

Anniversaries

Julie O'Keeffe, Rigsdale.
Lena Nagle, Tracton.

Martina Doody, Lisfehill.

Mary Holland, Liskillea.

Joe Ryan, Innishannon.

Liam Barrett, Killeady.

Jerry Murphy, Old Abbey.

John Murphy, Old Abbey.

Rose Murphy, Newbridge.

Bride Kennefick, Killingley.

Vera Madden, Goggins Hill.

Jimmy Butler, Barrett's Hill.

John & Kathleen Keating, Kildare.



We Remember

Noel Kelly/Ó Ceallaigh, Limerick
& Ballinhassig;

Kay Murphy, Innishannon who
died during the week. *We pray for
their families, neighbours and friends.*



Sympathy

We offer our sympathy to *Eileen
O'Reilly* and *Jeremiah McCarthy*, Kil-
lanimoge on the death of their sister

Kay Murphy, Innishannon;

Dermot, Jim, Sean and *Nan Collins*,
Ballygarvan on the death of their sister
Breda Collins, Ballygarvan & London.

Wreath Laying Ceremony at Pier Rd.,
Kinsale, **March 16th at 6pm** to mark 100th
anniversary of Timothy McCarthy Antarctic
hero. (*Kinsale History Society*)

MASS TIMES Next Week

Monday 13th:-

Ballygarvan 9.30am

Tuesday 14th:-

Goggins Hill 9.30am

Thursday 16th:-

Ballyheada No Morning Mass



St. Patrick's Day

Thursday:- March 16th

VIGIL MASS:-

Ballyheada: 7.00pm



Friday:- **March 17th**

Ballygarvan 10.00am

Goggins Hill 11.30am

Saturday 18th:-

Ballyheada 7.00pm

Sunday 19th:-

Ballygarvan 10.00am

Goggins Hill 11.30am

Parish Assembly

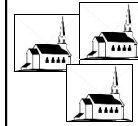
Ballinhassig Parish Assembly:-

Meeting on Monday **March 13th at
8.00pm** in Ballygarvan N.S.

Thought For The Week

*Every day may not be good,
but there is some good in every day.*

Ballinhassig Parish



Newsletter

for Ballygarvan, Ballyheada and Goggins Hill

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Fr. Christy writes....

Create a Sacred Space

Everyone thinks about what they are going to give up for Lent and what extra they can do for the good of their soul. Penance is good, it reminds us of Jesus' sacrifice on the cross, it causes us to remember our humanity and it purifies us in more ways than one.



This year, conscious that we might not all have religious objects in our homes, I would like to invite you to bring the Lord and prayer into your home for Lent by creating a special space. It doesn't have to be big, it can be a corner of a unit or a small table but it can become a spiritual focus during Lent, after all Lent is a spiritual journey.



A blue or purple cloth would be best, but any colour will do. On this, place a candle or nightlight, a cross and a Bible. Your Sunday Mass leaflet will do. Make a point of sometime; even for a minute or two, to stop and gather as a family, and to say a simple prayer maybe you'd like to use the following prayer from the children's Alive O book.

"Jesus in the wilderness, in those moments when I choose to do without and find it difficult – Help me, strengthen me with thoughts of others who do without and have no choice. **Amen.**"



2017 Ballinhassig Parish Newsletter

Notices for inclusion should be received not later than 2.00pm on Wednesday
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St. Patrick Patron of Ireland

It can be difficult to separate fact from fiction in the life of **St. Patrick**, not unusual when he was probably born more than 1,600 years ago. His life is a wonderful example of how God brings good out of evil. He tells us in his "confessions" how he was brought to Ireland to work as a slave at the age of sixteen, until that time he had little knowledge of God.



During this time he converted many, ordained priests, divided the country into dioceses, held church councils, founded several monasteries for both sisters and brothers, throughout the country. **Patrick** is the **Patron Saint** and credited with bringing Christianity to Ireland.

The "Breastplate" of **Saint Patrick** gives us a good example of his spirituality.



In his loneliness and isolation he discovered the Lord, praying as many as 1000 prayers by day and the same by night as he tended the sheep on Sliabh Migh. Finally escaping, probably to France, he could not forget the needs of the pagans in Ireland.

He was consecrated bishop at the age of forty three. In a dream it seemed the people of Ireland were calling on him to return. Patrick took this as a call from God and lit a flame on the hill of **Tara** on **Holy Saturday** night which has never since been extinguished.



*Christ with me,
Christ before me,
Christ behind me,
Christ in me,
Christ beneath me,
Christ above me,
Christ on my right,
Christ on my left,
Christ when I lie down,
Christ when I arise,
Christ in the heart of every person who thinks of me,
Christ in the mouth who speaks of me,
Christ in the eye that sees me, and Christ in the ear that hears me.*



Amen.



Grinds Available

Grinds available in Oral **Irish** in pupils own home. Fluent Irish speaker. Further details **086/2264015**.

Childminder Available

To mind child/children in minders own home. Contact **087/7625653** for details.

Mission Appeal

The **Lay Helper** of the **Missionary Sisters of St. Peter Claver**— **Pat McHugh** will be in the parish next week end **March 18th/19th** to appeal on behalf of the missions. He will talk about the work of the Sisters and will be grateful for your support for the missions.



Parish Social & Active Retirement Club

Ballinhassig Parish Social & Active Retirement Club invite you to a 'GATHERING' in the **Marian Hall** on Wed. **afternoon March 29th** from **2.00pm- 4.00pm.**



This is a social gathering *open to all, particularly over 50's.* Afternoon includes chat, cuppa, refreshments and special guest well known 'Story Teller- **John Kehily**' Your ideas for future events, trips etc. would be most welcome.



For Your Diary:- OUTING on **MAY 24th.** More details later.



Carry On Regardless

Ballinhassig GAA All Stars Presents..... **CARRY ON REGARDLESS - Music and Comedy Show** in the **Marian Hall**, Ballinhassig from Wed. **March 15th-Sun. March 19th.** Show commences at **8pm** nightly. Admission:- Adults 12.50Euro, children 5Euro.




Tickets will be on sale as follows:- **Marian Hall:- Sun. 12th 4.00pm-6.00pm;** Mon. 13th, Tues. 14th, & Wed 15th from **7.00pm-8.00pm.** No reservation of tickets. Spot prizes or baskets for hampers appreciated and can be handed in to the Marian Hall during ticket sales time.



Details **087/6579925.** All welcome.

Drug/Alcohol - Talk

Drug/Alcohol Awareness Talk by Miss **Bernie McDonal** (from ) **Community Awareness of Drugs**) will be held at **Ballincollig Community School** on Wed. **March 15th at 7.30pm.** Admission free, all welcome.

Ballinhassig Under Age

Ballinhassig Under Age Social event in Barrett's Bar, Killeady on Tuesday **April 11th at 9.30pm.** **Split Pot Draw** will also take place



Youth Choir

Goggins Hill Youth Choir practice and singing at Mass as follows:-
Sunday **March 12th - Practice 10.30am** followed by Mass at 11.30am;
Sunday **April 2nd -Practice only** from **10.30am-11.10am;**
Sunday **April 9th Practice 10.30am** followed by Mass at 11.30am. All welcome.



Community AGM

Ballygarvan Community Association will hold its:- AGM **March 14th @ 8pm**
Venue:- Prefab Old N.S. Ballygarvan

Flower Arranging Classes

Spring Flower Arranging Classes Ballygarvan Community Centre (Old School) Tues. **March 21st & 28th, April 4th, 11th** from 7.30pm-9.30pm. Booking **087/9028416.**