## **Anniversaries**

Catherine Foley, Ballynaloughy.
Joan Cussen, Old Abbey.
John Ryan, Corran.
Pat Casey, Ballygarvan.
Babe Coughlan, Station Steps.
Kitty O'Mahony, Station Steps.
Hannah O'Mahony, Goggins Hill.
Humphrey O'Mahony, Goggins Hill.

### We Remember

John O'Callaghan, Minane Bridge.
Kevin Desmond, Rochestown.
We pray for their families,
neighbours and friends.

# Sympathy

We offer our sympathy to *Pat Desmond*, *Kingsland* on the death of her son **Kevin Desmond**, *Rochestown; Karen* on the death of her partner **Kevin Desmond** and *Leesha* and *Cian* on the death of their father **Kevin Desmond**, *Rochestown*.

Sympathy also to all other relatives, friends and neighbours of the above. In death Life is changed not Ended.

#### Childminder Available

Childminder available Ballinhassig area, week days, week ends etc. Details contact **085/7268141.** 

Irish Catholic paper in Ballygarvan church

#### MASS TIMES Next Week

Ballygarvan:-

Monday (6th) 10.00am Wednesday (8th) 7.30pm

Goggins Hill:-

Tuesday (7th) 10.00am Friday (10th) 7.30pm

Ballyheada:-

Thursday (9th) 10.00am

The churches in this parish will continue to be open daily as follows:for PERSONAL PRAYER

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

#### Reflection

The strongest tree in the forest is not the one that is protected



from the wind and rain. The strongest trees are the ones that are exposed to the elements. They develop deep roots and stout trunks in order to survive.

In the same way, the struggles we face and overcome in life make us stronger. Reminding yourself of this fact can help you weather the storms of life.

Mass Cards in PAN Centre 4885062

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# Ballinhassig Parish Newsletter

for Ballygarvan, Ballyheada and Goggins Hill

Vol. 28 No. 41 Sunday: July 5th, 2020 (Fourteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time)

Fr. Christy writes ....

# I will bless your name for ever, O God my King

These words, the response to our responsorial psalm this weekend, reflects the heartfelt joy of so many this past week upon returning to our churches for Masses. Yes, it was very different. But, it was so good to be back. We continue with our weekday schedule until the weekend of  $18^{th}/19^{th}$  July when our weekend Masses return

We have much to be grateful for. None more so than the small army of volunteers who have laboured hard to help prepare our 3 churches for public worship again. I am deeply indebted to our parish *Covid Committee*: *Jerry & Patsy O'Sullivan*, *John Guirey, Mary O'Halloran*, along with our *Parish Assembly*, and who ensure that we are compliant in all the regulations. Their dedication and preparedness is what has enabled us to return and to keep celebrating Masses publicly once again. Thank you too, to our parishioners, for your amazing patience and understanding and also for your generosity.

When we are praying our Mass together, every day, from mid July, a reminder that the Sunday obligation remains suspended. This is to help people to attend and pray Mass any day. We urge those who can attend on weekdays to continue to do so, which will enable those who can't attend on weekdays, to be accommodated at the weekend Masses. As of now, we are still restricted to 50 people at any one time. After each Mass, or Baptism, or any celebration, the church is fully sanitised with a disinfectant spray.

The churches will be open each day for private prayer. Entry and exit by the side door only. As we continue to work towards the full reopening of our society and economy we pray that the Lord will continue to pour out the grace of his blessings and generous mercy upon us.

We have returned to *Masses as follows* for the coming weeks and will commence *Week-end Masses in mid July*.

Ballygarvan	Goggins Hill	Ballyheada
Monday 10.00am	Tuesday 10.00am	
Wednesday 7.30pm		
		Thursday 10.00am
	Friday 7.30pm	

People are encouraged, even when week-end Masses return, to avail of week days instead of Sunday to ensure we can maximise our numbers. **Sunday obligation is not restored.** To facilitate this, we have included two extra Masses to our regular week day schedule, on Wednesdays and Fridays at 7.30pm.

All Mass times will be reviewed on an ongoing basis.

Please arrive a little earlier to facilitate the implementation of all safety procedures.

Because we have to implement a one way system **ENTRY THROUGH MAIN DOOR ONLY** and seating in the *main aisle only* on week days in the 3 churches. **EXIT THROUGH SIDE DOORS ONLY** in the 3 churches.

When waiting to enter and exit we need to continue to be mindful of the *TWO METRE physical distancing*.

If wearing gloves coming into the church they must be removed and placed in the bin before sanitising your hands.

Holy Water Fonts will remain empty until the advice on this changes.

Handshake for The Sign of Peace is suspended.

No Entry to Sacristy before Mass, stewards will advise.

No Lighting of Candles before Mass.

It will be possible afterwards, stewards will advise.

Stations of the Cross prayed from your seat only.

No Altar Servers or Church Collectors for the foreseeable future.

#### Baptisms will be celebrated on **Saturdays only** at 12noon & 5.00pm.

It will not be possible to have Sunday Baptisms because of the requirements to sanitise our churches after each use.

When you enter the church STEWARDS will continue to:-

- \*\*\* Invite you to sanitise your hands.
- \*\*\* Guide you towards an available seat as seating will begin from the top of the church.

  People living in the same household may share a pew.
- \*\*\* In *Ballyheada & Goggins Hill*, guide you in rotation to Holy Communion using a one way system.
- \*\*\* Guide you in rotation for exiting the church and inviting you to sanitise your hands before leaving.

For the safety and wellbeing of everyone, Parishioners are asked not to congregate in groups outside the church doors.

As we cannot have the traditional offertory collection by passing baskets around, baskets will be provided at the main door each day to facilitate people to leave their offering on any day of the week.

**Choirs** aren't possible for the foreseeable future, due to current health advice. We are hoping to develop a team of Cantors to lead some singing at each of the week end Masses.

Unfortunately, for now, *Fr. Christy* and *Rev. John* will not be able to greet people at the door at the end of Mass as has been the practice.

The three churches will continue to be **Open** daily for **Personal Prayer:** 

Ballygarvan:- 9.30am - 6.00pm Ballyheada:- 9.30am - 8.00pm Goggins Hill:- 9.30am - 6.00pm



#### **OUR CAPACITY IN EACH CHURCH IS**

BALLYGARVAN:- 64 or increase if household share a pew 62 or increase if household share a pew 65 or increase if household share a pew 65 or increase if household share a pew

Adhering to HSE & Government Guidelines at the moment *we are restricted to 50*. This will increase as time goes on.

Face Masks/Coverings are not obligatory but may be worn if you wish.

(Fr. Christy; Parish Covid Committee; Parish Assembly & Parish Secretary writes....)