

## Anniversaries

Nellie Coleman, Ballynagrumoolia.  
Dan Coleman, Ballynagrumoolia.  
Eugene O'Keeffe, Rearour.  
Margaret Galvin, Kilmurry.



## We Remember

**Claire O'Sullivan**, Mallow and  
Ballinhassig who died recently.  
We pray for her family,  
neighbours and friends.



## Sympathy

We offer our sympathy to **Jerry  
and Mary O'Sullivan**, Mallow  
& **Gortnacloagh** on the death of  
their daughter **Claire O'Sullivan**,  
Mallow; and to **Evelyn, Valerie,  
Geraldine, Dermot and Brendan**  
on the death of their sister **Claire  
O'Sullivan**, Mallow.



Sympathy also to all other relatives,  
friends and neighbours.

*In death Life is changed not Ended.*



## Novena Envelopes

November Novena envelopes are  
now available in the three churches.

## Votive Lights

Thanks to all who continue to  
contribute so generously to  
the **Votive Lights collection boxes** in  
our three churches.



## MASS

**Under Level 3  
Restrictions No Public  
Celebration of Mass.**

The churches in this parish will be  
open Daily as follows:- for  
**PERSONAL PRAYER  
& LIGHTING OF  
CANDLES**



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

**Please wear a mask, sanitise on  
entry and exit, follow signage and  
maintain social distancing.**

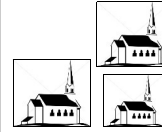
**Parishioners** who wish to hand in  
their weekly envelopes or dona-  
tions may do so at any time to the  
**PAN Centre (021/4885062)**,  
confidentiality is assured.

**Parish Newsletter** will be  
available in the churches and  
usual shops etc.

# Ballinhassig Parish

## Newsletter

for Ballygarvan, Ballyheada and Goggins Hill



Vol. 29 No. 3 Sunday: October 18th, 2020 (Twenty Ninth Sunday In Ordinary Time)

Parish Finance  
Committee writes...

## FINANCIAL UPDATE

This has been a most difficult year for everyone with the Coronaovirus. Yet, the people of this parish have been tremendous in their generosity in their continued financial support for our parish.

Since the lockdown in March people have contributed €27,343 in the envelopes for the Offertory collections. This is truly amazing given the fact we were shut down for four and a half months. In the same time period last year people contributed €40,632. Increasing numbers now also pay by monthly Standing Order or Direct Debit. While at the same time, contributions from parishioners and fundraising events amounted to €4490.00, this was also used to reduce the parish debt. We will in due course acknowledge those contributions. A special word of thanks to the Ballinhassig Camogie Club and Ballinhassig Parish Assembly.

We have news also on the final sale of the vacant school site in Ballygarvan. The site sold for €124,000 but with substantial costs and expenses for Legal Fees, Auctioneers Fees and Diocesan 5% levy amounting to €17,572, the final amount we received was €106,428. We paid €97,500 of this off against the Parish Debt and the remaining €8928 was lodged to the parish current account. This time last year the Parish Debt stood at **€226,000** but **now the Parish Debt is reduced to €99,950.**

We would like to take this opportunity to express our thanks to the parishioners and the Community Association in Ballygarvan, for their help and co-operation in the successful completion of the sale of the site.

The people of the parish have consistently worked hard and contributed generously over the years to reduce our debt and now we can truly say there is light and the end of the tunnel. Working together, as we have done, into the future, we will finally eliminate this debt. (**Parish Finance Committee:- Patsy Galvin, chairperson; John McCann, secretary; Eileen Donohoe, treasurer; Fr. Christy Fitzgerald PP; Denis Keohane and Mary O'Halloran**)

2020 Ballinhassig Parish Newsletter

Notices for inclusion should be received not later than 2.00pm on Wednesday  
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# Harvest Thanksgiving

Harvest festivals are traditionally held on or near the Sunday of the Harvest Moon, this is the full moon that occurs closest to the autumn equinox. It is a time that reminds Christians of all good things that come from God. It is a celebration of the fruits of the earth; food grown on the land and in the sea. This year despite the pandemic we all need to give thanks for the good Harvest:- farmers for the grain, potatoes, milk, grass and all other crops. Gardeners for the abundance of vegetables, fruit and flowers. Wild fruits, nuts, leaves and seeds for our wild birds and animals.

## Harvest Reflection

*We thank You for the gift of sunshine and rain in due season, of seed, soil and harvest, provision for our needs and others, if in love we share.*



*We thank You for the gift of living water that does not run dry and the nourishment of Your Word which feeds our souls and others, if in love we share.*

*We give You thanks for the fruits of the earth in their season and for the labours of those who harvest them.*

*For the promise of harvest contained within a seed we thank You. For the oak tree within an acorn. The bread within a grain. The apple within a pip. The mystery of nature gift wrapped for us to sow. We thank You.*



*Creator God, provider of all. We bring our thanks and prayers to You for this years Harvest as farmers are already preparing to sow some winter crops for Harvest 2021.*



**Lord, plant the seeds of goodness  
Deep within me.  
So that they can grow and flourish,  
And yield their fruit in dues season  
For the harvest of life.  
Then I can thank You  
With all my heart.  
Amen.**



## Mass Cards

Available in the PAN Centre (Parish Office) at **021/4885062** (Sympathy cards, Mass Intentions, Anniversary. Christmas Mass cards will be available also.

## ROSARY

Live Streamed from Ballyheada Church on **Monday & Thursday at 7.00pm** for the Month of October.

## Stations - Autumn 2020

Envelopes will be sent out to all Station areas in the next few weeks.

# Shoe Box Appeal 2020

This year Team Hope *Shoe Box Appeal* will be run very differently. Due to Covid-19 restrictions we will be unable to fill our shoe boxes and have them delivered in the usual way. So in 2020 it is not possible to physically send gift filled shoe boxes from Ireland, **but you have the opportunity to donate gift filled boxes on line.**



The year may be different but the need for children to receive their shoe box is more important than ever. Log in to Team Hope and you can create your shoe box any time up to **December 23rd** but preferably from **November 9th to 15th**. Follow the steps to fill your box or go directly to donate. If you create your own box add a mixture of the **4w's, WASH, WRITE, WEAR and WOW**. This means a child will get items they need and love. **Each box will cost 20Euro or donate what you can.**



These donations will allow the local networks in Eastern Europe & Africa to purchase items for shoeboxes, which will then be delivered straight into the hands of children affected by poverty in orphanages and the wider community.



**(Last year a total of 794 Shoe Boxes were donated by Ballinhassig Parish)**  
*Your continued support appreciated.*

## Thought for the Week

*A grateful heart will always be, much stronger than the rest, for they have weathered every storm and conquered every test.  
Be there for others, but never leave yourself behind.*



# Ballyheada N.S.

**Ballyheada National School Parents Association Fundraising Clothing Collection at Ballyheada Church/School Car Park on Thursday October 22nd from 8.45am-9.15am.**

*Items for collection include:- Used Clothing, Bags/Belts, Paired Shoes, Kids Toys and Mobile Phones.*



*Support appreciated.  
Please be mindful of social distancing.*

## Ballyheada National School

Now enrolling for September 2021. Contact **021/ 4885066** or email: **admin@ballyheadans.ie** for application form until **November 30th**.

## Community Alert

**Ballinhassig Parish Community Alert Association** are appealing for sponsorship to replace the security cameras in Ballinhassig Village. The cost of replacement is **2000.00Euro** and the Association do not have sufficient funds to do so. These cameras monitor the Village and Marian Hall Car Park. All donations large or small gratefully appreciated. **Contact any member of the Community Alert Association or Denny at 087/6072008.** *Thank you for your continued support.*

## Virtual Medjugorje Pilgrimage

Visit Medjugorje every **Wednesday and Sunday at 8.00pm** to take part in the **Rosary at the Blue Cross and Torchlight Procession** on Joe Walsh tours pilgrimages Facebook page. [www.facebook.com/joewalshstourspilgrimages/](http://www.facebook.com/joewalshstourspilgrimages/)



## Holy Souls Novena

A Novena of Masses for the **Holy Souls** from **November 2nd to 10th** will be Live Streamed on the parish Facebook page. **More details next week.**