

Anniversaries

Frank & Finola Rice, Goggins Hill.
John O'Leary, Kilmurriheen.
Mary O'Brien, Raheen.
John O'Keeffe, Kingsland.
Eileen Kelleher, Knocklucy.
Cornelius Hurley, Ballyguinnane.
Joe, Sheila & Roy McCrum, Mayfield.
Denis & Nellie Keane, Ballygarvan & Enniskeane.
Noreen Aherne Comerford, Ballygarvan West.



We Remember

Maurice (Mossie) Power, Coolatuder;
Anna Mannion (née Bowen) Carlow & Bowen's Cross;

Con (Neilie) O'Donoghue, Farmers Cross and Ballyphehane who died during the week.

We pray for their families, neighbours and friends.



Sympathy

We offer our sympathy to **Pauline Mulcahy, Ballynoe** on the death of her sister **Mary (May) Lyons, Minane Bridge.**

Sympathy also to all other relatives, neighbours and friends.



Readings Next week 7th Sunday

Lev. 19:1-2, 17-18.
Ps. 102:104,8,10,12-13, R/v8.
1Cor 3: 16-23. Mt 5:38-48.

MASS TIMES Next Week

Monday 17th:-

Ballygarvan 9.30am

Tuesday 18th:-

Goggins Hill 9.30am

Thursday 20th:-

Ballyheada 10.00am

Saturday 22nd:-

Ballyheada 7.00pm

Sunday 23rd:-

Ballygarvan 10.00am

Goggins Hill 11.30am

Pre Marriage Courses

****Marriage Preparation Courses 2020**

in Carrigaline Parish.

Saturday **February 29th;**

Saturday **April 18th** or

Saturday **June 6th.**

Details & booking Ber at

021/4371109 email:-

carrigalineparishcentre@eircom.net



Anam Cara Cork

Bereavement Information Evening on Tuesday **February 25th** at 7.00pm in the Rochestown Park Hotel. This is a free event and open to all bereaved parents. This event will be run in conjunction with Pieta House & Feilacain. RSVP before 24th to **085/2888888** or *info@anamcara.ie*.

Ballinhassig Parish

Newsletter



for Ballygarvan, Ballyheada and Goggins Hill

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The bare minimum

Triona Doherty writing in Intercom

There are times when we try to get by with the bare minimum. Maybe we have scraped through an exam with the minimum of effort, or done a last-minute rush job to complete a work project. Plenty of us know what it is like to do just enough around the house to keep it from descending into chaos!

Perhaps unconsciously, we take the same approach to our relationships – only phoning a parent once in a blue moon to check in, or visiting a friend only when we are reminded. It can be easy to slip into a pattern of acting out of a sense of duty rather than love.

Of course, our faith can go the same way. Are there times when we approach the Eucharist with a niggling feeling that something is not quite right? If so, Jesus has some strong words for us in today's Gospel. If we believe that all we are expected to do is 'to follow the rules,' we have missed something important. Jesus does not want us to follow merely the letter of the law. Where is the joy or challenge in that?

He tells us that our virtue must go deeper than simply the bare minimum. Not only must we not kill, we must not be angry with others. Not only must we not break a promise, we must be honest in all our dealings and in our speech. If we approach the altar without being on good terms with others, we are not in true communion with God

Obedying the rules is the bare minimum. The Gospel is calling us to a more radical way of living.

Cork Scripture Group

Spring 2020 Bible Study Module
Biblical Perspectives on Justice on Monday night
March 2nd, 9th, 23rd & 30th from 7.30pm-9.30pm at SCALA Centre. Presented by **Fr. Séan O'Sullivan, Dr. Rosalie Moloney, Pauline Sheehan M.A. & Fr. Stephen Cummins O.P.**
Cost 50Euro. Booking and details:- *corksripturegroup@gmail.com*. All welcome.

Spring Workshop

Justice in Matthew's Gospel presented by **Seán Goan** Scripture Scholar, Lecturer and Author at Sacred Heart Parish Centre, Western Rd., Saturday **March 21st** from 10.00am – 1.00pm. All welcome. Booking and details:- *corksripturegroup@gmail.com*.

2020 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)**
email: *ballinhassigparish@gmail.com* *www.ballinhassigparish.com*
Parish Priest:- **Fr. Christy Fitzgerald Telephone: 4885104 or 087/9439666**

Evening of Reflection/Appreciation Invitation to Parishioners



Ballinhassig Parish Assembly will hold an Evening of Spiritual Reflection/Appreciation facilitated by *Fr. Con Cronin* in Ballygarvan New N.S. on Monday **February 24th from 7.30pm-9.00pm including cup of tea**. We especially invite all parishioners involved in church related ministries and services to join us on the night.

As you can appreciate it is not possible to send a Personal Invitation due to the large numbers involved.

This is an open invitation to all:- Ministers of the Eucharist, Ministers of the Word; Funeral Ministry; Choirs & Combined Parish Choir, Youth Choir, Sacristans; Altar Servers Co - Ordinators; Do This In Memory Co-Ordinators; VDP; Liturgy Groups; Prayer Group; Divine Mercy Group; Legion of Mary; Catholic Paper & Magazine Sales; Finance Committee; Graveyard Committees; Child Safeguarding Officers; Church Collectors, Counters; Church Cleaners; Graveyard Maintenance Groups and Individuals; General Church Maintenance; Christmas Crib; Flower Groups; Newsletter; Maintenance of Altar Cloths and Vestments; those who help the Parish Assembly & Finance Committee organise various events; those who provide baking, refreshments etc. for church related services. There are many more individuals and groups too numerous to list, you are all invited to this **short evening of Spiritual Reflection/Prayer/Appreciation**.
(Further details Parish Office 4885062)



We were born into a faith community, we enter as new participants but are required to continuously maintain and reawaken that faith. Our faith community is like a constellation, each one of us is a different light in the emerging collective brightness. A constellation of light has greater power of illumination than a single light would have on its own. Together we can increase brightness, within the solitude of our own individual light, we can never glimpse our collective brightness.



"We can do no great things only little things with great love. You can do what I can't do, I can do what you can't do. Together we can do something beautiful for God." (Mother Teresa)

This invitation is open to those who presently serve in the parish and all who did so in the past and anybody else who would like to join us on the night. All welcome.

(Mary O'Halloran, chairperson Ballinhassig Parish Assembly)

Ballygarvan Camogie Club

Ballinhassig Camogie Club are looking for new members in all age groups. Do you want to develop or learn a new skill and make new friends in a fun environment? Further details contact Cathy 087/9442867 or the club through Facebook messenger. All welcome.



Eco Congregation Ireland

Parish Assembly in Mahon invite you to an introductory talk by *Rev. Elaine Murray*, Church of Ireland, Carrigaline & Monkstown on Monday **February 17th at 7.30pm** in the Meeting Room of **Holy Cross Church, Mahon** about her experience of being part of *Eco-Congregation Ireland* and to see how we in our homes and parishes care for the "earth-our common



Lourdes 2020 Helpers

The Diocese of Cork & Ross invites **young adults 18-25** to join the pilgrimage to Lourdes as helpers from **June 12th to 17th** led by **Bishop Fintan Gavin**. As helpers you will assist with the sick and be involved in the full pilgrimage programme - time for prayer, sharing in the history of Lourdes and making new friends. Places limited. Further details and booking contact *Fr. Charlie Kiely* 4537474. All welcome.

Carer/Companion Available

Experienced carer/companion available for daytime duties to elderly persons in their own home. Providing meals and companionship with dementia care experience also. Car owner, Excellent reference, Kind & good humoured.



Call Marie 086/8916522.

Holy Hour for Vocations

Daughters of Charity Convent, Harbour View Road, Knocknaheeny invite you to pray with them for Vocation to religious life and priesthood on Wednesday **February 19th from 2.30pm-3.30pm**. Tea/coffee served.

Human Life International

'Let's Take Ireland back for Christ'
Date:- Sunday **February 2020**
Venue:- Hibernian Hotel, **Mallow**
Time:- **7.30pm**. All welcome

Ballygarvan Retirement Group

Interested in joining a male/female *Retirement Group in Ballygarvan*. Meet friends, get together. Information Morning Tuesday **February 25th** at 11am in Ballygarvan Community Centre. All welcome.

Age Action's Care & Repair

Free DIY service for Older People. Further enquiries to **Age Action** at their new office on Model Farm Road, Cork. 021/2067399.

Divine Mercy Conference

The Divine Mercy Conference 2020 will be held on Saturday/ Sunday **February 22nd/23rd** in the Main Hall, **RDS, Dublin**. **Theme:- "Deliver us from evil"** (Matthew 6:13). Speakers include:- Archbishop Diarmuid Martin DD, Archbishop Eamon Martin DD, Fr. Peter Glas (Poland), Fr. Brendan Walsh SCA. **Tickets:-** Saturday 30Euro; Sunday 20Euro or weekend 35Euro. Details 086/0669203 or www.divinemercyconference.com

Red Cross Collection

Annual church gate collection this week end Saturday/Sunday **February 15th/16th** in *Ballyheada & Goggins Hill* and *Ballygarvan* on **February 23rd**.

Thought for the week

You need more than eyes to see; you need vision, imagination and belief.