

Anniversaries

Francis & Finbarr Kearney, Goggins Hill.
Paddy & Kitty O'Sullivan, Killountain.
Paddy Kelleher, Clougheenduan.
Fr. Fachtna O'Neill, Curraheen.
Larry & John Tobin, Raheen.
John Murphy, Knockpogue.
Finbarr Holland, Lisfehill.
Bridie Murphy, Halfway.
John Cullinane, Rearour.
Ellen Collins, Barryroe.
John Murphy, Kealkill.
Phil Quinlan, Kilbrittain.
Nellie Moynihan, Youghal.
Canice Mackey, Kilkenny.
Damien Crowley, Halfway.
Richard O'Keeffe, Kilkenny.
Fr. Eddie Collins, Clonakilty.
Lisa Shears, Ballygarvan.
Eileen Walsh, Tooreen.
Mairead Murphy, Old Abbey.
Sam Kingston, Ballyhooleen.
Paddy & John O'Brien, Ballea.
Margaret Hickey, Ballyhooleen.
Timothy Crowley, Ballygarvan.
Hannah O'Neill, Ballynaloughy.
Walter Birmingham, Blackpool.
Noreen Ryan, Wales & Ballinaboy.
Fr. Michael Lomasney, Castlelyons.
John, Rita & Ted Harnedy, Youghal.
John & Margaret Clarke, Rochestown.
Finbarr & Kitty Lomasney, Castlelyons.
John & Margaret O'Mahony, Meadstown.
Maureen Daly, Skibbereen & Ballygarvan.
Daniel Walsh, Drumcondra & Knocklucy.
Catherine & Noel Barry Murphy,
Coolmakee.

MASS TIMES Next Week

Monday 17th:-
Ballygarvan 10.00am

Tuesday 18th:-
Goggins Hill 10.00am

Thursday 20th:-
Ballyheada 10.00am

Saturday 22nd:-
Ballyheada 7.00pm

Sunday 23rd:-
Ballygarvan 10.00am
Goggins Hill 11.30am

SECOND COLLECTIONS

On the week end of a second collection a second basket with the title of the second collection will be placed at the entrance door. Next week- end **January 22nd/23rd will be the Quarterly Collection for Diocesan Needs.**

The churches will be open Daily:-
BALLYGARVAN:- 9.30am – 5pm
BALLYHEADA:- 9.30am – 5pm
GOGGINS HILL:- 9.30am – 5pm
Visit CRIB until Jan. 31st

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

2022 Ballinhassig Parish Newsletter

Notices for inclusion should be received not later than 2.00pm on Wednesday
by Mary O'Halloran (4885062, 4885257)

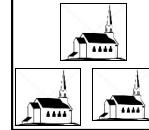
PAN Centre/Parish Office (phone/fax 4885062)

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Deacon:- Rev. John Guirey Telephone 087/1266257

Ballinhassig Parish



Newsletter

for Ballygarvan, Ballyheada and Goggins Hill

Vol. 30 No. 13 Sunday: January 16th, 2022 (Second Sunday In Ordinary Time)

A MESSAGE FROM THE PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE

On the 31st December, 2021 our parish debt was €68,000, this is significantly down from €226,000 in August 2019. For many years now, this has been a major drain on Parish Finances and this reduction is certainly most welcome. Our target now is to have the parish loan/debt repaid in 2 years.

The reduced debt was achieved through the continued generous support of our parishioners, along with the proceeds from the sale of the site in Ballygarvan €97,000; our monthly bank repayments of €1812 & the individual contributions of parishioners.

We have all been through difficult times for the past two years. Parishes generally have suffered financially through lockdowns and restrictions. The people of this parish have been extremely generous always but especially during that period, in not only ensuring that the Parish and Priests income is close to pre-pandemic level, but also in making a substantial contribution towards the reduction of the Parish Debt. The Parish Finance Committee along with Fr. Christy wish to acknowledge your generosity and we look forward to your continued financial support for 2022.

The Tax Refund Scheme is now a very important source of income and we ask those who are contributing €250 or more over the course of the year and haven't as yet signed the special form, to consider doing so. Further information on this contact **Mary O'Halloran**, the **Parish Secretary 021/ 4885062** or the **Chairperson** of the **Parish Finance Committee 021/ 4885062** in the strictest of confidence.

Hopefully 2022 will see a return to unrestricted numbers for all Church services. When we are in a position to return to normality, you will find that when you do so, either to celebrate with relations/friends or on difficult family occasions, you will find our churches welcoming and well maintained as you would like them to be.

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Sincere thanks to all who are already contributing in any way and we invite those who would like to do so to contact the **Parish Office 021/4885062** and avail of the service of either *Standing Order, Direct Debit, Annual Cheque/Payment, Weekly Collection Envelope* or *Online Button on the website*.

Finally, as part of the Bicentenary of our three churches it was decided to externally paint all three. We are very grateful to all those volunteers who have helped in any way to have the **work completed in Goggins Hill, and work done in Ballyheada** at very little cost to the parish. We plan to have the work carried out in **Ballygarvan Church again with the help of volunteers, by the early summer.**

We wish all our parishioners a happy and prosperous 2022.

The Parish Finance Committee:

Patsy Galvin, (Chairperson); Eileen Donohue, (Treasurer); John McCann, (Secretary); Fr. Christy Fitzgerald P.P.; Denis Keohane & Mary O'Halloran.

A New Year's Prayer

May God make your year a happy, safe & healthy one!
Not by shielding you from all sorrows and pain,
But by strengthening you to bear it, as it comes;
Not by making your path easy,
But by making you sturdy to travel any path;
Not by taking hardships from you,
But by taking fear from your heart;
Not by granting you unbroken sunshine,
But by keeping your face bright, even in the shadows;
Not by making your life always pleasant,
But by showing you when people and their causes need you most,
and by making you anxious to be there to help.



Wishing you and yours God's Love, Peace, Joy, Health, Safety and Hope in 2022.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity January 18th –25th.

This year *The week of Prayer for Christian Unity* has been prepared by the **Middle East Council of Churches, based in Beirut, Lebanon.**

The theme in 2022 is *"We saw the Star in the East, and we came to worship him"* (Mt 2:-2) taken from the account of the visit of the magi to pay homage to the infant king (Mt 2:1-12)
It is a call to unity, to those from the North and the South, from the East and from the West, old and young, men and women.



We Remember

Gerard (Michael) O'Brien, Gortnaclough & Tipperary.
Alison Kingston, Bandon.
Maureen Murphy, (née Lynch) Tooreen.
Helen Mary (Mona) Mellerick (née Magner) Castletownroche & Shanballymore.
who died recently.

We pray for their families, neighbours and friends.

Clothing Collection

Ballinhassig Community Development Association - Clothing Collection in the Marian Hall, January 18th to February 5th on Tuesday & Thursdays from 6.30pm -7.45pm & Saturdays from 2.30pm-4.00pm. Bags of rewearable clothing, shoes, towels, sheets and duvet covers can be dropped off at the above times. No duvets or pillows.

Collection in aid of Funds for the Marian Hall Car Park.

Helplines:-

ALONE 0818 222 024
SAMARITANS 1850 609 090
PIETA HOUSE 1800 247 247,
021/4395333
LISHEENS HOUSE
023 888 8888
AWARE 1800 80 48 48
CHILDLINE 1800 66 6666
EDEL HOUSE 021/427 42 40



Readings January 23rd

Neh 8:2-6, 8-10.
Ps 18:8-10, 15, R/Jn 6:63.
1 Cor 12:12-30
Lk 1:1-4,4:14-21.

Thought for the Week -

There is nothing to be gained by wishing you were someplace else or waiting for a better situation. You see where you are and you do what you can with that.

Sympathy

We offer our sympathy to **Alice O'Brien, Gortnaclough** on the death of her husband **Gerard (Michael) O'Brien,** also to **Colin, Kevin, Aidan, Nicholas and Declan** on the death of their father **Gerard (Michael) O'Brien, Gortnaclough.**

Dominic Murphy, Tooreen on the death of his wife **Maureen Murphy** also to **Virginia, Caroline, Niall, Mark and Sinead** on the death of their mother **Maureen Murphy, Tooreen.**

Des Mellerick, Liskillea on the death of his mother **Helen Mary (Mona) Mellerick, Castletownroche & Shanballymore.**

Sympathy also to all other relatives, friends and neighbours of the above.



Votive Lights

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



Enrolment Ballyheada N.S.

Closing date for Enrolment of new pupils is **January 31st 2022.**

Childminder Wanted

For two children aged 5 & 2.
Playschool drop off/collection.
Contact **085/1929953.**