

Anniversaries

Daniel O'Regan, Bawnleigh.
Arthur O'Brien, Halfway.
Joe Barry, Rigsdale.
Frank Barry, Ballyduhig.
John Hurley, Meadstown.
Mary Walsh, Blarney.
Bertie Martin, Carrigaline.
Nora Walsh, Ballygarvan Upper.
Kate Conway, Ballygarvan Upper.
Daniel Harrington, Shanagraigue.
Timothy and Nora O'Donovan, Durrus.
Michael & Nancy O'Shea, Coachford.
Jeremiah Conway, Ballygarvan Upper.
Denis and Nellie Keane, Ballygarvan & Enniskeane.



We Remember

Patrick Attridge, Bishopstown
who died recently. *We pray for his family, neighbours and friends.*



Sympathy

We offer our sympathy to *Mary O'Donoghue*, Ballygarvan Upper on the death of her father Patrick Attridge, Bishopstown; sympathy also To the family, neighbours and friends of *John O'Connor*, Ballinvoltig.



In death life is changed not ended

Elderly Care Available

Reliable lady available to care for 'Elderly' in their own home Monday-Friday. References available, contact **089/2155359** for further details.

MASS TIMES Next Week

Monday 13th:-

Ballygarvan 9.30am

Tuesday 14th:-

Goggins Hill 9.30am

Thursday 16th:-

Ballyheada 10.00am

Saturday 18th:-

Ballyheada 7.00pm

Sunday 19th:-

Ballygarvan 10.00am
Goggins Hill 11.30am

Parish Assembly

Ballinhassig Parish Assembly:-
Meeting in the Marian Hall on
Monday February 13th at 8.00pm.

Stations Spring

If you would like to host a *Station* in your home this *Spring* please contact the P.A.N. Centre at **4885062**.

Enrolments N.S. 2017

Ballyheada

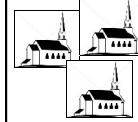
Please note **Enrolment Forms** for Junior Infants commencing **September 2017** are now available from the School Secretary at **4885066**. **Closing date** for receipt of completed enrolment forms is Friday **March 3rd**. Forms also available for **2018 & 2019**.



Ballinhassig Parish

Newsletter

for Ballygarvan, Ballyheada and Goggins Hill



Vol. 24 No. 22 Sunday: February 12th, 2017 (Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time)

Fr. Christy writes....

FORGIVE FROM YOUR HEART

We don't like harsh words. It appears to us that Jesus is laying down the law and he is not pulling his punches. A lot of people in our world might say that this is too high a standard and it's impossible to keep. There are some who say also that we have become too soft and we make too many excuses for people.

For us as a Eucharistic people the challenge lies and comes very close to the bone when he says "So then, if you are bringing your offering to the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your offering there before the altar, go and be reconciled with your brother first, and then come back and present your offering."



Pope Francis, speaking on this Gospel has said "Love of neighbour is a fundamental attitude that Jesus speaks of, and he says that our relationship with God cannot be honest if we are not willing to make peace with our neighbour. Therefore we are called to reconcile with our neighbour before showing our devotion to the Lord in prayer.

Jesus goes to the Law's roots focusing, first and foremost, on the intention and the human heart, from which our good and bad actions originate. To obtain good and honest conduct, legal rules are not enough. We need a deep motivation, an expression of a hidden wisdom, God's wisdom, which can be received through the Holy Spirit. Through faith in Christ, we can open ourselves to the action of the Spirit which enable us to experience divine love.

In the light of Christ's teaching, every precept reveals its full meaning as a requirement of love, and they all come together in the greatest commandment: *to love God with all of your heart and to love your neighbour as yourself.*"



2017 Ballinhassig Parish Newsletter

Notices for inclusion should be received not later than 2.00pm on Wednesday by Mary O'Halloran (4885062,4885257) Mary O'Donovan (4888268), PAN Centre/Parish Office (phone/fax 4885062) info@ballinhassigparish.com www.ballinhassigparish.com Parish Priest:- Fr. Christy Fitzgerald Telephone: 4885104 or 087/9439666

World Day of the Sick

On **February 11th in 1858**, Our Lady first appeared at Lourdes to 14 year old **Bernadette Soubirous**. Later Bernadette was to learn that the mysterious lady was the Blessed Virgin and to hear from her lips, 'I am the Immaculate Conception.'

In 1992 Pope John Paul 11 instituted the **World Day of the Sick** to be held each year on the commemoration of **Our Lady of Lourdes on February 11th**.

A special Mass and Anointing of the Sick will be held in the parish in May 2017.



St. Gobnait Feast Day February 11th.

St. Gobnait one of the best loved saints in West Cork, feast day coincides with World Day of The Sick. She spent most of her life in **Ballyvourney** where there has always been a deep devotion to her. On **February 11th and Pentecost** it is a place of pilgrimage. Her gifts of caring for and curing the sick have been associated with her through the centuries.

*Lord Jesus, who healed the sick,
We pray for all who are not well.*

Be their help and strength

And bless all who care for them. Amen

Child Minder Wanted

Childminder required to mind 3 boys (2 in school) in childrens home 2-3 days per week. Further details **086/3871703**.

Childminder Available

Lady available to mind child/ children. Further details contact **087/6607544**.



“Walk in the footsteps of Christ”

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

(Ex Cork)

Sunday 8th October – Monday
16th, October 2017

Spiritual Director:- Fr. Christy Fitzgerald, P.P. Ballinhassig
(Cork and Ross Diocesan Director of Liturgy & Ecumenism)

Group Leader: Jim Keogh

Highlights include: Jerusalem, Via Dolorosa, Bethlehem, Nazareth, Mount of Olives, Sea of Galilee, Cana and the Dead Sea.

Trip includes:- Return Flights, 8 nights 4* hotels, dinner, b&b, entrance fees, English speaking Christian guide.

Please note that places are strictly limited and are allocated on a first come first served basis.

Reserve your place now: a completed booking form with deposit of €250.00 per person (payment by cash/cheque / debit or credit card) should be sent directly to MAP Travel. The balance will be due 10 weeks prior to departure – payment by cash/cheque or debit card. A 2% surcharge applies only to balances paid by credit card. Further information and details please contact MAP travel, 36 Upper O’Connell St, Dublin 1 **01/8783111** or Jim Keogh at **4885371** or **087/2678793**. All welcome.

Family Fun Bingo

Ballinhassig Camogie Club will hold a Family Fun Bingo night in the Marian Hall on Saturday **February 25th at 8.00pm**. Proceeds to the newly formed **Ballinhassig Ladies Football Club**.



Thank You

Brothers of Charity St. Patrick’s Upton would like to thank all who supported and assisted in any way with the ‘**Christmas Room**’ event in aid of **Cancer Connect, Local Link Cork** (West Cork Rural Transport) and St. Patrick’s Upton. A total of **4,750Euro** was raised and donations of **1,000Euro** each have been made to **Cancer Connect and Local Link Cork**.



Thank You

The Matron, staff and patients of Kinsale Community Hospital sincerely thank the parishioners of **Ballinhassig Parish** for their generous donations of **Christmas Hampers**. Your continued generosity is much appreciated.



St. Valentine

Patron Saint of:-

*Love, marriages, engagements, young people, greetings, etc. is celebrated on **February 14th**.
‘make someone feel good about themselves to-day’*



Croí na Gaeilge

Final Leaving Certificate Honours Oral Irish (worth 40% of total exam marks) **Intensive One Day Preparation Course** during the mid-term break on **Monday Feb. 20th from 11-6 pm** given by an experienced Oral Examiner/Teacher and open to all 6th & 5th Year Honours students in **Ballinhassig, Ballygarvan** and surrounding areas. All topics covered (sraith pictiúr, conversation, poetry reading, Gaeltacht phrases etc.) Further details **(085 /1611573 after 6 p.m. only)**

Thought For The Week

*Small deeds done are better than
Great deeds planned.*

Thank You ‘Song For Bridget

– **Fundraising Concert** ‘**Song for Bridget**’ fundraising concert was held in the **Marian Hall** on Saturday January 21st. We would like to sincerely thank the following:-



The Performing Artists– Elaine Canning; Ryan Morgan; Angela Ryan and Eoin O’Callaghan; Mary Fitzgerald and Mary O’Brien and all the Retired Teachers Choir; Mr. Sean Radley MC.

A huge thank you to the local people who worked so hard to ensure that everything went smoothly on the night– ticket selling; raffle; car park stewarding; lighting; sound etc. A huge thanks to our sponsors, those who gave spot/raffle prizes and cash donations. Thanks to Fr. Christy and the Radio presenters of Cork, C103, 96FM, Lyric FM, and Cork Music Station who so willingly promoted the event for us.

Thanks also to Ita and Willie Fitzgerald who did a splendid job on video and photography. A very sincere thanks to all of you who attended the concert and made it such a special night.



The concert was an outstanding success and surpassed all our expectations. All proceeds are going to the fund for Bridget’s surgery. Bridget has had her surgery now and is recuperating very well– we are stage paying for all her treatment, physiotherapy, after care as we are raising the money.

The total raised to date from the concert is **3,500Euro** and donations are still coming in. A million thanks to all from **Joan McCann and Barry O’Halloran** (Organisers)



Old Abbey Athletic Club

Old Abbey Athletic Club AGM on Friday **February 24th** at 8.30pm in **Barrett’s Bar, Killeady**. All welcome.