

## Anniversaries

Harry Ashman, Ballygarvan Upper.  
Hannah Deasy, Ballinaloughy.  
Christina O'Callaghan, Ballea.  
Christopher O'Callaghan, Ballea.  
Kathleen Twohig, Goggins Hill.  
John Joe Spillane, Meadstown.  
Catherine Spillane, Meadstown.  
Stephen Irwin, Ladysbridge.  
Dan Looney, Ballygarvan.  
Ellen Ryan, Corran.  
Brid Healy, Ballyleigh.  
Tom O'Neill, Limerick.  
Tony Jeffers, Rigsdale.  
Sean Quinlan, Bawnleigh.  
Percy Cole, Turners Cross.  
Con O'Donovan, Ballyphehane.  
Connie Cronin, Corran & Bandon.  
Timothy O'Callaghan, Ballyduhig.  
Michael & Sheila Foley, Ballygarvan.  
Denis and Nellie Keane, Ballygarvan  
& Enniskeane.  
Maureen Murphy, Bandon Road &  
Gortnaclough.



## We Remember

**Maurice (Mossie) Healy**, Ballinaboy;  
**Richard (Dick) Carroll**, Ballincollig;  
**Margaret Houlihan**, The Lough;  
**Rita Dineen** (née Buckley) Grenagh;  
**Catherine (Kit) O'Donovan** (née  
Coakley) Killingley, Ballygarvan who  
were buried during the week. *We pray  
for their families, neighbours and friends.*



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

## MASS TIMES Next Week

**Monday 16th:-**  
*Ballygarvan 9.30am*

**Tuesday 17th:-**  
*Goggins Hill 9.30am*

**Thursday 19th:-**  
*Ballyheada 10.00am*

**Saturday 21st:- Vigil**  
*Ballyheada 7.00pm*

**Sunday 22nd:-**  
*Ballygarvan 10.00am*  
*Goggins Hill 11.30am*

## Young Adults

**Catholic Young Adults (18  
-40) Conference 2018.**

*"Mary, Queen and protec-  
tor of the family"* Saturday  
**April 21st, Dominican Re-  
treat Centre, Ennismore** from  
9.15am-5.30pm. Talks, workshops,  
lunch and Mass.

Booking essential at **087/7914975**  
and **087/2414635**. All Welcome.

## Easter Ceremonies

Sincere thanks to all parishioners who  
prepared the churches, Marian hall, or-  
ganised and participated in the liturgies  
and those who attended the  
various Easter Ceremonies.

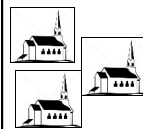
**Fr. Christy** sincerely thank all  
who contributed so generously  
to the **Easter Collection**.



# Ballinhassig Parish

## Newsletter

*for Ballygarvan, Ballyheada and Goggins Hill*



**Vol. 26 No. 29 Sunday: April 15th, 2018 (Third Sunday of Easter)**

*Fr. Christy*

### LETTER OF THE HOLY FATHER POPE FRANCIS ON THE CALL TO HOLINESS IN TODAY'S WORLD

"REJOICE AND BE GLAD" (*Mt 5:12*), Jesus tells those persecuted or humiliated for his sake. The Lord asks everything of us, and in return he offers us true life, the happiness for which we were created. He wants us to be saints and not to settle for a bland and mediocre existence. The call to holiness is present in various ways from the very first pages of the Bible. My modest goal is to repropose the call to holiness in a practical way for our own time, with all its risks, challenges and opportunities. For the Lord has chosen each one of us "to be holy and blameless before him in love" (*Eph 1:4*).

The Holy Spirit bestows holiness in abundance among God's holy and faithful people ... In salvation history, the Lord saved one people. We are never completely ourselves unless we belong to a people. That is why no one is saved alone, as an isolated individual. Rather, God draws us to himself, taking into account the complex fabric of interpersonal relationships present in a human community. God wanted to enter into the life and history of a people.

I like to contemplate the holiness present in the patience of God's people: in those parents who raise their children with immense love, in those men and women who work hard to support their families, in the sick, in elderly religious who never lose their smile. In their daily perseverance I see the holiness of the Church militant. Very often it is a holiness found in our next-door neighbours, those who, living in our midst, reflect God's presence. We might call them "the middle class of holiness"



### 2018 Ballinhassig Parish Newsletter

*Notices for inclusion should be received not later than 2.00pm on Wednesday  
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## Exam Prayers and Candle

The **Exam Candle** will be lit at all week-end Masses in the parish commencing next week-end **April 21st/22nd** and will continue to be lit until the end of the exams.



Good luck to all students who will sit exams this year and remember those who have already commenced their exams. Intentions of students of all ages will be included in our weekly parish community celebration of the Eucharist and will continue until the end of the exams.

### Short Prayer for Exam Students

Dear Lord,

Give me the spirit of calm to prepare well.

Give me the spirit of wisdom to choose the right questions.

Give me the spirit of reason to answer to the best of my ability.

Allow me do myself justice.

Help me be a source of encouragement for my classmates and friends.

Guide me through the days ahead and keep me always in your care.



*May Your love be upon us, O Lord,  
As we place all our trust in you. Amen*



## Germany

**Historic Germany Ex Cork September 19th-28th.**

Includes:- Return flights, 9 nights dinner, bed & breakfast throughout, 4\*City Centre Hotel Berlin, comprehensive daily programme, English speaking guide.

### **Highlights:-**

**Berlin** and all its famous sights. Visiting **Potsdam** and **Dresden, Hamburg, Lubeck**, Boat trip on **River Elbe**.

Places strictly limited and will be allocated on a first come first served basis. Further information Jim Keogh 4885371 or 087/2678793.

## Parkinsons Annual Mass

The **Annual Mass for people with Parkinsons** in the Cork area, and their families and friends will be held in **St. Patrick's Church, Rochestown Road** on Wednesday **April 25th at 7.00pm**. The ceremony will include **The Sacrament of the Sick. Light refreshments, all welcome.**



### Lough Derg

Pilgrimage season begins on May 5th. One day Retreats; Three Day Pilgrimage. Details on available dates from (0) 71 9861518 or [www.loughderg.org](http://www.loughderg.org) All welcome.

## Clothes Recycling

**Ballincollig Community School** will hold a clothes recycling day in the school on Monday **April 16th**. We welcome clean clothes, linen, curtains, handbags, belts, paired shoes. No duvets or pillowcases.

### Thought for the Week

*You'll never find peace of mind until you listen to your heart.*



## Annual Outing May 30th

**Ballinhassig Parish Social & Active Retirement Club.**



**Annual Outing May 30th:-**

**Tea/Coffee scones:- Springfort Hall Lunch etc :- Adare, then on to Limerick Evening Meal, music, dancing, chat and sing song:- Blarney.** Full itinerary later.

**Total cost 45Euro**

**All welcome.**

*Places limited, first come first served and a waiting list. Early booking to avoid disappointment. Booking and details from:-*

*Joan McCann 087/9685484*

*Irene Forde 086/8611275*

*Mairead Deasy 087/1376023*

*Mary O'Halloran 4885062,*

**086/3183645 or any committee member.**

*Next Social afternoon Thurs. May 10th 2.30pm-4.30pm in Marian Hall.*

**Payment for outing appreciated on or before May 10th. Thank you.**

## Church Interchange

**Cork Choral Festival Church Interchange & Sacred Trail.**



We welcome the choir of **Holy Cross Church, Mahon** who will sing at the **10.00am Mass in Ballygarvan on Sunday April 15th**, while the **Ballinhassig Parish Choir** will be singing at **12noon in Our Lady Crowned Church, Mayfield** on the same day.

On **Sunday April 22nd**, the parish will be welcoming the **Male Choir Valkia (Finland)** who will sing at the **10.00am Mass in Ballygarvan.**

All welcome to this unique opportunity to enhance our Sunday Liturgy and show appreciation to those who have travelled to be with us.



## Thank You

**John O'Callaghan, Rathroe** would like to sincerely thank all those who supported the recent coffee morning on **Daffodil Day**. A total of **880Euro** has been lodged to the **Irish Cancer Society**.



**Con Cottrell & Staff Gala Ballinhassig** would like to sincerely thank all those who supported the recent coffee morning in the Marian Hall on **Daffodil Day**. A total of **1075Euro** has been lodged to the **Irish Cancer Society**.

*Thanks to the Friday Cuppa ladies in the Marian Hall for their help on the day.*



## Table Quiz

**Ballyheada Parents Association** will hold a 'Table Quiz' in the Ramble Inn, Halfway on Friday **April 20th at 9.00pm**. 10Euro per person, 4 per table. Prizes 1st, 2nd and 3rd. All welcome, support appreciated.



## Gaelic For Girls

Gaelic for Girls **8-12** commencing in the GAA Pitch, Ballinhassig on Monday **April 16th**. Registration from 6.0pm onwards. Further details **086/3757270. All welcome.**

## Are you 100 years old

In association with AIT research is conducted into the health and wellbeing of centenarians in Ireland, we are looking for people born in 1918..

**What would be expected from you?**

If you choose to take part, our researcher will travel to you and engage in a face to face interview (in the presence of family or friend) to gain a greater insight into your lived experiences.

Details **087/2635911**.

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