

## Anniversaries

Maisie O'Sullivan, Ballyhooleen.  
Mary Murphy, Skehanagh.  
Nora Fenton, Ballinphellic.  
William Deasy, Bawnleigh.  
Con Sweeney, Bawnleigh.  
John Murphy, Kealkil.  
Anna Deasy, Bawnleigh.  
Michael Jordan, Tulligmore.  
Mary Twomey, Ballygarvan.  
Cathy Connolly, Tulligmore.  
Elizabeth O'Leary, Killarney.  
Mortimer Fenton, Ballinphellic.  
Timothy Crowley, Ballyduhig.  
Mary Forrest, Ballygarvan Upper.



## We Remember

**Hannah (Ann) O'Mahony,**  
Boston & Ballinhassig;  
**Dan O' Connor,** Mitchelstown  
who were buried recently.  
*We pray for their families,  
neighbours and friends.*



## Sympathy

We offer our sympathy to the **John O'Brien,** Adamstown Lower on the death of his sister **Hannah (Ann) O'Mahony,** Boston & Ballinhassig;



**Noreen Daly,** Meadstown on the death of her brother **Dan O' Connor,** Mitchelstown.

*In death life is changed not ended.*

## MASS TIMES Next Week

Monday 28th:-

*Ballygarvan 9.30am*

Tuesday 29th:-

*Goggins Hill 9.30am*

Thursday 31st:-

*Ballyheada 10.00am*

Friday 1st:- First Friday

*Ballygarvan 9.30am*

*Ballyheada 8.00pm*

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

Saturday 2nd:-

*Ballyheada 7.00pm*

**Blessing of Candles – Candlemas Day**

Sunday 3rd:-

*Ballygarvan 10.00am*

*Goggins Hill 11.30am*

**Blessing of Throats after Mass**

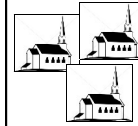
## Grief & Loss Programme

Eight week support programme commencing on Monday **February 11th** – Monday **April 1st** from 7.30pm-9.30pm at **The Parish Centre, Carrigaline.** Booking and details **4371109** before **February 8th.** All welcome.



*Thought for the week:- Everyone deserves to be heard. So listen.*

# Ballinhassig Parish



## Newsletter

*for Ballygarvan, Ballyheada and Goggins Hill*

Vol. 27 No. 18 Sunday January 27th, 2019 (Third Sunday In Ordinary Time)

*Fr. Christy writes....*

## CELEBRATING Catholic Schools Week 27<sup>th</sup> January – 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2019

As Irish society changes, it is important that we reflect on the unique contribution of Catholic schools to our collective goal of education. Each Catholic school shares an ethos that is inclusive, welcoming and vibrant. Each school works towards a vision of each student as made in the likeness and image of God. This means that we work towards helping each child, irrespective of background, ethnicity or creed, reach their full potential academically, spiritually and socially. To be in the likeness and image of God means that we have the capacity to truly care for ourselves, each other and the environment around us.

While each Catholic school shares this profound commitment to this vision, every school does this differently. Each school is influenced by the community it serves; be it large urban schools, small rural schools, schools with a wide variety of ethnicities and every school in between. For this reason, every Catholic school works in a unique and distinctive manner in educating each child to holistically develop their talent, skills and potential.

Saint Paul writes in his first letter to the Corinthians; 'For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ.' Each Catholic school is a vital member of the one community which is called to work towards the Kingdom of God. Each Catholic school contributes to this mission in a unique way. This year, celebrate the unique contribution and work of your own Catholic schools.

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## Feast of Saint Brigid February 1st

**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

**Sunday February 3rd:**

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

**Blessing of throats will take place after:-**  
**Mass in Ballygarvan & Goggins Hill.**

*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



**Saturday 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 7.00pm Mass in**

**Ballyheada.** 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 next.**



### Bishopscourt Café

**Bishopscourt Café at Bishopscourt Residential Care.**



A friendly place where local elderly people and their companions can come and meet others in an informal atmosphere over a cup of tea.

**Date:- Thursday February 7th**

**Time:- 2.30pm - 4.30pm.**

**This month there will be CARDS for those who want to join in.**

**Tea/Coffee & Cakes.**

**Free of Charge. All welcome.**

**(Note:- First Thursday of every Month from 2.30pm - 4.30pm)**

### Ballinhassig Ladies Football Club

Church Gate collection this week end Saturday/ Sunday **January 26th/27th** in **Ballyheada & Goggins Hill.**

### Croí na Gaeilge

Will hold a **Leaving Certificate 2019** Honours Irish Oral/Written 2 Day Exam Preparation Course on Sunday **February 17th & March 10th.** This will be given by an experienced Oral/Examiner/Teacher covering poetry, essays etc. Details **085/1426903** after 6pm.

### Social Dancing

**BCDA** Social Dancing in the **Marian Hall, Ballinhassig** on Friday **February 1st.** Music by **Finbarr Dennehy**, commencing at 9.45pm. Teas served. All welcome.



### Stations – Spring 2019

If you would like to host a **Station** in your home for **Spring 2019** please contact Mary at the **P.A.N Centre (Parish Office)** at **4885062** to arrange same.



### Social & Active Retired

**B**allinhassig Parish Social & Active Retirement Club will hold their next monthly **Social** in the Marian Hall, Ballinhassig on Thursday **February 14th** from **2.30pm-4.30pm.** Chat, cuppa etc. All welcome.



### Kinsale Youth Support Services Mental Health Awareness Talk

**KYSS** will host a **Free Mental Health Awareness Talk** by **Dr. Chris Luke, Consultant in Emergency Medicine** on Thursday **February 7th** at **8.00pm** in **Acton's Hotel, Kinsale.** Over 17's welcome, accompanied by parent/guardian.



Details **085/8725789.**

### Old Abbey Athletics Club

A great start to the **Indoor Session:-**

**Brian Lynch:-**

**Won GOLD** in the **Junior Men National Indoor Combined Event** on **January 19th.**



**Aisling Cussen:-**

**Won GOLD** in the **Under 13 Pole Vault** at the **Munster Indoors** on **January 20th.**



**Training:-** Monday 7.30pm- 8.30pm  
Friday 6.00pm-7.00pm.

Details Grainne Cussen **087/7734970** or Maria Terry **087/2972324.** New members welcome.

### Childminders Wanted

Wanted **childminder** to mind 4 children aged 8, 6, 4, and 1, **four days a week** in Ballinhassig Village area. School runs to **Ballyheada N.S. & Farleys Rusks playschool.** Details **087/9573296.**



Wanted **childminder** to mind 3 children aged 7 months, 2, and 4 in **childrens** home-from March. Details **086/3211594.**