

Anniversaries

Frank & Finola Rice, Goggins Hill.
Daniel O'Regan, Bawnleigh.
John Desmond, Rigsdale.
Joan Coyle, Rochestown.
John Clarke, Rochestown.
Paddy Coleman, Briar Hill.
Eileen Kelleher, Knocklucy.
Ellen & Chris O'Leary, Corran
Liam & Teresa Duggan, Bandon & Goggins Hill.

We Remember

Con (Nelius) Bohane, Briar Hill & Kinsale.

Michael Leo Power, Ballynoe, Ballintemple & Passage West.

John O'Reilly, Kinsale & Ballinspittle.

Michael Murphy, Waterfall & Cork who died recently. We pray for their families, neighbours and friends.

Sympathy

We offer our sympathy to *Mary Bohane, Briar Hill* on the death of her husband *Con (Nelius) Briar Hill & Kinsale.*

Nelius, Catherine, Maria, Helen, Michael & Robert Bohane on the death of their father *Con (Nelius) Bohane, Briar Hill & Kinsale.*

Sympathy also to all other relatives, neighbours and friends.

In death Life is changed not ended.

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.

Sympathy

We offer our sympathy to *Maria, Margaret and Pierce Power*, on the death of their father *Michael Leo Power, Ballynoe, Ballintemple & Passage West.* Sympathy also to all other relatives, neighbours and friends.

Readings February 28th

Gen 22:1-2, 9-13,15-18. Ps 115:10, 15-19, R/Ps 114:9. Rm 8:31-34. Mk 9: 2-10.

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Ballinhassig Parish

Newsletter

for Ballygarvan, Ballyheada and Goggins Hill

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From Trócaire

MEET AWUT AND AJAK

Awut and Ajak are survivors. They survived a war, but each day remains a battle: a battle to earn money; a battle to grow food; a battle to pay for their children's school; a battle to survive and thrive. Their lives have been torn apart by a war they never wanted. This is the injustice of war. It is not just that they lost their homes. It is not just that they struggle each day to survive. They are supporting each other but they are living in fear, and it is not just.

These two remarkable women were strangers when they lost their homes and their husbands to South Sudan's brutal war. Far away from the villages they once called home, they are working hard together to rebuild from the ashes of war.

After Awut's husband was killed, she fled with the eight children she was looking after, trekking through the dangerous bushland until she arrived at Malek. There, she was welcomed by the people and given her own patch of land. Awut still finds it hard to talk about this time. She feared herself and her family would die stranded in the dangerous bushland, trying to flee the war. She was alone with her children. She had no home. No money. No food. She arrived into the town of Malek scared, hungry and fearful. But in this very special place she found what she thought she had lost forever: love, hope and the welcoming arms of strangers.

It was March when Awut and her family arrived, a time of year known as 'the hungry months' when the last harvest is exhausted but the new one is yet to bear crops. People in Malek had little of their own, but what they had, they shared with this widowed mother and her family. 'We were feeding on wild fruits,' she remembers. 'Then Trócaire's partner came in and started providing help. This help changed our lives. The people gave my family land and Trócaire's partner gave us seeds. Now I plant my own crops. I am working hard and providing for my family.'

Livestreaming Difficulties

We know that some of you are very frustrated at the moment, at not being able to go to church and at not being able to attend Mass. That's why we have constantly tried, in the past year, to reach out through the Livestream. We know that sometimes the signal for that isn't what we would like. The weather recently, has had a very bad effect on both the mobile and broadband signal which is why people have had difficulty some days with the Livestream.



Some people have been recently asking about why we don't install Webcam. Given that we have three churches in our parish, three communities, it would cost in the region of €10,000 to put a webcam into our three churches. We would also then have to have Broadband installed in each church. There is a monthly €120 service charge per webcam and also the cost for each broadband. The ongoing monthly cost would amount to over €500. Financially it's not realistic for us to go down that route.

When we Live stream from the parochial house we are using the Broad band we have here, which certainly is better than we had last year, and as we know broadband in this area can be quite patchy at times. When we Livestream from the church it is the phone signal on the mobile phone that is used, and as we know that signal can go up or down. We will continue to do our best and pray that the improving weather will help in the signal for the Livestream understanding how vital this service is for all our parishioners at this continuing time of pandemic and restrictions.

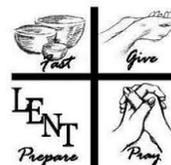
Trócaire - Lent

Traditionally, during *Lent* we make a special effort of supporting our brothers and sisters in need. We in Ireland, have done that through the *Trócaire Lenten Campaign*. Trócaire boxes are available in the three churches. This year the focus of the Lenten Campaign is on families in Sudan.



Lenten Path

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.



- .. **Lent** begins on *Ash Wednesday* and ends on *Holy Thursday*.
- .. It lasts for **forty days**, reflecting the forty days that Jesus spent in the desert.
- .. **Lent** is a time for **Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving**.
- .. **Purple** vestments are worn by the priest during **Lent**.
- .. The **Gloria and Alleluia** are not prayed during **Lent**.
- .. It is a time to **give up, take up** preparing for **Easter**.

LENTEN PRAYER & REFLECTION

In this season of Lent we need to turn our attention to our **inner preparation** for Easter and continue our Lenten Prayer & Reflection as follows.



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**.



Next week February 24th
You are invited to log in to:-
ballinhassig parish facebook page.
And Thursday February 25th @12noon
You are invited to log in to:-
kinsaleparish.org for the same ceremony

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**.



Next Week February 26th
You are invited to log in to:-
ballinhassig parish facebook page.

Thought for the Week

A beautiful day begins with a beautiful mindset. When you wake up, take a second to think about what a privilege it is to simply be alive and healthy. The moment we start acting like life is a blessing I assure you it will start to feel like one.



Sacred Space

You are invited to create your own *prayer/sacred space at home for Lent*.

Use a purple cloth and any of the following if you have them. **Ashes** to remind us of the passing nature of our lives; **A Cross** -symbol of Love & Hope; **Holy water** reminds us we are preparing to renew our baptismal promises;



Candle reminds us that the light of Christ is with us during our Lenten journey and we are preparing ourselves for the new fire that will be lit at the Easter Vigil; an **Open Bible** reminds us of the central place of god's word in our lives; **Heart** -this can be cut out of paper or material and reminds us that Lent affords us an opportunity to open our hearts to God.



Scripture Group

A series of presentations and notes, designed for home study, exploring 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 corkscripturegroup@gmail.com