

## Anniversaries

Mary Murphy, Skehanagh.  
Humphrey Mulcahy, Corran.  
Cathy Connolly, Tulligmore.  
William Deasy, Bawnleigh.  
Marian McCarthy, Goggins Hill.  
Mary Forrest, Ballygarvan Upper.



## We Remember

**Liam O'Halloran**, Rigsdale, *Ballinhassig /Farmers Cross & Grange* who was buried during the week.

*We pray for his family, neighbours and friends.*



*Those we love don't go away,  
They walk beside us every day,  
Unseen, unheard, but always near,  
Still loved, still missed, and very dear.*

## Sympathy

We offer our sympathy to the **Finn Family** on the death of Jeremiah Finn, Ballinphellic;

**Maire Uí Shé**, Kingsland on the death of her mother Margaret (Madge) Dineen, Ballydehob & Drimoleague.

*In death life is changed not ended*

## Remember and Pray

Please remember to pray for all our parishioners and all others who are unwell in any way at this time.



*You are in our thoughts and prayers.*

## MASS TIMES Next Week

### Monday 29th:-

*Ballygarvan 9.30am*

### Tuesday 30th:-

*Goggins Hill 9.30am*

### Thursday 1st:-

*Ballyheada 10.00am*



### Friday 2nd:- First Friday

*Ballygarvan 9.30am*

*Blessing of Candles – Candlemas Day*

*Ballyheada 8.00pm*

Friday is the **First Friday of February**.  
Usual monthly visits to the **housebound on Friday**.

### Saturday 3rd:-

*Ballyheada 7.00pm*

*Blessing of Throats after Mass*

### Sunday 4th:-

*Ballygarvan 10.00am*

*Goggins Hill 11.30am*

### Blessing for Grandparents

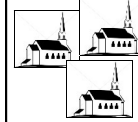
Loving God, Bless all our grandparents, those with us here today, those who cannot be with us and those who have gone to be with you. May they have courage and confidence to hand on your gifts of experience and knowledge of faith, stories, songs and memories. Bless them always. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen .



# Ballinhassig Parish

## Newsletter

*for Ballygarvan, Ballyheada and Goggins Hill*



**Vol. 26 No. 18 Sunday: January 28th, 2018 (Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time)**

*Fr. Christy writes....*

## LISTEN THAT YOU MIGHT HEAR

People just don't talk anymore! And when they do they tune out, they don't really hear what is being said. Its true to say the art of conversation is a dying art. We complain about children and teenagers glued to their phones or screens, they don't join in, and are becoming anti-social as a result. I must confess that I can be accused of this as I constantly check my phone for its texts and emails.



Let's be honest. How many of us rush around and find little time to enjoy the small things anymore? We're so busy we don't have time to think. It's amazing though that at the same time there is a growth in people doing meditation, yoga and mindfulness. At Mass too, we can tune out during the readings until we get to what we think is the important part.

The truth is though, we're missing a golden opportunity to spend quiet time with the Lord. The readings are actually God himself speaking to us, or trying to, at least when we allow him to.

Why don't we then, take the time to allow God to talk to us, to tune out on everything else. To chill, breathe in and listen, then we might really begin to hear what God is actually saying to you and to me!



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**Catholic Schools Week 2018** begins on **January 28th** and concludes on **February 4th**. Theme for this year is *'Catholic Schools– Learning with Pope Francis to Care for our Families*. Wednesday 31st is **Grandparents Day**.

*Loving God, Bless all our grandparents, those with us here today, those who cannot be with us and those who have gone to be with you.*



## Feast of Saint Brigid

**S**t. Brigid. 'The Mary of the Gael's as she has been known to generations of Irish people celebrates her **Feast Day on February 1st.**

She is remembered for her hospitality and hard work, as a woman of God and a woman of the people. Her powerful personality appealed to all, from those on high to the humble beggar.

She was born near Dundalk A.D. c454 to a pagan chieftan father (Dubthach) and a Christian slave mother (Broicsech).

Brigid's mother was sent away but Brigid later returned to take her mothers place in the usual round of bondswoman's duties-including minding livestock, serving meals etc. She was given charge of the dairy but gave much of the produce away to the poor which enraged her father.

In time the father tried to arrange a marriage for his daughter. She choose a life of prayer, service to God and to the poor. She became the first nun in Ireland, forming the first religious community for women in Ireland in Ardagh, but Brigid later



moved to what is now Kildare, her most famous where she founded a double monastery with the assistance of bishop Conleth. Brigid and seven others completed their novitiate there and went to make their final vows to St. Mel, bishop of Armagh and nephew of St. Patrick.

Her convent grew and she travelled all over Ireland, she tended the sick, built schools, made vestments etc. She was so loved by bishops, priests, chieftans that she became known as 'The Mary of the Gaels' She died A.D. 525 shortly after her 70th birthday, her sisters kept a fire burning in an enclosure at her Kildare convent for centuries.

Saint Brigid is the patroness of cattle; infants; midwives; blacksmiths; poets, nuns & students.

*St. Brigid is depicted in art as a nun with a Cross woven from rushes, a crozier, fire (candle, lamp or bowl of fire) or a cow.*



### Blessing of Throats

**Saturday February 3rd:**

*Feast of St. Blaise, Bishop & Martyr.*

**Blessing of throats will take place after:-**

**Mass in Ballyheada Saturday 3rd at 7.00pm.**

*Since the eight century St. Blaise has been venerated as the Patron for sore throats and sick cattle.*

*Using two crossed and unlighted candles, the priest touches the throat of each person saying:*

***Through the intercession of St. Blaise, bishop & martyr, may God deliver you from all ailments of the throat and from every other illness. In the name of the Father ..... Amen.***



### Blessing of Candles



**Friday February 2nd:**

*Feast of the Presentation of the Lord.* This feast is a combined remembrance of the Son & the Mother and celebrated as **World Day for Consecrated Life**, in the Church calendar

**It is candlemas day, Candles will be blessed at the 9.30am Mass in**

**Ballygarvan.** If you cannot attend and would like to get your candles blessed, bring them labelled with **your name & church name and leave in the box in church porch as follows:-**

**Ballygarvan:- Monday; Goggins Hill:- Tuesday; Ballyheada:- Thursday.**



### Life & The Spirit Seminars

Discover a Personal Relationship with the Lord.  
Knockavilla Community Centre, each Friday 7.30pm, commencing February 2nd to March 23rd. Details **086/0875625**

### New Altar Servers

We are currently recruiting **new Altar Servers for Ballygarvan and Goggin's Hill churches.** Consent forms are available in the sacristy after Masses. Training with **Fr. Christy will begin in February.** Altar servers have an important role within our Liturgy and we would love to see this great tradition continuing.

(We have sufficient new servers for **Ballyheada:- Training on Saturday February 10th at 10.30am in Ballyheada Church).**



### Carer Available

Experienced, kind, reliable Lady available to care for Elderly Person in their own home in the **Ballinhassig/Innishannon** area.

References available, own transport. Further details contact **086/8916522.**

### Stations Spring 2018

If you would like to host a **Station** in your home in **Spring 2018** please contact the **P.A.N. Centre (Parish Office)** at **4885062** to book a date.

#### Thought For The Week

*To be kind is more important than to be right.*

*Many times what people need is not a brilliant mind that speaks, but a special heart that listens.*

### Social & Active Retired

**B**allinhassig Parish Social & Active Retirement Club will hold their **AGM** in the Marian Hall, Ballinhassig on Tuesday **February 13th at 7.30pm.** All welcome.

**M**ONTHLY SOCIAL  
Thursday **February 8th** from 2.30pm-4.30pm in the Marian Hall, Ballinhassig. Music by Michael Horgan. All welcome, music, chat & cuppa.



### Anti Bullying Talk

Ballincollig Community School will hold a 'Talk on Anti Bullying' on Tuesday **January 30th in the school at 7.00pm.** Speaker will be from the National Parents Council. All welcome.



### An Ciorcal Comhra /Irish Conversation Group:-

**Gach Luain/Every Monday at Ballinhassig GAA Club** (2018 Blian an Teanga/Irish Language Year)



*Fáilte roimh gach leibhéal/all levels welcome*

*7.00pm-7.45pm daltai/students*

*7.45pm-8.30pm daoine fásta/adults*

*Eolas /info **086/2578698.***

**Awareness Against Trafficking** Thursday **February 8th is International Day of Prayer and Awareness against Human Trafficking** first observed in 2015.

Each year 2.5 million people are victims of trafficking and slavery. *Through the Day of Prayer we reflect on the experience of those who have suffered but also we are called to reach out to victims and survivors.*