

## Anniversaries

Mary O'Callaghan, Ballyheada.  
John Murphy, Old Abbey.  
Jerry Murphy, Old Abbey.  
Mary Holland, Liskillea.  
Liam Barrett, Killeady.  
Julia Holland, Lisfehill.  
Con McCarthy, Halfway.  
Patrick Doody, Ballygarvan.  
Vera Madden, Goggins Hill.  
Jimmy Butler, Barrett's Hill.  
Julia Spillane, Ballynaloughy.  
Mary O'Mahony, Ballygarvan.  
Ena O'Shea, Ballinphellic North.  
Denis & Eileen O'Connor, Upton.  
Maura Daly, Ballyheada & Bantry.  
Daniel O'Callaghan, Ballyhooleen.  
Margaret O'Callaghan, Ballyhooleen.  
Denis & Nellie Keane, Ballygarvan & Enniskeane.



## Sympathy

We offer our sympathy to **Carmel O'Sullivan**, Ballygarvan Upper on the death of her brother **Oliver Piper**, Bandon;

**Tony, Chris, Noreen O'Donovan, Noel, Declan & Eileen Lynch** on the death of their mother **Ellen O'Leary**, Corran;

**Benji Keohane**, Briar Hill on the death of his mother **Maureen Keohane**, Clonakilty & Kealkil;

**Pat O'Keeffe, Sarah, Mary, Joe, Patrick, Barry & Paul Ryan** on the death of **John O'Keeffe**, Minane Bridge; sympathy also to all other relatives, neighbours & friends of the above.

## MASS TIMES Next Week

Monday 18th:-  
*Ballygarvan* No Mass

Tuesday 19th:-  
*Goggins Hill* 9.30am

Thursday 21st:-  
*Ballyheada* 10.00am

Friday 22nd:-  
*Confirmation Ballygarvan* 10.30am

Saturday 23rd:- Vigil Mass  
*Ballyheada* 7.00pm

Sunday 24th:-  
*Ballygarvan* 10.00am  
*Goggins Hill* 11.30am

## Sympathy

We offer our sympathy to the extended **Aherne family Ballygarvan West** and **cousins and relations** on the death of **Noreen Comerford**, Dublin & Ballygarvan West.

**Margaret O'Sullivan, Con, Bridget Daly**, Goggins Hill on the death of their father **Liam Duggan**, Bandon & Goggins Hill; also **Ann O'Neill**, Goggins Hill on the death of her brother **Liam Duggan**, Bandon & Goggins Hill; sympathy also to all other relatives, neighbours & friends of the above.



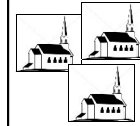
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# Ballinhassig Parish

## Newsletter

for Ballygarvan, Ballyheada and Goggins Hill



Vol. 27 No. 25 Sunday March 17th, 2019 (Second Sunday of Lent)

Fr. Christy writes....

## ST. PATRICK A LIGHT FOR ALL

As we celebrate St Patrick's Day, we recall many of the stories and legends attached to his memory. One focuses on him lighting a fire on the Hill Of Tara, a fire that acknowledged pagan fires and customs of the past but paved a way for a new awareness of the Light of Christ. In many ways, we have sought to keep that flame alive ever since –passing it carefully, in story, through sacraments, prayer and liturgy, from one generation to the next. Our presence here today, gathered in faith on St Patrick's Day, may well be attributed to that flame. We seek to protect it, to be protected by it and to share it with a new generation. It is about neighbours minding neighbours, taking the flame and sheltering it that it may ever burn brightly.

They tell us that St Patrick, in a dream, heard the cry of the Irish begging him to come back to them. Though here as a captive and now free and away from us, there was somewhere in him a belief that this distant voice could not be ignored. Not alone did he return, but he returned with purpose to bring us into relationship with Trinity. "I bind unto myself today, the strong name of the Trinity, by invocation of the same, the three in one, the one in three". Patrick truly made a difference and, as one nation to that one man, we say "buiochas" today.

The eyes of the world focus on Ireland today. From Sydney Opera House to the Eifel Tower buildings and landmarks turn green. Parades will take place in every corner of Ireland and throughout the world and St Patrick will be celebrated. Sadly, it has to be said, much of the celebration will avoid meaningful mention of his name and the day will be referred to as "Paddy's Day" or something along those lines. Call it what they will, the truth remains that at the heart of this day lies a man who sought to make a difference, to light a fire and nourish a flame of faith.



"Christ be my unchanging friend, guide and shepherd to the end."

# St. Patrick Patron of Ireland

It can be difficult to separate fact from fiction in the life of **St. Patrick**, not unusual when he was probably born more than 1,600 years ago. His life is a wonderful example of how God brings good out of evil. He tells us in his "confessions" how he was brought to Ireland to work as a slave at the age of sixteen, until that time he had little knowledge of God.

In his loneliness and isolation he discovered the Lord, praying as many as 1000 prayers by day and the same by night as he tended the sheep on Sliabh Migh. Finally escaping, probably to France, he could not forget the needs of the pagans in Ireland.

He was consecrated bishop at the age of forty three. In a dream it seemed the people of Ireland were calling on him to return. Patrick took this as a call from God and lit a flame on the hill of **Tara** on **Holy Saturday** night which has never since been extinguished.



During this time he converted many, ordained priests, divided the country into dioceses, held church councils, founded several monasteries for both sisters and brothers, throughout the country. **Patrick** is the **Patron Saint** and credited with bringing Christianity to Ireland.



The "**Breastplate**" of **Saint Patrick** gives us a good example of his spirituality.

*Christ with me,  
Christ before me,  
Christ behind me,  
Christ in me,  
Christ beneath me,  
Christ above me,  
Christ on my right,  
Christ on my left,  
Christ when I lie down, Christ when I arise,  
Christ in the heart of every person who thinks of me, Christ in the mouth who speaks of me, Christ in the eye that sees me, and Christ in the ear that hears me.  
Amen.*



## Catholic Young Adults Conference 2019 (18-40)

"Be not afraid"

*Mary Woman of Courage*

**Venue:-** Dominican Retreat Centre, Ennismore, Cork.

**Date:-** Saturday March 30th

**Time:-** 11.00am – 6.00pm

Workshops, Testimonies, Lunch, Mass & Adoration. Cost:- 15Euro inc. Lunch  
Guest speaker **Fr. Marius O'Reilly**  
Booking and details **087/7914975** or **087/2414635**.

*(Legion of Mary Project)*

## Women Of Faith

*A Catholic Conference for Women*

**Venue:-** SMA Parish Centre, Wilton, Cork

**Date:-** Saturday May 25th

**Time:-** 9.30am-3.30pm

Speakers, Mass with Archbishop Okolo, Papal Nuncio. Confessions & Adoration. Bring a packed lunch. Donation only.  
Enquiries to **086/8760058**.

## Lent Retreat Day

With Dom Richard Purcell OCSO on Saturday **March 30th** from 10.00am -5.00pm at Bons Secours Convent, College Rd., Booking **087/2209994** or **evapost@gmail.com**

## 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 of date for March)



These social afternoons are *open to all, particularly over 50's*. Afternoon includes chat, cuppa, refreshments and special guest this month is **John O'Mahony HSE**. All welcome.



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## Daffodil Day Coffee Mornings

A Coffee Morning will be held on:- **Daffodil Day, Friday March 22nd**

**Venue:-** in the home of **John O'Callaghan, "Fuchsia" Rathroe, Ballinhassig**

**Time:-** 9.30am - 6.00pm.

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



Also Coffee morning at **Cottrell's Gala, Ballinhassig** 9.30am onwards. All proceeds in aid of the Irish Cancer Society. All welcome!!!!!!

## Kinsale Youth Support Services

**5K Wellbeing Walk**

**Sunday March 24th at 12pm**

Commencing at Kinsale Community School. 5Euro per person or 15Euro per family.

All proceeds in aid of **KYSS**.

(Supported by **Riverstick Ramblers & Kinsale Macra**) All welcome.

## Nano Nagle Birthplace

**Day Of Relaxation /Meditation** with

**Sr. Eileen Nash**

**Date:-** Saturday March 30th

**Time:-** 10.30am-3.30pm; cost 25Euro inc. tea/coffee, bring a packed lunch.

**Booking essential** 353 22 26411 or email: **secretary@nanonaglebirthplace.ie**

## Atlantic Restaurant

Sunday Buffet Lunch 1.00pm-3.00pm  
*children's play area, free parking, pianist.*  
**Cork International Hotel 4549800**

## 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.



## Boston Tea Party

**Ballygarvan Community Association** will hold a "Boston Tea Party"

**Venue:- Old School, Ballygarvan**

**Date:- Saturday April 13th**

**Time:- 8.00pm**

**How it Works:-**

Each host will serve a

**One Pot Dish & Dessert to friends**. Cost 20Euro each. Few Tables still available.

Booking and further details **086/3739460**. All welcome.



## AGM Community Association

**Ballygarvan Community Association AGM**

**Venue:- Old School Ballygarvan**

**Date:- Tuesday April 9th**

**Time:-** 8.00pm in the Community Centre (Old School) New members welcome.

## Papal Altar



The **Altar used by Pope Francis**

when he celebrated Mass in the Phoenix Park in Dublin last August has found a permanent home in the north Dublin parish of Bonnybrook. The newly refurbished church has just reopened.