

Anniversaries

Daniel O'Regan, Bawnleigh.
Nora Lyons, Ballinabearna.
Margaret Russell, Tulligmore.
John Desmond, Rigsdale.
Mary Collins, Ballea.
Denis Minihane, Ballea.
John Clarke, Rochestown.
Paddy Coleman, Briar Hill.
Ellen O'Leary, Corran.
Christopher O'Leary, Corran.
Mary O'Donovan, Coolatooder.
Patrick O'Donovan, Coolatooder.
Sean O'Halloran, Rathfarnham.
Padjum Doody, Ballygarvan & London.
Deceased members of Legion of Mary.



We Remember

Baby Matthew Kenneth Kehoe-Ahern, Bandon, Ballinhassig & Dunmanway;



Charlie O'Neill, Montenotte who died during the week. We pray for their families, neighbours and friends.

Thought for Lent



Maybe instead of giving up something for Lent we should consider taking up something:-***Make time for family prayer; ***Call to the Church and pray the Stations of the Cross; *** Make an effort to do something extra for a family member, neighbour or someone in need.

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

MASS TIMES Next Week

Monday 24th:-

Ballygarvan 9.30am

Tuesday 25th:-

Goggins Hill No Mass

Wednesday 26th:- Ash Wednesday

Ballygarvan 9.45am

Ballyheada 7.30pm

Thursday 27th:-

Ballyheada No Mass

Saturday 29th:-

Ballyheada 7.00pm

Sunday 1st:-

Ballygarvan 10.00am

Goggins Hill 11.30am

February 26th is Ash Wednesday.

(Day of Fast and Abstinence)

Ashes will be distributed at Mass, the schools, nursing home, and housebound of the parish.



Day of Fast & Abstinence

Ash Wednesday begins the season of Lent and is one of only two days in the year, (the other being Good Friday) that are days of Fast & Abstinence. We abstain from meat on these two days and fast by eating less than normal, as a form of penance.

People between 18 -59 are to Fast and those over 14 years to abstain from eating meat.



Ballinhassig Parish



Newsletter

for Ballygarvan, Ballyheada and Goggins Hill

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THE TEMPLE OF GOD

It's really something amazing to realise that we are Temples of God. That the Spirit of God himself dwells within us. That Spirit comes to us in Baptism and in Confirmation we are filled to completeness with the Holy Spirit. God lives within us. When we become fully aware of this, then, maybe it could have a huge impact on our lives and the way we interact with each other.

It seems then, that what is proposed in the Gospel of St. Matthew, is quite extreme. In fact, it was to limit or restrict excessive punishment and meant the punishment or retaliation set out in the law had to correspond to the injury.

Jesus' message and preaching of 'love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you' is a far cry from the law of an 'eye for an eye'. It is radical and for many of his hearers it was too radical. Indeed many today would say it can't work because it goes against human nature.

For us, as followers of Jesus, it is still a very radical call to love, mercy and forgiveness. It won't always be easy but as Jesus invites and challenges us to 'be perfect as his heavenly Father is perfect,' we can remind ourselves that we are filled with the Spirit of God and that is what we need to draw on as we strive to live our lives. With Lent beginning next Wednesday, maybe, it is food for thought as we begin our Lenten journey.

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:- *corksripture-group@gmail.com. All welcome.*

Matt Talbot Novena

Monday **March 2nd** the Annual Matt Talbot Novena will begin in the **Way of the Cross, Togher** with Mass & Novena at 7.30pm. Celebrant an tAth. Liam O hIcá, pp Ovens/Farran. All welcome.

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 this **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 - Ordinarors; Do This In Memory Co-Ordinarors; 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)

Prayers for Ash Wednesday

O Jesus you place on my forehead
the sign of Your saving Cross
"Turn from sin and be faithful
to the Gospel."

O Jesus you place on my forehead
the sign of my sister Death
"Remember you are dust and to dust
you shall return."

How can I turn from sin
unless I turn to You?

You speak,
You raise Your hand
You touch my mind and call
"Turn to the Lord your God."



Ash Wednesday

One day my life on Earth will end;
the limits of my years are set,
though I know not the day
nor the hour Shall I be
ready to meet you?

Let this Holy Season be a time of grace
for me and all this world.

"Teach us to number our days aright,
that we may gain wisdom of heart."
Amen.



History Society

Ballygarvan & District Local History Society will host **Chris Larkin** who will give a talk on the **'West Cork Railway Tunnel'** on Thursday **February 27th** in *Ballygarvan Community Centre (Old School)* at 8.00pm. All welcome.

Concert Innishannon Church

Concert in *St. Mary's Church, Innishannon* on **February 29th at 8.00pm.** 'Love is in the Air' will feature Glaslinn Choir, River Rhythms Choir, etc. Donations in aid of *RNLI & Scoil Eoin.*

Trócaire - Lent

Traditionally, during **Lent** we make a special effort of supporting our brothers and sisters in need. Trócaire boxes are available in each Church and through the schools.

Shrove Tuesday

On **February 25th** gather with neighbours, family or friends and share **Pancakes** before the Lenten season begins.

Childminders Wanted

Wanted childminder 4 days a week in the **Ballinhassig Village area** to care for four children aged 9, 7, 5, and 2. School runs to Ballyheada.

Further details contact **087/9573296.**

Wanted childminder in **Ballinhassig** from September for a 10 month old. *Teachers hours.* Details **087/6197401.**

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.**

Social & Active Retirement Club

Ballinhassig Parish Social & Active Retirement Club will hold their **AGM** on Thursday **February 27th** at 11.00am in the Marian Hall, Ballinhassig.

All welcome.