

Anniversaries

Denis Minihane, Rathmacullig.
John Cussen, Old Abbey.
Mary Collins, Ballea.
William Deasy, Bawnleigh.
Con Sweeney, Bawnleigh.
Aaron O'Leary, Kingsland.
Elizabeth O'Leary, Killarney.
Mary Walsh, Blarney & Glasheen.



We Remember

John Forde, Adamstown, Ballinhassig;
Ina Rice, Carraig na bhFear and
Goggins Hill;
Mary Geary (née Saich) Bishop-
stown & Mitchelstown;
Teresa (Tessie) Johnson, Bandon;
John Cameron, Australia who
died recently. We pray for their
families, neighbours and friends.



Temperance

Day of Prayer for Temperance:-

Sunday **February 11th** pray for all who suffer from addictions and their families who share their suffering.



Thought for Lent

Maybe instead of giving up something for **Lent** we should consider **taking up** something: -***Make time for family prayer; ***Call to the Church and pray the Stations of the Cross; *** Make an effort to do something extra for a family member, neighbour or someone in need.

Stations of the Cross during Lent in Ballygarvan Church on Thursdays at 7.30pm.

MASS TIMES Next Week

Monday 12th:-

Ballygarvan 9.30am

Tuesday 13th:-

Goggins Hill 9.30am

Wednesday 14th:- Ash Wednesday

Ballygarvan 9.45am

Ballyheada 7.30pm

Thursday 15th:-

Ballyheada 10.00am

Saturday 17th:-

Ballyheada 7.00pm

Sunday 18th:-

Ballygarvan 10.00am

Goggins Hill 11.30am

February 14th is Ash Wednesday.

(Day of Fast and Abstinence)

Ashes will be distributed at Mass and to the schools and nursing home of the parish.



Day of Fast & Abstinence

Ash Wednesday begins the season of Lent and is one of only two days in the year, (the other being Good Friday) that are days of Fast & Abstinence. We abstain from meat on these two days and fast by eating less than normal, as a form of penance. People between 18-59 are to Fast and those over 14 years to abstain from eating meat.



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Ballinhassig Parish

Newsletter



for Ballygarvan, Ballyheada and Goggins Hill

Vol. 26 No. 20 Sunday: February 11th, 2018 (Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time)

Fr. Christy writes....

Words of Pope Francis for World Day for the Sick 2018

The theme for this year's Day of the Sick is provided by the words that Jesus spoke from the Cross to Mary, his Mother, and to John: "Woman, behold your son ... Behold your mother. And from that hour the disciple took her into his home" (Jn 19:26-27). That love in turn was to become the basis and rule for the Christian community and the life of each disciple.

John, as a disciple who shared everything with Jesus, knows that the Master wants to *lead all people to an encounter with the Father*. He can testify to the fact that Jesus met many people suffering from spiritual sickness due to pride (cf. Jn 8:31-39) and from physical ailments (cf. Jn 5:6). He bestowed mercy and forgiveness upon all, and healed the sick as a sign of the abundant life of the Kingdom, where every tear will be wiped away. The disciples know that Jesus' heart is open to all and excludes no one. The Gospel of the Kingdom must be proclaimed to all, and the charity of Christians must be directed to all, simply because they are persons, children of God.

The work of Catholic religious congregations and dioceses and their hospitals is aimed not only at providing quality medical care, but also at putting the human person at the centre of the healing process, while carrying out scientific research with full respect for life and for Christian moral values.

To Mary, Mother of tender love, we wish to entrust all those who are ill in body and soul, that she may sustain them in hope. We ask her also to help us to be welcoming to our sick brothers and sisters. May our prayers to the Mother of God see us united in an incessant plea that every member of the Church may live with love the vocation to serve life and health. May the Virgin Mary intercede for this Twenty-sixth World Day of the Sick; may she help the sick to experience their suffering in communion with the Lord Jesus; and may she support all those who care for them. To all, the sick, to healthcare workers and to volunteers, I cordially impart my Apostolic Blessing.

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 II 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 Ballinhassig Parish in May 2018.



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We Pray For

We pray for all who suffer,
for all in the depths of depression,
Those tortured by anxiety and guilt.
Lord, in your love and mercy,
Free them and raise them up.

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.

Prayer In Recovery

Lord, may I always remember to thank you.
May I be a little better each day.
Continue your healing power within me
Bless all those who care for me.

Lord, you have known pain.
I am hurting and a little scared.
I have asked, but as yet I see no answer.
Give strength and patience in my weakness
as I join my suffering to yours.
Amen.

Trócaire - Lent

Traditionally, during **Lent** we make a special effort of supporting our brothers and sisters in need. We in Ireland, have done that through the **Trócaire Lenten Campaign**. Trócaire boxes are available in each Church and through the schools. This year the focus of the Lenten Campaign is on the **Koroma Family, Freetown in Sierra Leone**.



Shrove Tuesday

On **February 13th** gather with neighbours, family or friends and share **Pancakes** before the Lenten season begins.

Lenten Path

During Lent we are encouraged to stop, to take a look at our lives, to see where we are going. We are challenged to learn once again what it means to be a follower of Jesus.

- .. **Lent** begins on **Ash Wednesday** and ends on **Holy Thursday**.
- .. It lasts for **forty days**, reflecting the forty days that Jesus spent in the desert.
- .. **Lent** is a time for **Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving**.
- .. **Purple** vestments are worn by the priest during **Lent**.
- .. The **Gloria and Alleluia** are not prayed during **Lent**.
- .. It is a time to **give up, take up** preparing for **Easter**.



Prayers for Ash Wednesday

O Jesus you place on my forehead
the sign of Your saving Cross
"Turn from sin and be faithful
to the Gospel."

How can I turn from sin
unless I turn to You?

You speak,
You raise Your hand
You touch my mind and call
"Turn to the Lord your God."



Ash Wednesday

O Jesus you place on my forehead
the sign of my sister Death
"Remember you are dust and to dust
you shall return."

One day my life on Earth
will end;
the limits of my years are set,
though I know not the day
nor the hour Shall I be
ready to meet you?

These days of Your favour
leave a blessing as You pass
on me and all Your people.
Turn to us, Lord God.

Let this Holy Season be a time of grace for
me and all this world.

"Teach us to number our days aright,
that we may gain wisdom of heart." Amen

Social & Active Club

Ballinhassig Parish Social & Active Retirement Club:-

AGM Marian Hall, Ballinhassig
on Tuesday **February 13th at 7.30pm**.
All welcome.

Fundraising Bridge

Fundraising Bridge in aid of the **B.C.D.A. (Ballinhassig Community Development Association)** in the **Marian Hall, Ballinhassig** on Sunday **February 11th at 2.00pm**. Supper will be provided, booking essential as numbers are required for catering. All welcome. Details and booking **087/2575689**.



Family Fun Bingo

Ballinhassig Camogie Club will hold a **Family Fun Bingo** night in the **Marian Hall** on Saturday **February 17th at 8.00pm**. Proceeds to **Ballinhassig Parish Accident & Emergency Fund**. **Great night assured. Spots appreciated. All welcome.**



Owenabui Mens Shed

Selection of **Bird Boxes, Bird Feeding Tables; Window Flower Boxes** and specially designed **Planter Boxes** available at the **Men's Shed, Ballygarvan Community Centre**. Planters made to order at reasonable prices. Further details contact chairman, Ben **086/0645848**.

Rooms To Rent

Newly Refurbished Ballygarvan Community Centre (OLD SCHOOL) **Rooms to Rent** at reasonable rates.
Contact:- **ballygarvanco@gmail.com**

Ballygarvan N.S.Reunion

It is hoped to have a **Reunion** of all past pupils of **Ballygarvan National School** in the near future. Old photos, newspaper cuttings appreciated on the day. Details later.

Thought For The Week

*A strong person is not one who doesn't cry.
A strong person is one who cries and sheds
tears for a moment, then gets up and fights
again. (anonymous)*