

Anniversaries

Christina Kiely, Ballyheada.
Harry Desmond, Ballyheada.
Declan Madden, Ballinvoltig.
Eileen O'Leary, Knocklucy.
Con O'Leary, Tulligmore.
Mary O'Keeffe, Rearour.
Joe Ryan, Lissiniskey.
Mary Holland, Liskillea.
Lena Nagle, Tracton.
John Ryan, Ballynoe.
Mary Ellen Keogh, Cobh.
Denis O'Leary, Killarney.
Hannah Deasy, Bawnleigh.
Phil Duggan, Coolatooder.
John Twomey, Ballygarvan.
Paddy Coleman, Briar Hill.
Hannah Coleman, Briar Hill.
Haddie Ahern, Ballinphellic.
John Joe O'Sullivan, Ballinahina.
Fr. Liam Cosgrave, Ballinphellic.
Michael Cosgrave, Ballinphellic.
Catherine Cosgrave, Ballinphellic.
William, Paddy & Katie Coveney,
School Road, Ballygarvan.
Timmy & Agnes Whelton, Bandon.
Fr. Mathius Murphy, Ballinahina
& New Zealand.



We Remember

John O'Keeffe, Minane Bridge;
Mary Brady (née Saunders) Carrigaline;
Oliver Piper, Bandon who died recently.



*We pray for their families,
neighbours and friends.*

In death life is changed not ended.

MASS TIMES Next Week

Monday 11th:-
Ballygarvan 9.30am

Tuesday 12th:-
Goggins Hill 9.30am

Thursday 14th:-
Ballyheada 10.00am

Saturday 16th:- Vigil Mass
Ballyheada 7.00pm



St. Patrick's Day



Sunday 17th:-
Ballygarvan 10.00am
Goggins Hill 11.30am

Station

Ballynabearna/Lisfehill:-

Friday March 15th at
8.00pm in the home of
John & Eileen Guirey.



Parish Assembly

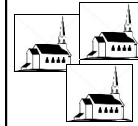
Ballinhassig Parish Assembly:-
Meeting on Monday March 11th at
8.00pm in the PAN CENTRE.

Remember and Pray

Please remember to pray for all our
parishioners and all others who are
unwell in any way at this time.

You are in our thoughts and prayers.

Ballinhassig Parish



Newsletter

for Ballygarvan, Ballyheada and Goggins Hill

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Fr. Christy writes....

OUR OPERATION FOR SPIRITUAL TRANSFORMATION

Operation Transformation has proved to be very popular over the recent years and the leaders are followed with great interest. These leaders inspire many to similar actions. Lent is our season of Spiritual Transformation. The Gospel on Ash Wednesday reminds us of the three pillars of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Jesus is our spiritual leader and we are to follow him.



Our almsgiving means to respond in a way that is meaningful, helpful and life-giving. It doesn't always mean we have all the answers or that the situation is now restored to perfect order. It does mean, however, that we want things to be better for people and that their plight is our concern. It asks of us that we feel again the mark of the Ashes and the sign of the Cross and that the "Ash Wednesday" man, woman and child puts a mark on the world. A mark of mercy, of caring and of responding to the needs and plight of others. It reminds us of people who cannot easily wash away the ashes or the weight of their cross.

This is not always easy, and our own concerns are real. Think of them though, just for a moment, imagine nobody responding to our needs. Even if the response is inadequate, it is better than no response, for it means someone has noticed and tried to come to their assistance. The three sides of the Trócaire Box tell a story. The fourth side? That's down to us. That is meant to be our response.



2019 Ballinhassig Parish Newsletter

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Friday Cuppa Group

Meet in the *Marian Hall* on *Friday mornings* from 10.00am – 1.00pm. Informal cuppa and chat. All ages welcome.

Pilgrimage - Holy Land

Follow The Footsteps of JESUS from GALILEE TO JERUSALEM 2019
Take the TRIP of a LIFETIME to the HOLY LAND, **May 28th-June 7th.**

Group Leader:- Mícheál de Barra
Spiritual Director:- Fr. John Newman (Bible Scholar) In association with Premier Travel, Cork
Contact Mícheál **086/8337681** or email culturaltoursireland@gmail.com

Holy Land

Fly from Cork via London Heathrow **September 9th -18th**; 5 nights Bethlehem and 4 nights Tiberias.

Fully Escorted Tour. **Spiritual Director:-** Fr. Bill Bermingham PP, Carrigtwohill. Further information and booking:- Premier Travel **4277700** or Email: premier@premiertravel.ie

Cormac O'Connor Tours

Knock & Lough Derg- Two night trip **May 20th -May 22nd & September 3rd -September 5th.** Booking and enquiries about other trips **023/8849196** or email:- cormac@oconnorbushire.com

Gazebo Wanted

Wanted Gazebo for Daffodil Day on Friday March 22nd. If you have one you can loan for the day please contact **Cottrell's Gala, Ballinhassig Village** as it will be used outside the shop on the day.



Housekeeping

Lady required for Housekeeping one morning a week in the Waterfall area (preferably Friday 9.00am-1.00pm) Further details contact **087/6524716.**

Waterfall Garden & Lifestyle Club will host **Pat Chute** in the **Scout Den, Ballinora @ 8.00pm on March 11th.**

Cork Scripture Group

Spring Workshop on Women in Lukes' Gospel with **Marian Mortell** in the West Cork Education Centre, Dunmanway on Thursday **March 28th** from 7.30pm-9.30pm. All welcome, cost 5Euro.

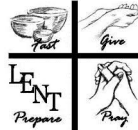


First Confessions

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 2019.**

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

Join your parishioners, neighbours and friends. All welcome.



Thanks

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



Daffodil Day Coffee Morning

A Coffee Morning will be held on:- **Daffodil Day, Friday March 22nd** in the home of **John O'Callaghan, "Fuchsia" Rathroe, Ballinhassig** from 9.30am-6.00pm.

All proceeds in aid of the Irish Cancer Society. All welcome!!!!!!

'Ideas for Spring' Kinsale Flower & Garden Club will host **Breda Keohane** on Thursday **March 14th** at 8.00pm in St. Multose Hall. All welcome.

KYSS Mental Health Talk

An Evening with **Joanne O'Riordan** on Thursday **March 14th** at 7.30pm in the Kinsale Hotel (formerly MacDonald) All welcome.

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 21st** from 2.30pm- 4.30pm. (NOTE change for March, not March 14th due to Show)



These social afternoons are *open to all, particularly over 50's*. Afternoon includes chat, cuppa, refreshments and special guest (more details next week).



Following the recent AGM the following officers were re-elected:-

Mairead Deasy, Chairperson; assistant Chairperson, Mike Hanaway; Joan McCann, Secretary; Phyllis O'Keefe, assistant Secretary; Irene Forde, Treasurer; Kathleen O'Leary, assistant Treasurer;

other committee members: **Eamon Long; Margo O'Leary and Mary O'Halloran.** Sincere thanks to all for their commitment, dedication and giving of their time and talents to the group again over the past twelve months.

Community Alert

Following a recent meeting of **Ballinhassig Parish Community Alert Garda Declan Lynch & Garda John Stack, Ballinhassig Garda Station** informed the group of recent thefts, break ins etc. **They urge that everybody is a little more security conscious.** A large number of vehicles have been stolen in surrounding districts recently. Please remove your keys from the ignition and lock vehicle doors even in your driveway. Do not leave any valuables visible in your vehicle as windows will be broken to remove laptops, phones, and other valuable items. Check that doors and windows are locked when leaving the house. Likewise do not leave house door keys under flower pots or other items in the vicinity of your doors.



Also **lock garage doors and windows** as we are approaching the gardening season and lawn mowers and other valuable gardening items will be stolen. Beware of callers selling goods or services especially at very low prices. Only buy from reputable dealers and get works done by somebody you know or on recommendation of a *neighbour or friend.* **Beware of bogus phone calls & internet scams especially those asking for bank or credit card details. Be Active!! Be Alert!!! Be Involved!!!**

Carry On Regardless 2019

Ballinhassig GAA All Stars Presents **Carry on Regardless ** Music & Comedy Show**** in the Marian Hall, Ballinhassig from Thursday **March 14th - Sunday 17th.** Show commences at 8.00pm. Admission:- adults 12.50euro; children 5euro.

Tickets on sale in the Marian Hall on:- Sunday **March 10th:-**

Time:- **3.00pm - 6.00pm**

Early booking advised. Tickets will not be reserved and are non refundable.

Further details **087/2688174.**



Table Quiz- Fundraiser

A Table Quiz in aid of the **Owenabue Mens Shed & Ballygarvan & District Local History Society** will be held on:-

Date:- **Friday March 22nd**

Time:- **8.00pm**

Venue:- **Bridgies Bar Ballygarvan**

Entry Fee:- Table of 4, 40Euro.

This is a joint fundraising venture.

All welcome.



Big Birthdays

Congratulations to **Rita McCarthy, Kitty Butler & Brenda Sheehan** who celebrated birthdays in their 90ths recently.