

No Vigil Mass 31st Monday November 1st: All Saints Ballygarvan 10.00am NO MASS **Goggins Hill Ballyheada** 7.30pm **Tuesday November 2nd – 5th** All Souls-Novena Begins Ballygarvan 10.00am **Ballyheada** 7.30pm Novena Masses Saturday 6th:-**Ballygarvan** 10.00 Ballyheada 7.00pm Sunday 7th:-Ballygarvan 10.00am Goggins Hill 11.30am Mass for Bereaved The Annual Parish Mass for the Bereaved will be held in Goggins Hill church on Monday November 22nd at 7.30pm. (More details later)

2021 Ballinhassig Parish Newsletter

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Ballinhassig Parish Newsletter (**1**....) for Ballygarvan, Ballyheada and Goggins Hill

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Fr. Christy writes....

A Great Celebration

It was a different Mission Sunday. Bishop Fintan came to join in the celebration of 200 years of living and sharing faith in Goggin's Hill Church. And the people rose to the occasion. Congratulations to all involved for making it a huge success.

Ballygarvan will celebrate the bicentenary of the church in 2022 and Ballyheada in 2023. As Bishop Fintan said "What we are commemorating is not just a building but the faith that built these Churches and the faith that sustains them. We are commemorating a sacred place at the heart of this community. We're commemorating a still centre in our community devoted to worshipping God."

It was also a special coming together of the people of the faith community and particularly for the choirs in the three churches who, because of Covid, have been silent these past 20 months. The singing evoked a festive spirit and lifted hearts in joyful song to the Lord in each of the churches

Beginning in poor weather, the people of Ballyheada were delighted to welcome Bishop Fintan and they took time to chat with him afterwards and pose for photographs inside, where it was warm and dry. Ballygarvan on Sunday morning saw an even greater congregation as many stood outside in the sunshine and joined with fellow parishioners in celebrating the Bishop's visit after Mass for more chat and photographs.

Goggin's Hill church was very festive. The artwork of the children from Goggin's Hill School adorned the walls; banners hung from the doors; beautiful flowers were appropriately placed as the procession of symbols began with the oldest to the youngest taking part.

Bishop Fintan said a faith community isn't just about the past or a building. "Looking forward as we emerge from the pandemic. We have to re-configure our parish faith communities for Mission. This is going to involve change, radical change.

With a diminishing number of priests, our Church going forward needs strong lay leadership working in co-responsibility with the priests. Parish communities working together with neighbouring parish communities, sharing resources and talents. We are at the early stages of working out what that might mean."

After unveiling a memorial plaque, many parishioners joined Bishop Fintan in the school hall for a cuppa and chat.

The concluding words of Bishop Fintan's homily sums up the feeling of all: "It is a great privilege to be part of a vibrant faith community, but we have a responsibility too to bring that faith, intact, active and real into the next generation. May God be with us on another stage of life's journey."

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Graveyard Prayers November

The Annual Prayers & Blessing of the Graves in the parish graveyards will take place on:-

Sunday November 7th as follows:

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Ballyheada:	2.15pm
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Killingley: 3.00pm **Ballinabov:** 3.00pm Goggins Hill: 3.30pm

Please note:

Blessing of graves in two graveyards at the same time is correct as these will be blessed by the Parish Funeral Ministry Team.

November Envelopes

November offering envelopes are now available in the churches Please return your envelope with **the** list of your deceased loved ones enclosed on or before the opening of the Novena.

Remembrance Cards Bookmarks; Wallet Cards; Memorial Cards etc.

During November the month of the Holy Souls memorial /remembrance cards will be displayed on a wooden cross in the

church. Anyone who wishes to remember their loved ones in this way are invited to hand in their cards to the church on or before November 1st, and they will be displayed until the end of the month.

Candle Lighting Service

On the first day of the Novena Lighting Candles will be displayed on a table near the altar to remember all your loved ones. (in previous years you brought these forward vourself. but that is not *possible this vear due to Covid)* The candles will be lit daily and placed near the altar for the duration of the Novena.

No Holy Hour

No Holy Hour in Ballyheada on the First Friday as it is during the Novena.

Remembering our Loved Ones

Many people find November a difficult month, those who have been recently bereaved and those who carry the scars from a past painful bereavement. Most of November we concentrate on remembering our deceased loved ones:- The Holy

Souls Novena, the visits to the gravevard, while these are spiritually

good for us they make it impossible for people to **X X X** avoid being revisited by the pain and loss of a loved one.

We hold dear the memory of those who have been a truly significant part of each of us. The gift of memory and its place within our hearts brings us great consolation. Our hearts are warmed by the com-

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fort of others and slowly over time we begin to heal and embrace life once again as our loved ones would wish us to live. We ask God to heal our pain and sadness as the month of November is a time of Remembrance

and Thanksgiving for the lives of our loved ones. (Mary O'Halloran writes.)

Beware of Bogus Callers

Do not engage with unknown and bogus callers offering to STAY do work or maintenance to ALERT vour property or garden. Also be aware of bogus telephone callers purporting to be from your bank, revenue. HSE about vour vaccine, or couriers. Be cautious of emails, there are numerous scam ones circulating. Evenings are getting darker, light up and secure windows and doors.

SUMMER TIME ENDS SATURDAY **30TH, PUT YOUR CLOCKS BACK.**

Reflection:-Holy Souls

Holy souls are special people Whom from us God did call We are left here broken hearted For we love them one and all. All we have left is just our memories Of the times when they were near Longing for those precious moments Wishing they were here. But death is not the end for us It is just an open door where some day we will be with them With more happiness that before.

Once again with all our loved ones All our sorrow it will end In God's home we'll be re united Parents, family and friends. So in this special holy month Rove one ANOTHER Remember them and pray Those holy souls our own dear loved ones to God are on their way.



Sincere thanks to *Jerry O'Sullivan* who led us in the Rosary during October from Ballyheada church and for preparing the

readings, reflections and prayers weekly. Thanks also to Margaret and Mary for their contribution and to those who joined us in church and on the Live Stream.



Ballygarvan GAA Club AGM

Monday November 15th at 8.00pm. Nomination forms available from Secretary.ballygarvan.corkgaa.ie return with any motions by November 5th.

Old Photos

Ballinhassig Village Association are looking for old photos of Ballinhassig to use in their 2022 calendar. Contact 087/2688174



