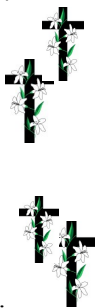


## Anniversaries

Elizabeth Dooley, Watergrasshill.  
Patrick Dooley, Watergrasshill.  
Dan Joe Sheehan, Ballyheada.  
Ellen Ryan, Corran.  
Tony Jeffers, Rigsdale.  
Connie Cronin, Corran.  
Finn Family, Ballinphellic.  
Dan Looney, Ballygarvan.  
Stephen Irwin, Ladysbridge.  
Tom Buttimer, Kilmurriheen.  
Edmond Burke, Goggins Hill.  
John Joe Spillane, Meadstown.  
Kathleen Twohig, Goggins Hill.



## We Remember

*Marie Hickey, London & Ballyhooleen*  
*Noreen Murphy-McSweeney, Knocknaheeny* who died during the week.

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



## Sympathy

We offer our sympathy to the *Hickey Family, Ballyhooleen* on the death of *Marie Hickey, London & Ballyhooleen.*

*Fiona McSweeney, Ballygarvan*  
*Lower* on the death of her mother *Noreen Murphy-McSweeney, Knocknaheeny.*



*Sympathy also to all other relatives,*  
*friends and neighbours of the above.*

## MASS TIMES

The churches will remain closed  
Diocesan directive in line with  
HSE and Government  
Guidelines.

The Newsletter is available  
in the usual shops.

## Watch Daily Mass

*Ballinhassig Parish:- Facebook*  
Live daily at 11am Sunday to Friday.

*RTE News Now at 10.30am daily*

*[www.corkcathedral.ie](http://www.corkcathedral.ie)*

*Kinsale [http://kinsale-parish.org/  
st-johns-church-web-cam/](http://kinsale-parish.org/st-johns-church-web-cam/).*

Saturday 6.30pm;  
Sunday 10.00am and 12 noon.

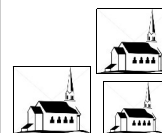
## Mass Cards

Available in the PAN Centre (Parish  
Office) Contact Mary 021/4885062.

## Thank You

Sincere thanks to those who returned  
Easter Offerings, Station Dues, and  
weekly collection envelopes to the  
Parish Office and also to those who  
sent messages of support and appreci-  
ation to the Office and Fr. Christy  
during these unprecedented times.

# Ballinhassig Parish



## Newsletter

*for Ballygarvan, Ballyheada and Goggins Hill*

Vol. 28 No. 30 Sunday: April 19th, 2020 (Second Sunday Of Easter)

## EASTER BLESSINGS

\*John O'Donohue - Dawn Mass Reflections at Corcomroe Abbey

"On this Easter morning, let us look again at the lives we have been so generously given and let us let fall away the useless baggage that we carry -- old pains, old habits, old ways of seeing and feeling -- and let us have the courage to begin again. Life is very short, and we are no sooner here than it is time to depart again, and we should use to the full the time that we still have.

We don't realise all the good we can do. A kind, encouraging word or helping hand can bring many a person through dark valleys in their lives. We weren't put here to make money or to acquire status or reputation. We were sent here to search for the light of Easter in our hearts, and when we find it we are meant to give it away generously.

May the spirit and light of this Easter morning and the special spirit and light of this abbey at Corcomroe bless us all, watch over us and protect us on our journey, open us from the darkness into the light of peace and hope and transfiguration."

May these inspiring words sustain us as we continue to respond, as best we can to the situation we find ourselves in.

Christ be with me, Christ within me  
Christ behind me, Christ before me  
Christ beside me, Christ to win me  
Christ to comfort me and restore me.  
Christ beneath me, Christ above me  
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger  
Christ in hearts of all that love me  
Christ in mouth of friend or stranger.

Amen.



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# St. Faustina - Divine Mercy

**Saint Faustina** was born Helena Kowalska in a small village west of Lodz, Poland on August 25, 1905. She was the third of ten children. When she was almost twenty, she entered the *Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy*, whose members devote themselves to the care and education of troubled young women. The following year she received her religious habit and was given the name *Sister Maria Faustina*, to which she added, "of the **Most Blessed Sacrament**" as was permitted by her congregation's custom.

In the 1930's, *Sister Faustina* received from the Lord a message of mercy that she was told to spread throughout the world. She was asked to become the apostle of God's mercy, a model of how to be merciful to others. Her entire life, was to be a sacrifice - a life lived for others. At the Divine Lord's request, she willingly offered her personal sufferings in union with Him to atone for the sins of others; in her daily life she was to become a doer of mercy, bringing joy and peace to others, and by writing about God's mercy, she was to encourage others to trust in Him and prepare the world for His coming again.



Her special devotion to Mary Immaculate and to the sacraments of Eucharist and Reconciliation gave her the strength to bear all her sufferings as an offering to God on behalf of the Church and those in special need, especially great sinners and the dying. She wrote and suffered in secret, with only her spiritual director and some of her superiors aware that anything special was taking place in her life. After her death from tuberculosis in 1938, even her closest associates were amazed as they began to discover what great sufferings and deep mystical experiences had been given to this Sister of theirs, who had always been so cheerful and humble. The message of mercy that *Sister Faustina* received is now spread throughout the world; her diary, **Divine Mercy** in my Soul, has become the handbook for devotion to the Divine Mercy.



## Divine Mercy

Christ asked *Saint Faustina* to recite *The Divine Mercy Novena* starting on **Good Friday** and ending on **Divine Mercy Sunday**, the Octave of Easter (the Sunday after **Easter Sunday**).

### Church Choir Interchange

Due to the cancellation of the Cork Choral Festival 2020 as a result of Covid 19 the Church Choir Interchange will not take place in April 2020.

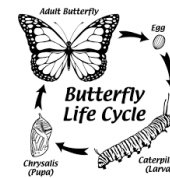
### Thought for the week

*Not everything that is faced can be changed.  
But nothing can be changed until it is faced. (James Baldwin)*

## When This is Over

*When this is over, may we never again take for granted:-*

*A handshake with a stranger  
Full shelves at the store  
Conversations with neighbours  
A crowded theatre  
Friday night out  
The taste of communion  
A routine check-up  
The school rush each morning  
Coffee with a friend  
The stadium roaring  
Each deep breath  
A boring Tuesday  
Life itself.*



*When this ends  
may we find  
that we have become  
more like the people  
we wanted to be  
we were called to be  
we hoped to be  
and may we stay  
that way - better  
for each other  
because of the worst.*

(author  
Laura Kelly Fanucci.....)



### Pray For The Sick

Pray for all our parishioners and all others who are unwell in any way at this time. Also remember those caring for them in hospitals and at home. **You are all in our thoughts and prayers.**

## Trocaire

Trocaire boxes from schools and homes are normally returned on Holy Thursday night and also returned in the weeks after Easter. This year people were not able to return their boxes in the usual way.



Thanks to those who have donations in their boxes. You can hold onto your boxes for the moment and we will let you know when to return them at a later date when it is safe to do so.

If you wish you can contribute as follows:-

1. Donate on line [www.trocaire.org](http://www.trocaire.org)
2. Phone 1850 408 408 and donate over the phone.
3. Post cheque to Trocaire Head Office, Maynooth, Co. Kildare W23 NX63.

## World Autism Awareness

**April is World Autism Awareness Month.** Friends and neighbours across the world are invited to get together in whatever way you can being aware of social distance to make 2020 the 'Year of Kindness' (their theme this year)

## Domestic Abuse

If your home isn't safe Contact [www.STILL HERE .ie](http://www.STILLHERE.ie) or 999 for emergency services.

## SECAD – Online Sessions

*Making Health & Happiness a Habit.*

This programme entails **six online sessions**, lasting one and a half hours each.  
1. Where to begin.... 2. Make little changes.... 3. Nature's medicine..... 4. Mind – set.... 5. movement.... 6. improve sleep.  
Further details Tara at SECAD **087/2473606** or [tdoyle@secad.ie](mailto:tdoyle@secad.ie). FREE and registration with SECAD not necessary. All welcome.