

Anniversaries

Paddy Coleman, Ballynagrumbolia.
Theresa Duggan, Mount Pleasant.
Daniel O'Regan, Bawnleigh.
Mary Grainger, The Square.
John Walsh, Knocklucy.
John Hurley, Meadstown.
Brigid Bruton, The Lough.
Michael Foley, Ballygarvan.
Eileen Kelleher, Knocklucy.
Margaret Russell, Tulligmore.
John, Rita & Ted Harnedy, Youghal.



We Remember

Sam Kingston, Ballyhooleen and Ringaskiddy;
Bernadette (Ber, née McCarthy) Mullane, Carrigaline;
Alice Coughlan (née Daly) Ballymartle who died recently.
We pray for their families, neighbours and friends.



Sympathy

We offer our sympathy to **Maura Forde**, Adamstown on the death of her husband **John** and to **Sarah, John, Niall, Amy and Lynne** on the death of their father **John Forde**, Adamstown;
Claire Crowley, Ballyhooleen on the death of her father **Sam Kingston**, Ballyhooleen and Ringaskiddy;
Veronica Sheehan, Meadstown on the death of her mother **Mary Geary**, Bishopstown & Mitchelstown;
Leta McSweeney, Corran on the death of her mother **Teresa Johnson**, Bandon.

MASS TIMES Next Week

Monday 19th:-

Ballygarvan 9.30am

Tuesday 20th:-

Goggins Hill 9.30am

Thursday 22nd:-

Ballyheada 10.00am

Saturday 24th:-

Ballyheada 7.00pm

Sunday 25th:-

Ballygarvan 10.00am
Goggins Hill 11.30am

First Confession

Please remember in your prayers the children of the parish who made their **First Confession this week and preparing for their First Holy Communion in May 2018.**



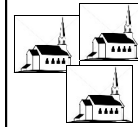
Stations of the Cross during Lent in Ballygarvan Church on Thursdays at 7.30pm. All welcome.

Months Mind Mass

Liam O'Halloran, Rigsdale.
Saturday February 24th in Ballyheada Church at 7.00pm.



Ballinhassig Parish



Newsletter

for Ballygarvan, Ballyheada and Goggins Hill

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Fr. Christy writes....

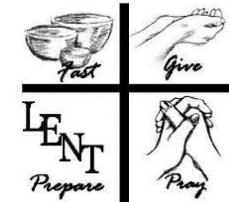
The Journey Begins

We're in Lent and another time for penance, sacrifice and doing good. Jesus in preparation for his ultimate journey that would take him to Jerusalem enters the desert for 40 days. On Ash Wednesday Jesus reminded us that prayer, fasting and almsgiving are the three things that mark out our journey.

We all love rainbows. They appear after the rain and God knows we love to see the rains are gone. The rainbow is a powerful sign and for Noah, it became the sign of God's relationship and his enduring presence with his people.

God makes all things possible and he will make it possible for us to inherit a place in his heavenly kingdom. Jesus is what makes that possible for us, God's gift of Jesus; who through his life, death and resurrection makes that promise real for all of us.

Our Lenten journey, our sacrifices and what is for us our journey into the desert for 40 days are meant to heighten our awareness of God and all that he has done for us. May our journey of prayer, fasting, sacrifice and almsgiving (what we give to the Trócaire Box) draw us closer to God, make us more aware of his abiding presence, and the promise he holds out to us at the end of the rainbow.



2018 Ballinhassig Parish Newsletter

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
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WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES ICON PILGRIMAGE

We welcome the World Meeting of Families Pilgrimage of the ICON to our diocese from:-

FEBRUARY 22ND - MARCH 5TH.

The ICON will visit three venues during this time and we are inviting everyone to come, pray, venerate the ICON and place their prayer petitions in the box which will be taken to the closing Mass of the World Meeting of Families celebrated by Pope Francis. The following liturgies are planned during the pilgrimage:-

CATHEDRAL, CORK

- ** Welcome celebration with Bishop Buckley on **THURSDAY February 22nd at 7.30pm**
- ** Holy Hour to pray for vocations on **SATURDAY February 24th at 3.00pm**
- ** Ecumenical Service **SUNDAY February 25th at 3.00pm**

CATHEDRAL, SKIBBEREEN

- ** Welcome celebration on **Monday February 26th at 7.30pm**

BANDON PARISH CHURCH

- ** Welcome celebration (Mass) on **Friday March 2nd at 7.30pm**

Towards Peace

Towards Peace is a spiritual support service designed for those who have experienced sexual, physical, emotional or spiritual abuse by Catholic Church personnel in Ireland. Support is also available for family members of abuse survivors. The vision of *Towards Peace* is to provide a safe supportive space, where people who have been affected by abuse in a Church context can be accompanied as they seek their own experience of spiritual peace, one step at a time. *Towards Peace* provides spiritual support through one-to-one spiritual direction sessions, with a qualified spiritual companion. There is no cost. Details www.towardspeace.ie or 01/505 3028 or email:- towardspeace@iecon.ie.



Saturday Workshop

Cork Scripture Group Saturday Workshop: Gospel Perspectives on Family facilitated by *Dr. Jessie Rogers (Maynooth)*

Date: Saturday February 24th

Time:- 10.00am-1.00pm

Venue:- Sacred Heart Hall, Western Road

Cost:- 10Euro

Further details and booking:-

corkscripturegroup@gmail.com or 021/4295144. All welcome.

Thank You

Sincere thanks to those who helped with the distribution of *Ashes on Ash Wednesday*, those who helped in the *church, schools and nursing home.*



Rally to Save the 8th

All Ireland *Rally For Life*, Dublin Saturday March 10th. To book bus contact 0894029445

Parish Social & Active Retirement Club

Ballinhassig Parish Social & Active Retirement Club invite you to their 'MONTHLY SOCIAL' in the Marian Hall on Thursday afternoon **March 8th** from 2.30pm- 4.30pm.



These social afternoons are *open to all, particularly over 50's*.



Afternoon includes chat, cuppa, refreshments and special guest for March is well known 'Story Teller- *Pat Speight*'

Following the recent AGM the following officers were elected:-

Mike Hanaway Chairperson; *Mairead Deasy* assistant Chairperson; *Joan McCann*, Secretary; *Phyllis O'Keeffe*, assistant Secretary; *Irene Forde*, Treasurer; *Kathleen O'Leary*, assistant Treasurer; Eamon Long and Mary O'Halloran.

Sincere thanks to the outgoing committee members *Maureen Roche* and *Margo O'Leary* for their commitment, dedication and giving of their time and talents to the group over the past twelve months.

Historical Society Lecture

Ballygarvan and District Local History Society Lecture by 'Elena Turk (O'Brien) on 'HERITAGE HOUSES OF CORK' (continuation of previous lecture) on Thursday February 22nd in the *Pre Fab old Ballygarvan N.S.* at 8.00pm. All welcome.



Coach Tour – Co Mayo

September 9th –15th departing from *Carrigaline*. Hotel, daily excursions:- *Kylemore Abbey, Achill, Killary Fjords* etc. Details and booking contact *Mary Cogan 4373316*.

Exhibition- Cork Quays

An exhibition by *Save Cork City* with the support of CIT for the month of February in *Crawford Building, 54 Grand Parade*. Open 10.00am-5.00pm Monday to Friday, admission free. Further information www.safecorkcity.org

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.



Table Quiz

A Table Quiz in aid of the *Cork Association for Autism* will be held on:-

Date:- Friday **February 23rd**

Time:- 7.00pm

Venue:- *JJ Coppingers, Midleton*

Entry Fee:- 10Euro Per Person with teams of 4. Great prizes. All welcome.

Details email: fundraising@corkautism.ie

Thought For The Week

Don't compare your life to others; you have no idea what their journey is all about.