

Anniversaries

Kathleen Twohig, Goggins Hill.
Esther O'Donoghue, Coolatooder.
Jimmy & Sheila Cosgrave, Lisfehill.
Declan O'Halloran, Castlelack.
Laurence Tobin, Raheen.
Nora Harrington, Wilton.
John Casey, Ballygarvan.
Tom Hurley, Ballyheada.
Gretta Murphy, Bandon.
Mai Cosgrave, Friars Walk.
Mairead Pattwell, Tulligmore
Michael Walsh, Clougheenduan.
Connie Cosgrave, Friars Walk.
Paddy Walsh, Clougheenduan
& Farranree.



Those who die in grace go no further from us than God and God is very near.

Alzheimer's Tea Day

The *Alzheimer's Society of Ireland* was founded in 1982 and since then has campaigned on behalf of people with dementia and their carers. **Tea Day** is a national day of celebration and fundraising and this year will be held on **Thursday May 4th**.

Bishopscourt Nursing Home

will hold a 'Tea Afternoon' on Thursday May 4th from 3.00pm-5.00pm. All welcome.



Let us now remember all those who cannot remember now.

MASS TIMES Next Week

Monday 1st :-

Ballygarvan No Mass

Tuesday 2nd:-

Goggins Hill 9.30am

Thursday 4th:-

Ballyheada 10.00am

Friday 5th:- (First Friday)

Ballygarvan 9.30am

Ballyheada 8.00pm

Adoration Ballyheada 7pm-8pm

Friday is the *First Friday of May*.

Fr. Christy will make the usual monthly visits to the housebound **on Friday**.

Saturday 6th:- Vigil

Ballyheada 7.00pm

Sunday 7th:-

Ballygarvan 10.00am

Goggins Hill 11.30am

Quarterly Collection

The *second collection* this week end is the quarterly collection for **Diocesan Needs**. This collection helps defray the running costs of the diocese.

World Meeting of Families

May 4th *Bishop Buckley* will launch the Cork & Ross Diocesan programme of preparation in *Clonakilty Parish Centre* from 2.30pm-4.00pm or *Blackrock Parish Centre* from 7.30pm-9.00pm. Details 4537601. *All welcome.*

Ballinhassig Parish

Newsletter

for Ballygarvan, Ballyheada and Goggins Hill



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Fr. Christy submits....

COME AND SEE

Since I was ordained 34 years ago this October, the number of serving priests has more than halved and yet the need for priests in parishes, and as chaplains in schools and hospitals has never been greater.

The headlines in the Evening Echo this past week have caused some people in different parishes to be quite concerned. The prospect of parishes without a resident priest in the very near future is a stark reality! Even an influx of people training wouldn't solve our immediate problems as it takes up to seven years for someone to be trained for the priesthood. Yet, we need to begin somewhere.

In recent years the Church has taken a hammering and for many that has not been encouraging, for those of us who continue to serve it has been challenging to say the least. But I believe serving in priesthood and religious life is still worth putting before people. We need to encourage anyone who expresses an interest. We need to support them and continue our prayers for people to answer God's call to serve as priests and religious.

On Sunday afternoon next, **7th May from 2:30pm to 5:30pm** the Diocese invites men who are interested in knowing more about the priesthood and the training and formation involved, to come to our annual "come and see" at the Pastoral Development Office in Ballyphehane (located in the grounds of Ballyphehane Church). Contact in confidence:

Fr. Charlie Kiely 021 /4537603; Fr. Tom Deenihan 021/4301717;

Mgr. Aidan O'Driscoll 023 /8833165 or Fr. Bertie O'Mahony 021/4346940.



Pope Francis seeks the views of young people

Young people aged 16-29 are invited to complete the survey for Pope Francis with their views on church today- on www.corkandross.org

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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

Confirmation 2017

The following children from *Ballygarvan National School* were confirmed on **March 22nd** in *Mary, Mother of God church, Ballygarvan* by *Bishop Coveney*.



David Anthony
Peter Dorney
Conor Hunt

Sophie Elliffe
Eimear Geary
Jemma Looney

Charlie Moynihan
Gavin Moore
Charlie Moloney

Kevin Lyons
Ben O'Flynn
Cillian O'Regan



Dalbha Lyons
Tara Lyons
Orla Madden

Adam Phelan
Leo Troy
Grace Buckley



Daniel O'Mahony
Micheál O'Mahony
Robert O'Herlihy

Emily O'Sullivan
Eric Condon
Jack Cottrell

Lucy Casey
Julia Field
Lily Field

Eanna McCarthy
Evan O'Connor
Louis Casey

Colin Crowley
Josh Crowley
Ronan Curley

Susan Harris
Eva Mangan

Sean Casey
Amy Coveney
Abbie Cussen

Timmy Hawkins
Jack Mangan
Charlie McCarthy

Anita McIntyre
Eva Merie Roset
Molly Jean McGreevy



*If we are led by the Spirit,
and open to the gifts,
we will bring forth the fruits:*

*"Love, Joy, Peace,
Patience,
Kindness,
Goodness,
Trustfulness,
Gentleness and Self Control"* (Gal.5:22)



Social & Active Retirement Club

Annual Outing :- May 24th

Ballinassig Parish Social and Active Retirement Club will hold their annual outing on May 24th.

Itinerary:-

Bus will leave *Ballinassig* at **10.00am**
Ballygarvan at **10.15am**.



Tea/Coffee/scones in Elm Tree;
on to *Cobh* — guided tour of the Cathedral; Lunch in Commodore Hotel;
Cobh Heritage Centre; Nun's Garden etc.
Evening meal *Vienna Woods Hotel*. Music, chat, craic and sing song.
Returning 9.00pm approx.

Total cost 45Euro
All welcome.



To book your place:- **Names and Payment** to the following on or before **Friday May 19th**.

Joan McCann 087/9685484; Irene Forde 086/8611275;
Mairead Deasy 087/1376023; Mary O'Halloran 4885062
or any committee member.

*Note:- Early booking appreciated as numbers
will be required for Hotel & Bus booking.*

Thanks for your co-operation (committee members)

friendship & caring isn't a big thing, it's a **million little things**.



Social Afternoon on **May 11th** from 2.30pm - 4.30pm in the **Marian Hall**. Guest speaker:-
Mr. William Ryan from **Amplifon; Hearing Aid Audiologist**
will give a talk on hearing with **optional Free Hearing Test**.
Chat and cuppa. All welcome.



Warm Welcome - Macedonia

This Sunday **April 30th** we welcome The '**Female Chamber choir, SV. Zlata Meglenska (Macedonia)** who will sing at the **11.30am** Mass in **Goggins Hill church** as part of the **Sacred Trail** of the **63rd Cork International Choral Festival**.

This is the first time our parish has participated in the **Sacred Trail**.

