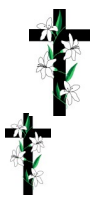


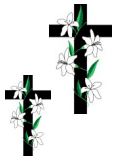
Anniversaries

Maisie O'Sullivan, Ballyhooleen.
Patrick O'Donovan, Coolatooder.
Mary O'Donovan, Coolatooder.
John Walsh, Knocklucy.
John Cussen, Old Abbey.
Matthew Kenneth Kehoe -
Aherne, Bandon & Ballinhassig.



We Remember

Liam Dineen, Glanmire & Grenagh.
John Hennessy, Ballinphellic, Upton,
Innishannon who died recently.
We pray for their families,
neighbours and friends.



Sympathy

We offer our sympathy to *Donie Dineen,*
Meadstown on the death of his brother
Liam Dineen, Glanmire & Grenagh.

Sheila Hennessy, Ballinphellic, Upton,
Innishannon on the death of her husband
John & Pauline and Tony Hennessy on
the death of their father **John Hennessy,**
Ballinphellic, Upton, Innishannon.
Sympathy also to all other relatives,
neighbours and friends of the above.

COLLECTION OF ASHES

THIS YEAR COLLECT YOUR
ASHES IN ANY OF THE THREE
CHURCHES ON ASH WEDNESDAY
AFTER 12NOON. LIMITED NUMBER
OF ENVELOPES AVAILABLE.



Live Streamed

MASS Next Week
MONDAY- FRIDAY 11.00am
Ballinhassig Parish Facebook Page

Live Streamed

SUNDAY 11.00am
Ballinhassig Parish Facebook Page

The churches in this parish
are open Daily:- for
PERSONAL PRAYER
LIGHTING OF CANDLES



BALLYGARVAN:- 9.30am – 5pm
BALLYHEADA:- 9.30am – 5pm
GOGGINS HILL:- 9.30am – 5pm

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

*Ash Wednesday begins the season of
Lent and is one of only two days in the
year, (the other being Good Friday)
that are days of Fast & Abstinence.*

*We abstain from meat on these two
days and fast by eating less than normal,
as a form of penance.*

*People between 18 –59 are to
Fast & those over 14 years to
abstain from meat.*



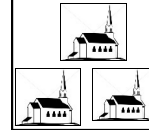
Readings February 21st

Gen 19:8-15. Ps 24:4-9,
R/cf. v 10. 1Pet 3:18-22. Mk 1: 12-15.

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Newsletter

for Ballygarvan, Ballyheada and Goggins Hill



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Fr. Christy

ASH WEDNESDAY AND LENT

While we are still in Level 5 restrictions, we can and we will continue to celebrate important events in a responsible, safe manner, according to the regulations. Lent begins this Wednesday, Ash Wednesday, and it is also a day of Fast and Abstinence, one of only two such days in our calendar (the other being Good Friday).

I will celebrate and Live-Stream Mass from one of our churches on Ash Wednesday at 11am. During this Mass I will bless the ashes which will be prepared in a special envelope, that can be collected from any of the churches during the day, for distribution to those at home or in your bubble. Our churches remain open until 5.00pm each day. There will also be a Short Leaflet with a simple prayer ceremony to use at home.

We invite you to take one of the Blessed Ashes Envelopes, a prayer leaflet and a Trócaire envelope which contains your Trócaire Box from any one of the three churches. This year the focus for the Trócaire Lenten Campaign is South Sudan. The Trócaire Lenten campaign is their vital fundraising, for their work during the year. "This Lent, we learn more about the suffering of people who have lost their homes and loved ones to war, and how they are rebuilding their lives through love, friendship and solidarity. Awut and Ajak lost their homes and loved ones to the conflict in South Sudan."

While we are unable to come together physically, we can still join in prayer online. Mass is celebrated Sunday to Friday at 11am. On Monday to Friday we have a Night Prayer at 8.30pm. During Lent, there will be a special service on Wednesday and Stations of the Cross on Friday. Night Prayer will continue on Monday's, Tuesday's and Thursday's. Let us continue, difficult though it is, to remain focused on preventing the further spread of this terrible virus.

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*Notices for inclusion should be received not later than 2.00pm on Wednesday
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Prayers for Ash Wednesday

O Jesus you place on my forehead
the sign of Your saving Cross
“Turn from sin and be faithful
to the Gospel.”

How can I turn from sin
unless I turn to You?

You speak,
You raise Your hand
You touch my mind and call
“Turn to the Lord your God.”

These days of Your favour
leave a blessing as You pass
on me and all Your people.
Turn to us, Lord God.



Ash Wednesday

O Jesus you place on my forehead
the sign of my sister Death
“Remember you are dust and to dust
you shall return.”

One day my life on
Earth will end;
the limits of my years
are set, though I know
not the day nor the hour
Shall I be ready to meet
you?

Let this Holy Season be a time of
grace for me and all this world.



“Teach us to number our days
aright, that we may gain wisdom of
heart.” *Amen.*

February 14th Feast Day of St. Valentine

Patron Saint of :- Love, marriages,
engagements, young people, greet-
ings, travellers, etc

Saint Valentine was a Catholic
priest who had also worked as a
doctor. He lived in Italy during the
third century AD and served as a
priest in Rome. Historians don't
know much about *Valentine's* early
life, they pick up his story after he
began working as a priest. Valentine
became famous for marrying couples
who were in love but couldn't
get legally married in Rome during
the reign of Emperor Claudius II,
who outlawed **weddings**.

When Emperor Claudius discovered
that Valentine was per-
forming weddings, he
sent Valentine to jail.



The most famous miracle attributed to
Saint Valentine involved a note he sent to
a young blind girl named Julia who
Valentine had befriended.

Shortly before he was martyred for his
faith in Jesus Christ, *Valentine* wrote Julia
a farewell note. Believers say that God
miraculously cured Julia of her blindness
so that she could personally read Valen-
tine's note, rather than just have someone
else read it to her. Valentine signed Julia's
note "**From your Valentine,**" and that
loving note, combined with the memory of
Valentine's support of engaged and mar-
ried couples in his work as a priest, led to
the tradition of sending loving
messages on his feast day, **Valen-
tine's Day**. Throughout the
years since Valentine died,
people have prayed for him to
intercede for them before God
in heaven about their romantic lives.



LENTEN PRAYER & REFLECTION

During **Lent** we are encouraged to **stop**, to
take a **look** at our lives, to see
where we are going. We are
challenged to learn once again
what it means to be a follower
of Jesus. In this season of
Lent we need to turn our attention to our
inner preparation for Easter.



During Lent, on **Wednesdays** a short
Prayer Service / Reflection will be *Live*
Streamed from Ballygarvan
Church at 8.30pm and led
by **Rev. John Guirey.**



Commencing February 17th
You are invited to log in to:-
ballinhassig parish facebook page.

During Lent, on **Fridays** the
Stations of the Cross will be
Live Streamed from Ballyheada
Church at 8.30pm and led by
Jerry O'Sullivan.



Commencing February 19th
You are invited to log in to:-
ballinhassig parish facebook page.

Thought for Lent

Maybe instead of **giving up** something for
Lent we should consider **taking up** some-
thing:-***Make time for family prayer;
***Call to the Church and pray the Stations
of the Cross; **(from your seat)** *** Make an
effort to do something extra for a family
member, neighbour or someone in need.

Childminder Wanted

To mind 2 children aged 3 & 1,
four days a week. Drop offs and
collection to/from playschool.
Tel. **085/1929953.**

Temperance

**Day of Prayer for Temper-
ance:-** Sunday **February 14th**
pray for all who suffer from
addictions and their families
who share their suffering.
Novena prayers in honour of
Matt Talbot online at
www.churchservices.tv/together
at 6.30pm Mondays of Lent.

Cork Scripture Group

A series of presentations and
notes, designed for
home study, explor-
ing a different biblical
perspective on hope
each week.



Seasons of Hope:-

February 22nd;
March 1st; March 8th;
March 15th. Texts emailed at
the beginning of each week.
March 22nd:-
Online Presentation. All details
corksripturegroup@gmail.com

World Day of Prayer for Survivors and Victims of Sexual Abuse:-

approved by
Pope Francis in
2016 and to be
observed on the
first Friday of Lent,
this year February
19th, pray for heal-
ing for all who
suffered and are suffering.

