

Anniversaries

Mary Grainger, The Square.
John Hurley, Meadstown.
John Cussen, Old Abbey.
John O'Keeffe, Kingsland.
Sonny Looney, Farlistown.
Michael Foley, Ballygarvan.
Nora Walsh, Ballygarvan.
Kate Conway, Ballygarvan.
Jeremiah Conway, Ballygarvan.
Michael Spillane, Goggins Hill.
Mary Walsh, Blarney & Glasheen.
Maurice & Agnes Kiely, Belgooly.
Mary Kearney, Ballygarvan Upper.
Timothy & Mary O'Keeffe, Adamstown.



We Remember

Margaret (Mags) Sheane (née O'Regan) Bandon & Belgooly;
Maureen O'Keeffe (née O'Keeffe) Glasheen Road & Fermoy who were buried during the week.

We pray for their families, neighbours and friends.



Sympathy

We offer our sympathy to **John, Mary, James & Anna Murphy** Ballyhooleen on the death of **Timmy Murphy**, Ballyhooleen & Bandon Rd.

Monica O'Regan, Gortnaclough on the death of her sister **Margaret (Mags) Sheane**, Bandon & Belgooly, sympathy also to all other relatives, neighbours and friends.

In death life is changed not ended.



2019 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)
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MASS TIMES Next Week

Monday 11th:-

Ballygarvan 9.30am

Tuesday 12th:-

Goggins Hill 9.30am

Thursday 14th:-

Ballyheada NO MASS

Saturday 16th:-

Ballyheada 7.00pm

Sunday 17th:-

Ballygarvan 10.00am

Goggins Hill 11.30am

Accord Bantry 2019

**Marriage Preparation Courses 2019.
Details and booking Mary McCarthy course facilitator at **085/1215984**.

Couples Marriage & Relationship Counselling. Further information and booking **027/50272 or email: accordbantry@eircom.net

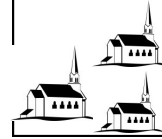
Anam Cara West Cork

Bereavement Information Evening on Tuesday **February 19th** at 7.20pm in the Munster Arms Hotel, Bandon. This is a free event and open to all bereaved parents. Details **085/2888888** or info@anamcara.ie.

An open mind leaves a chance that a worthwhile thought will drop into it.

Ballinhassig Parish

Newsletter



for Ballygarvan, Ballyheada and Goggins Hill

Vol. 27 No. 20 Sunday February 10th, 2019 (Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time)

Fr. Christy writes....

MESSENGERS WITH A STORY TO TELL

We live in an age where everything is known immediately. Social Media and the Internet now appear to be the fastest way of communicating with others. Snapchat, facebook and other social media sites allow people to put their entire lives on display. With a simple word search I can tap into anything about history or the world today within seconds.

In Jesus' time the spoken word was the way of communicating. They would have looked to the ancient scrolls to remember what God had done for them throughout their history. They kept their traditions and teachings alive by telling the story when they came together. Jesus reminds them of this as he speaks to them and frequently uses stories or parables to teach them.

In our world today, talking about religion is not encouraged, we are too embarrassed or afraid of what reaction we might get, if we do speak. Yet, in baptism, we are part of the story of faith, we are called also to be messengers, who keep the story of faith alive and pass it on to others.

Maybe, as we hear the encouraging words from the scriptures this weekend, we can find comfort in the knowledge we share in the life of faith and we can very simply be those messengers by telling the story and do that by the lives we lead and the example we give by what we say and do.

Cork Scripture Group

Spring 2019 Bible Study Module

John's Gospel– Reflecting on The Word made flesh on Monday night **March 4th, 11th, 25th & April 1st** from 7.30pm-9.30pm at **SCALA Centre**. Presented by **Ms. Pauline Byrne & Fr. John Newman**. Cost 50Euro. All welcome. Booking and details:- corkscripturegroup@gmail.com.

Bible Workshop

Ecology & the Bible presented by **Sr. Celine Mangan OP** formerly UCD & Milltown Institute at **Sacred Heat Hall**, Western Rd., Saturday **March 23rd** from 10.00am – 1.00pm. All welcome. Booking and details:- corkscripturegroup@gmail.com.

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 11 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 2019.



In his message for World Day of the Sick, 2019 Pope Francis focuses on Jesus's words to the Apostles:

"You received without payment; give without payment" (Mt 10:8).

We Pray & Remember

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.*

St. Gobnait

St. Gobnait is one of the best loved saints in West Cork but only traditions concerning her life survive. The main part of her life was spent in **Ballyvourney, Co. Cork** where there has always been a deep devotion to her, and which is a place of pilgrimage on this day and on Pentecost. Her gifts of caring for and curing the sick have been a significant part of her cult through the centuries. St. Gobnait's memorial coincides with the **World Day for the Sick on February 11th**.



Childminder Wanted

To mind 2 children aged 3 & 6 months in Ballinhassig area.
Tel. **086/3894371**.

Divine Mercy Conference

The 28th Divine Mercy Conference will be held on Saturday/ Sunday **February 23rd/24th** in the Main Hall, **RDS, Dublin**.
Tickets:- Saturday 30Euro; Sunday 20Euro or weekend 35Euro.

Details **086/0669210** or
www.divinemercyconference.com
All welcome.

Pilgrimage To Rome

Bantry Parish Pilgrimage to Rome.
April 22nd -29th, 2019 Ex. Dublin.
Spiritual Director:-

Canon Martin O'Driscoll.

Tour includes Papal Audience on Wednesday 24th. Further details & booking Premier Travel at 2 Grand Parade & **4277700**.

February 14th Feast Day of St. Valentine

Patron Saint of :- *Love, marriages, engagements, young people, greetings, travellers, etc*
Saint Valentine was a Catholic priest who had also worked as a doctor. He lived in Italy during the third century AD and served as a priest in Rome. Historians don't know much about **Valentine's** early life, they pick up his story after he began working as a priest. Valentine became famous for marrying couples who were in love but couldn't get legally married in Rome during the reign of Emperor Claudius II, who outlawed **weddings**. When Emperor Claudius discovered that Valentine was performing weddings, he sent Valentine to jail.



The most famous miracle attributed to **Saint Valentine** involved a note he sent to a young blind girl named Julia who Valentine had befriended.

Shortly before he was martyred for his faith in Jesus Christ, **Valentine** wrote Julia a farewell note. Believers say that God miraculously cured Julia of her blindness so that she could personally read Valentine's note, rather than just have someone else read it to her. Valentine signed Julia's note "**From your Valentine,**" and that loving note, combined with the memory of Valentine's support of engaged and married couples in his work as a priest, led to the tradition of sending loving messages on his feast day, **Valentine's Day**. Throughout the years since Valentine died, people have prayed for him to intercede for them before God in heaven about their romantic lives.



Social & Active Group

Ballinhassig Parish Social & Active Retirement Club:- MONTHLY SOCIAL
Thursday **February 14th** from 2.30pm-4.30pm in the **Marian Hall, Ballinhassig**.

Guest:- **Michael O'Brien, Storyteller & Songwriter**. Chat & cuppa.
All welcome.



Family Fun Bingo

Ballinhassig Camogie Club will hold a Family **Fun Bingo** night in the Marian Hall on Saturday **March 2nd at 8.00pm**. Proceeds to **Ballinhassig Ladies Football Club**.

Great night assured. Spots appreciated. All welcome.



Blood Donor Clinic

Ballinhassig - Marian Hall
Time:- 5pm-8.30pm
Monday **February 11th**
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Details **1850731137** All welcome.

Fundraising Table Quiz

Liam Lee is hosting a '**Fundraising Table Quiz**' in **Coleman's Bar, Ballinhassig** on Friday **February 15th at 8.30pm**. Table of 4 cost 40Euro. Liam is travelling to Zambia on St. Patrick's Day to volunteer with **Habitat for Humanity**, who work in 70 countries worldwide to build homes, communities and hope. Support on the night greatly appreciated. All welcome.

Dinner Dance - Camogie Club

Ballygarvan Camogie Club are holding a **Celebration Dinner Dance** on Date:- **Saturday February 23rd**
Time:-7.30pm
Cork International Hotel,
Cork Airport



Tickets cost 35Euro & available from:-
Kathy **087/9442867**
Martin **087/2683914**
All welcome.

Beginners set of **Uileann Pipes** for sale.
Contact **087/2039749** for details.