

Anniversaries

Tadhg Barry Murphy, Goggins Hill.
Mary Casey, Ballygarvan.
Paddy O'Brien, Ballea.

We Remember

*Terry Fitzgerald (née MacDonald)
Midleton & Cork City. We pray for
her family, neighbours and friends.*

Sympathy

We offer our sympathy to *Elsie Lynch,
Earlwood Estate & Ballinhassig* on the
death of her husband **John Lynch,
Earlwood Estate & Ballinhassig** and to
**Edel Connolly, Tulligmore &
John Bosco** on the death of their
father **John Lynch, Earlwood
Estate & Ballinhassig.**
*Sympathy also to all other rela-
tives, friends and neighbours.
In death Life is changed not Ended.*

Parish Assembly Meeting

Ballinhassig Parish Assembly
Meeting on **Tuesday June 23rd** at
6.30pm in Goggins Hill church side
chapel to finalise preparations for the
re-opening of our churches FOR
WEEKDAY MASSES commencing
on **Monday June 29th.**

**Details of Times & Guidelines in
next weeks Newsletter June 28th.**

MASS TIMES

**Churches will remain closed for
Public Mass Diocesan directive
in line with HSE & Government
Guidelines.**

The churches in this parish are open
as follows:- for
PERSONAL PRAYER ONLY

BALLYGARVAN 9.30am – 6pm
BALLYHEADA. 9.30 am – 8pm
GOGGINS HILL 9.30 am – 6pm

**The Newsletter is available
in the shops & churches.**

Watch Daily Mass

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 June

on **Monday & 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
or [https:
www.facebook.com/105732007775162/
live/](https://www.facebook.com/105732007775162/live/)



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Ballinhassig Parish

Newsletter

for Ballygarvan, Ballyheada and Goggins Hill

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Triona Doherty writing in Intercom

Noli temere

The last words of Seamus Heaney, in a text to his wife Marie, were the Latin words Noli temere – 'Don't be afraid'. According to his son Mick, the words became 'a shorthand for hope' in the weeks that followed. He had done what poets and writers do best – express our fears and anxieties in a way that made sense.

Fear took on new forms earlier this year when we were all thrown into that strange period of lockdown due to the coronavirus threat. We were fearful for ourselves and our health. We were worried about our families, particularly our elderly or vulnerable loved ones. Many people were anxious about the future they had lost their job or business and were full of uncertainty as to when, or even if, things would improve.

We also became conditioned, in a way, to be fearful of each other. While we understood it was necessary, it was upsetting to have to stay away from other people – to refrain from hugging or shaking hands, to move away or even cross the street when we saw another person approaching.

And of course there are deeper fears that come from being isolated and feeling alone with our thoughts. It is natural to question God in these circumstances, whether we turn to him in prayer seeking comfort, or struggle to pray because we cannot understand why all this is happening.

Our communities are still reeling from his new state of fear. We have lost so much, and the future is uncertain. Jesus has comforting words in today's Gospel: 'Do not be afraid... everything now hidden will be made clear.' Life does not always make sense, but God has it all in hand, and armed with this knowledge we can face the future with hope. He is with us through the mess and the fear: 'Why, every hair on your head has been counted.'

Blessings for Father's Day

When did the Celebration of Father's Day begin?

Father's Day was first celebrated on June 19th, 1910 in the USA. Mrs. Sonora Smart Dodd, a woman whose father, William Smart, had brought her and her five siblings up single handed wanted to celebrate all that her father meant to her. The story goes that she decided to institute "Fathers Day" after hearing a Mother's Day sermon. It is now observed around the world and celebrated in most countries on the Third Sunday in June, in 2020 it is this Sunday **June 21st**.



Fathers, grandfathers, great grandfathers, godfathers, foster fathers etc. receive cards and small gifts from their families.

Father's Day Prayer

God our Father, In your wisdom and love you made all things. Bless those fathers who have taken upon themselves, the responsibility of parenting. Bless those who have lost a spouse to death, separation or divorce who are parenting their children alone. Strengthen them by your love that they may be and become the loving, caring persons they are meant to be. Grant this through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*



A Father's Day Blessing !!

You seem so strong and steady as I watch you day to day, but I know you're just a softy, Dad...so what else can I say! You've never been too strong or proud to treat me tenderly, or play a game, or watch TV, or be there just for me.



I love the way you've made me feel so safe and so secure, even though these times are hard, and nothing is for sure. I sometimes can't believe how much you sacrifice for me, so this Father's Day I pray that you will be blessed abundantly.

I'm still your little child, who feels special in your eyes, when you overlook my failures and encourage me to try.

I think you are the wealthiest of men to walk this earth, because you've given me the greatest gift.....a sense of my self worth. So never waste time "wishing" for what some would call success. To me, you are a Hero, Dad, and I've been truly bless. *(Barbara D. MacAdam)*

Happy Fathers Day to all Fathers... this Sunday **June 21st, 2020**. Remember and pray for those who have gone to their Heavenly Home and those estranged from their families.



Irish Catholic Newspaper

The Irish Catholic newspaper is again available weekly in **Ballygarvan Church**. Please collect your copy.

Mass Cards

Available in the PAN Centre (Parish Office) (*sympathy cards, mass intentions, anniversary cards etc.*)

Contact Mary **021/4885062**.

Online Summer School

The Priory Institute Two week Online Course by Fr. Pat Collins C.M., *Theology, Spirituality & Religious Experience*.

Course will begin Monday July 13th & Monday August 10th.

One lecture per day and cost 80Euro.

Email:- enquiries@prioryinstitute.com or **01 4048124**.

TRÓCAIRE LENTEN CAMPAIGN

Sincere thanks to all those who continue to return your Trócaire Boxes to the parish.

You can still donate by *returning boxes*; www.trocaire.org or post to *Trócaire, Maynooth, Co Kildare*.



Thank You

Sincere thanks to all parishioners who have returned and those who continue to return their Easter Offerings, Station Envelopes, Weekly Offertory Envelopes & Cheques to the PAN Centre & Cottrell's Gala for collection. Thanks also to the huge numbers requesting Mass Cards.



PAN CENTRE(PARISH OFFICE)

Remains open please phone **4885062**

** Hand sanitiser available as you enter and exit the office.

** Maintain Social Distancing.

Covid -19

As we continue phase 2 of the Covid 19 National Programme we are all urged to continue *social distancing, hand and respiratory hygiene and permitted gatherings*.



Covid -19 ALONE

ALONE has launched a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the outbreak of COVID -19. Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary.

The support line is open seven days a week, **8.00am-8.00pm** contact **0818 222 024**.



Road Safety

All road users are asked to please be vigilant as there are higher volumes of traffic on our roads once again.

Walkers and cyclists be extra cautious and particularly those with children. There is extra farm related machinery on the roads with the silage and hay season upon us once again. Wear your high vis vests at all times for your own safety and that of the drivers. Drivers of all vehicles be aware of the unexpected and likewise pedestrians and cyclists must be vigilant and exercise care for themselves and other road users.



Thank You-Votive Lights

Thanks to all who continue to contribute so generously to the *Votive Lights collection box* in the three churches since re-opening for Personal Prayer. Please continue to use sanitising dispensers, gloves to light candles and wipes before exiting.

