

## Anniversaries

Christopher O'Callaghan, Ballea.  
Christina O'Callaghan, Ballea.  
Michael Finnerty, Tulligmore.  
Tom O'Neill, Limerick.  
Maisie Roche, Halfway.  
Margaret Bidell, England.  
Alice Marshall, Meadstown.  
Bridie O'Mahony, Fivemile Bridge.  
Owen Moynihan, Ballygarvan Upper.



## We Remember

*Maureen Crowley, (née Cronin)  
Corran & Upton.*  
*Dan O'Neill, Dunmanway.*  
*Ann McInerney, Kilkenny.*  
*Vincent Beechinor, Clonakilty.*  
*Peg (Margaret) Murphy, (née Hickey)  
Windsor & Ballyhooleen* who died recently. *We pray for their families, neighbours and friends.*



## Thank You

Sincere thanks to those who already returned **Easter Offerings & Spring 2020 Station Dues**. These monies go directly to **Fr. Christy** as part of his income *and are not part of the Income used to maintain and run the parish.*

Thanks to all who have returned the **Weekly Collection Envelopes** to the Parish Office and those holding theirs to be returned later. These monies are lodged to the **Parish Account to cover Parish Expenses**.

## 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.

Mass on Facebook Live on the Ballinhassig **Parish Facebook page** at 11am from Fr. Christy's home Monday to Friday & **Sunday at 11am** from one of our three churches.

**Rosary** for the **Month of May** on Monday, Wednesday & Friday at 7.30pm live from Ballyheada Church.

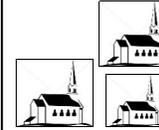
You don't have to be on Facebook. Just log on to [www.facebook.com/Ballinhassig-Parish](http://www.facebook.com/Ballinhassig-Parish) or <https://www.facebook.com/105732007775162/live/>

**RTE News Now at 10.30am daily**

[www.carmeliteskinsale.ie](http://www.carmeliteskinsale.ie)  
**Kinsale** <http://kinsale-parish.org/st-johns-church-web-cam/>.

Saturday 6.30pm;  
Sunday 10.00am and 12 noon.

# Ballinhassig Parish



## Newsletter

for Ballygarvan, Ballyheada and Goggins Hill

Vol. 28 No. 33 Sunday: May 10th, 2020 (Fifth Sunday Of Easter)

Fr. Christy writes....

### BEING A CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

Sometimes we can view the story of the early Christian community in the Acts of the Apostles as being the perfect Christian Community. Today our reading demonstrates that is not the case. While there was certainly a different kind of closeness and unity, they too faced problems. People were being neglected, they were the poor, needy and vulnerable of their day. They took the necessary steps to respond and seven were called to a special service of the poor and needy. This is seen as the beginning of what we call, the diaconate, the ministry of service.

Our need and problems are very different today and our concerns too. Our churches are closed, we cannot celebrate the sacraments, Baptisms, First Communions, Confirmations and Weddings are postponed. In attempting to respond to the needs and concerns in our Covid-19 world, people are generously responding in the most creative ways, including our online live broadcast of Mass and the Rosary.

Local groups here, for example have put out a leaflet with contact numbers for people and this was done early on in the crisis. Many different initiatives to help charities are ongoing like 'Ballinhassig Shave and Dye' for Marymount Hospice, Autism, Cancer research, to name but a few. I am struck by the sheer generosity of so many even in the midst of this crisis.

This for me is a true representation of today's Christian Community responding to those who are in need. May we continue to listen to God's word and respond as best we can so that what we do is a real expression of who and what we are as Church today.

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Parish Priest:- Fr. Christy Fitzgerald Telephone: 4885104 or 087/9439666

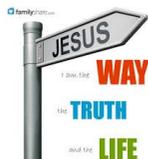
## The Promise of an Eternal Home.....

It's impossible to exaggerate the importance of home. When things fail, when we feel tired and lonely, there is always home to go to. A home is to have a set of close ties with people who accept us for what we are, and who give us a feeling of belonging.



Martin was a young offender who spent three years behind bars for stealing and was now being released. He was anxious as to whether the family wanted him home after he let them down. As the railway line passed near his house, there was an old apple tree in the back garden. He wrote a letter to his family, from his prison, asking them to tie a yellow ribbon on it, if the family wanted him back. If he saw no ribbon, he would continue his train journey to nowhere and to no one. As the train neared his house, the suspense and anxiety were acute. Martin looked, and there before his eyes stood the apple tree covered in ribbons. Tears began to pour down his cheeks. All the bitterness that had poisoned his young life over the years was now being washed away. Renewing the set of close ties with family was for him, home.

Without faith, life is like a journey that leads nowhere. To have faith is to believe that we have a lasting home to go to when our time on earth is over, the same home as promised to the apostles by Jesus in our Gospel. "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life."



## Exam Prayers and Candle



In the unprecedented times we find ourselves in The **Exam Candle** this year will be lit at home by the **Parish Assembly Members** when they tune in to Mass and otherwise light it in their sacred space commencing this week-end **May 10th** and will continue to be lit until the end of all exams.

Good luck to all students who will complete exams this year in whatever format that may be, remember those who have already commenced their exams. **As a parish community intentions of students of all ages will be remembered and we ask you also to light your own candle at home for their intentions.**

### Short Prayer for Exam Students

Dear Lord, Give me the spirit of calm to prepare well.  
Give me the spirit of wisdom to choose the right questions.  
Give me the spirit of reason to answer to the best of my ability.  
Allow me do myself justice. Help me be a source of encouragement for my classmates and friends. Guide me through the days ahead and keep me always in your care. *May Your love be upon us, O Lord, As we place all our trust in you. Amen*



## Rosary Campaign

In Ireland there is a *Rosary Campaign* to get ten per cent of the population to pray the *Rosary* or a decade of the Rosary each day.



To sign up you can text **087 2786552** or [www.coastalrosaryireland.ie](http://www.coastalrosaryireland.ie) or email:- [coastalrosary@gmail.com](mailto:coastalrosary@gmail.com). All welcome.

## Irish Catholic Newspaper

The Irish Catholic newspaper is available weekly in Gala Shop, Ballygarvan. Please collect your copy.

## Mass Cards

Available in the PAN Centre (Parish Office) (*sympathy cards, mass intentions etc.*) Contact Mary **021/4885062**.



## A Newborn Day

*The dawn will rise tomorrow  
Upon another day,  
And all the fears that you possess  
Are bound to fade away.*

*The sun will rise high in the sky  
To warm your heart and soul,  
And be a source of newfound strength  
To help you reach your goal.*

*And when the day is o'er and done  
And sun sets in the west,  
Be sure that you can always say:  
"Today I gave my best."*

(Harold F. Mohn)

### Thought for the Week

*A gentle breeze  
blowing in the right direction  
is better than a pair  
of strong oars.*

## OFFERTORY COLLECTION

January 5th	1525
January 12th	1290
January 19th	1400
January 26th	1514
February 2nd	1385
February 9th	1400
February 16th	1425
February 23rd	1258
March 1st	1595
March 8th	1290
March 15th	No Collection
March 22nd	No Collection
March 29th	No Collection
April 5th	No Collection
April 12th	No Collection
April 19th	No Collection
April 26th	No Collection

**Like many other businesses and organisations the Parish Income has been affected by Covid-19. Thanks to those contributing by S.O. & D.D., annual cheques, postal orders and other contributions.**