prayer:- We thank you for this week of Prayer that has brought us together as Christians and that has enabled us to experience your presence in different ways.

Grant us ways to praise your holy name together, so that we continue to seek reconciliation and grow towards unity. Amen.

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 in the **Scala Centre, Blackrock**. Cost: €50 (for the 4 nights and Saturday workshop) All welcome.

booking and further details email corkscripturegroup@gmail.com or 021/4295144 before **February 3rd, 2017**.

Thought For The Week
In the book of Life the answers aren't at the back.

Study Theology

Study Theology by *Distance Learning* with the Priory Institute, a Dominican centre for theological studies, Tallaght Village, Dublin.



Further details and application contact **01/4048124** or www.prioryinstitute.com
All welcome.

Church Cleaning

You are invited to join the existing team to **help clean Goggins Hill church on a rota basis**. If you can spare an hour or two please contact the **P.A.N. Centre at 4885062**. All welcome.



Church Parking

Please be mindful when parking in the church yards. Do not park or obstruct the space reserved for clergy as they need to be able to exit quickly in an emergency.



Church yard parking is for those with mobility and health issues which hamper walking. Please keep gateways clear for use by emergency services. Anybody with other special requirements please contact the P.A.N. Centre **4885062**. Thanks for your continued co-operation.



An Ciorcal Comhra

Monday/An Luain 7.30pm-8.30pm
GAA Rooms, **Ballinaboy**. All welcome.

Pray For all our parishioners who are unwell at this time. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

Finance Committee

Offertory Collection:-

October	1st/2nd	1597Euro
October	8th/9th	1730Euro
October	15th/16th	1095Euro
October	22nd/23rd	1415Euro
October	29th/30th	1455Euro



November	5th/6th	1922Euro
November	12th/13th	1485Euro
November	19th/20th	1578Euro
November	26th/27th	2064Euro
December	3rd/4th	1510Euro
December	10th/11th	2025Euro
December	17th/18th	2128Euro

We thank you for your generous contributions to the weekly Offertory Collections. We also thank those who contribute by *Standing Order/Direct Debit; Cheques/Drafts/Postal Orders and Envelopes* handed in to the P.A.N Centre (Parish Office).

Thanks to all who have responded so generously in so many ways to our recent Update from the Parish Finance Committee.

We invite you, if you have not already done so to participate in the **Tax Back Scheme**.

How does it work?

** No matter where you go to Mass you are invited to keep the **Parish Envelopes** and return them to the parish at your convenience as many people already do.

** You can also pay by **Standing Order**, available from P.A.N. Centre (Parish Office)

Both **Self Employed and PAYE** can participate in the scheme. If you contribute **250Euro or over in the year** to the parish we can reclaim from revenue the tax you paid on your donation. **It doesn't cost you anything** but the **Parish will benefit** under charitable status.

All information and financial contributions kept confidentially in the P.A.N. Centre.

You can **join the scheme any time** during the year. If you use the **Box of Envelopes** please call the P.A.N. Centre **4885062** with your **Box Number for 2017**.

Priesthood

Men between 18-40 who are interested in the Diocesan priesthood as a way of life are invited to Pallotine House, **Thurles** on Friday **February 17th** from 6.00pm to Saturday February **18th** at 3.00pm.

Further details contact

Fr. Charlie Kiely 021/4537603

or email:

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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.

Carry On Regardless 2017

Carry on Regardless 2017 are looking for musicians to help out during our show.

If you have experience in any of the following instruments **chello; flute; mandolin or bazoooka**, please contact **086/8242318** for further details.



History Society

Ballygarvan and District Local History Society AGM, followed by Lecture on "**St. Brigid's Day Customs**" by Shane Lehane in **Pre Fab Old School, Ballygarvan** at 8.00pm on Thursday **January 26th**. All welcome.



Owenabue Men's Shed

Owenabue Men's Shed (Ballinhassig Parish) meet in the **Old School Ballygarvan** on Wednesdays at 8.00pm. Further details **086/0645848**. All welcome.