

## Anniversaries

Donal & Noreen O'Reilly, Mayfield.  
D. D. O'Leary, Ballygarvan.  
Hayes Family, Clonakilty.   
Maura Buckley, Blarney St.  
Johnny & Joan Lynch, Ballyleigh.  
Maura Buckley, Blarney St, Cork.  
Dan Coleman, Ballynagrumbolia.  
Patrick & Rita Lucey, Adamstown.  
Derry Doody, Ballinrea, Carrigaline  
Sandy Coleman, Carrigaline  
& Ballygarvan. 

## We Remember

**Claire Lehane** (née Creed) *Castletreasure, Douglas & Macroom;*  
**Patrick (Pat) O'Callaghan,**  
*Kanturk* who were buried during the week. *We pray for their families, neighbours and friends.* 

*In death life is changed not ended.*

## Blood Clinic

**Blood Donor Clinic** in the **Marian Hall**, Ballinhassig on Monday:-

**October 16th from 5.00pm-8.30pm.**

More information [giveblood.ie](http://giveblood.ie) or 1850731137. All welcome.

## Blessing of Graves

*St. James Cemetery Chetwynd, Togher.*  
Sunday **November 5th at 3.00pm.**

## MASS TIMES

### Next Week:-

Monday 16th:-

*Ballygarvan 9.00am*

Tuesday 17th:-

*Goggins Hill No Mass*

Thursday 19th:-

*Ballyheada 10.00am*

Saturday 21st:- Vigil

*Ballyheada 7.00pm*

Sunday 22nd:-

*Ballygarvan 10.00am*

*Goggins Hill 11.30am*

## Family Prayer

**For World Meeting of Families 2018**

God, Our Father,

We are brothers and sisters in Jesus your Son, One family, in the Spirit of your love.

Bless us with the joy of love.

Make us patient and kind, gentle and generous, welcoming to those in need.

Help us to live your forgiveness and peace.  
Protect all families with your loving care,  
Especially those for whom we now pray:  
Increase our Faith, Strengthen our hope,  
Keep us safe in your love, Make us always grateful for the gift of life that we share.

This we ask, through Christ our Lord, **Amen.**

# Ballinhassig Parish

## Newsletter

*for Ballygarvan, Ballyheada and Goggins Hill*

**Vol. 26 No. 5 Sunday: October 15th, 2017** (Twenty Eight Sunday In Ordinary Time)

*Fr. Christy writes...*

## The Great Heavenly Banquet

We all love a good party, gathering together, meeting old friends, exchanging news, catching up. We are not meant to be alone. We are meant for company. We enjoy, even with one other person, sitting down and having a chat over a cuppa.

The prophet Isaiah, in his writings was trying always to be a person of hope. People needed encouragement and not to lose heart. He, in our reading this weekend, is painting a picture through his words. He is trying to describe the impossible; he is trying to describe what heaven will be like.

His word picture is of a wonderful heavenly celebration where the Lord triumph's over sin and death. It's a fabulous banquet, with nothing but the best food and wines. Sorrow, pain and death is banished. The Gospel takes up this image of describing the kingdom of heaven, as the king throwing a feast for his son's wedding.

The message is as strong for us today and it was when it was written. We live in a world where division is rife and people are regularly excluded from their home, country, their very identity is being challenged. We are extended an invitation to share a little taste of that heavenly banquet every time we come to share in the Eucharist. We are all welcome, we all belong and there is a place for all of us at the Lord's Table. We are invited to also make sure everyone feels as welcome as we are!

### Mission Sunday Collection

Special collection next week end Saturday/  
Sunday **October 21st/22nd** is for Mission Sunday. Your continued support appreciated.



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Notices for inclusion should be received not later than 2.00pm on Wednesday  
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## Team Hope Shoe Box Appeal

It is that time of year again when it is time to start planning **Team Hope Shoe Box Appeal in Ballinhassig Parish.**



It's been another difficult year for many economically, weatherwise, personal loss and tragedies, illness and bereavement, but for the children who receive your shoe box gift it will have an impact far greater than you can imagine, as well as all the great gifts, you will bring smiles laughter and hope to children who think the world has forgotten them.

Worldwide recession makes no difference to them, they live with recession and poverty all their life. They are forgotten children, victims of war, diseases and poverty, living on the edge in some of the poorest countries in the world. Christmas is just another ordinary day, nothing special, no Christmas tree, no presents. But your shoebox can bring a little hope and a practical expression of God's love at Christmas time. **A shoebox won't change the world, but it might just change the world for one child,** it can do far more than we can imagine, by bringing Christmas to children who have never experienced anything like it before.



The project simply works by asking people to fill an average sized shoe box or plastic container, **wrap the box and lid separately with Christmas paper.** This year boxes from Ireland will once again go to Eastern Europe and Africa. The boxes are given to children regardless of their nationality, political background or religious beliefs. Because it is Christmas, whenever it is culturally appropriate and in consultation with local people the children, along with their box may be offered a booklet telling the story of the nativity and the life of Jesus.

**You choose whether you would like your box to go to a boy or girl and what age group, 2-4; 5-9; 10 -14.**

All boxes are opened by volunteers at the collection centres simply to check they are ok for contents and customs purposes. **(our boxes will go to a collection centre in Blackpool, Cork)** The boxes are then sealed, sent by truck or container and will only be opened again by the receiving child.

If you would like to participate in this project contact **Mary at the P.A.N. Centre (Parish Office) at 4885062** for further information and special leaflet which must accompany each box.

**Boxes must be returned to the P.A.N. Centre (Parish Office), Cottrell's Gala, Ballinhassig or national schools by November 12th, 2017.**

I have been associated with the shoe box appeal for eighteen years and the generosity of adults and children never ceases to amaze me and is greatly appreciated by the under privileged children who receive your gift filled shoe boxes.

The number of boxes collected continues to grow year after year. Once again your continued support would be greatly appreciated. **(Mary O'Halloran)**



## Thank You

**Ballinhassig Parish Assembly** would like to sincerely thank all those who joined them on their **'Day Trip' to Glencairn Abbey & Mount Melleray Abbey on October 7th.**



A great day was had by all, Parish Assembly members, parishioners and friends from outside the parish.

The sisters in **Glencairn** were out to welcome us on arrival and then we were treated to tea/ coffee homemade scones and confectionary and chat with the sisters. We visited their church where we were given a history of the sisters in Glencairn, we then joined in short prayer where we prayed for our families and the wider community. We had a walk to the farm where we saw their miscanthus bales and the large burner used to burn them which provides heat and water for their entire building. They were most welcoming and radiated an air of contentment and spirituality and were especially happy that we had two parish connections to their sisters in the visiting group, **Mairead Deasy**, Bawnleigh mother of **Sister Elizabeth** and **Sr. Marie** is sister of **Eileen Hannigan**, Ballygarvan.

We then moved on to **Mount Melleray** where we were greeted on arrival by Fr. Luke, enjoyed a beautiful lunch and then had time to do as we pleased. We visited the Heritage Centre; Gift shop; Café; had quiet time, walks in the grounds, visited church, confessions or went on the long walk through the wood to the Holy Cross. Later we all met with Fr. Luke who gave us some history of **Mount Melleray** and told us why he joined there etc. Again they were welcoming and appreciative of our visit despite they now only have eight priests. Once again the parish had links with them **Fr. Paul Hennessy** who was their **Abbot** for many years was a brother of **Humphrey Hennessy, Ballyheada;** and **Mary O'Halloran** had a grand uncle Brother Colman (Jim Walsh) who is buried in Melleray.

In both places we were enthused and inspired physically and spiritually by their warmth, generosity, hospitality, piety and spirituality.

## Ballygarvan GAA AGM

Date:- Monday November 6th

Time:- 7.30pm

Venue:- Club House

Nomination forms for Election of Executive Committee & Notice of Motion(s) are available from Club Secretary, **Nora Ni Shuilleabhain** and must be returned or before **Friday October 20th at 7.30pm.** All welcome.



## Coffee Morning

**Coffee Morning** in aid of the **HOPE FOUNDATION** will be held by **Ciara** in the home of **Daniel Forde & Denise Lowney, Ballyhooleen** on **Saturday October 21st** Time:- **10.00am - 3.00pm.** All welcome, support appreciated.



## The Village Stories

**Ballinhassig Village Association** will hold an **'Afternoon of Stories'** on Sunday **November 26th** commencing at **3.00pm** in the **Marian Hall** about the **'Characters and goings on in the Village over the last 80 years'** We are looking for old photos of the Village, the old buildings and the people of the Village. If you have any of these or a story to share, please contact **Denis 087/2688174.** Everyone welcome.

## Help Wanted

To Power Wash the outside of the **Marian Hall** on Saturday **November 4th at 9.00am.** Contact **Denis 087/2688174.**

To **Clean Ballygarvan Church** on Saturday **October 21st at 10.00am.** All welcome.

**SECAD** Worker Wanted for **Marian Hall**, Ballinhassig. Must be unemployed for 1 year and not on a FAS scheme in past 3 years. Contact **4885756** for details.