

Anniversaries

Timothy O'Keeffe, Adamstown Lower.
Mary O'Keeffe, Adamstown Lower.
Bina Twomey, Goggins Hill.
Mary Grainger, The Square.
Eileen Lyons, Ballinagree.
Michael Foley, Ballygarvan.
William Deasy, Bawnleigh.
Paddy O'Donovan, Coolatooder.
Mary O'Donovan, Coolatooder.
Margaret O'Mahony, Goggins Hill.
Cornelius O'Mahony, Rosscarbery.



Sympathy

We offer our sympathy to **Noreen Lombard, Rearour, nephews, nieces, neighbours, carers and friends** on the death of **Michael Hanaway, Rearour.**

Blessing of Throats

BLESSING OF THROATS AT MASS

THIS WEEK END:-

SATURDAY February 5th &
SUNDAY February 6th.

This will be a **GENERAL BLESSING** and not an individual one due to Covid.



Thought for the Week

*When the heart weeps
for what it has lost,
the spirit laughs
for what it has found.*

MASS TIMES Next Week

Monday 7th:-

Ballygarvan NO MASS

Tuesday 8th:-

Goggins Hill NO MASS

Thursday 10th:-

Ballyheada NO MASS

Saturday 12th:-

Ballyheada 7.00pm

Sunday 13th:-

Ballygarvan 10.00am

Goggins Hill 11.30am

Blessing of CANDLES

BLESSING OF CANDLES AT

MASS THIS WEEK END:-

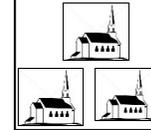
SATURDAY February 5th &
SUNDAY February 6th.

Following a blessing **Deacon John** will walk through the church and bless your upheld candles.



BRING YOUR OWN CANDLES.

Ballinhassig Parish



Newsletter

for Ballygarvan, Ballyheada and Goggins Hill

Vol. 30 No. 16 Sunday: February 6th, 2022 (Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time)

Fr. Christy...

LIVING OUT THE CALL

Once again we hear this weekend the continuing stories of how Jesus called people to follow him. It is after all what he was about, calling people, bringing them close, sharing the message of the Good News and leading them closer in their relationship with God. His Father, also called people to his service, to be his messengers. That's the story of Isaiah in our first reading.

But the important part of the story for us today is that like the Prophet Isaiah, like the fishermen that Jesus called, is that they were supported in their mission, their call, their work. They are never abandoned even when things get tough or in their case life threatening. God is always faithful to those who answer his call, who respond to his invitation and he reassures them that he will accompany them always.

Each of us are called. Everyone of us has been invited into the same relationship with God, but it is not an isolated relationship of God and me alone. That relationship is being part of or a member of a community. We are made members of that community and share the relationship of being one community in faith, through Baptism.

We too are called to be the Lord's messengers. The ones who are invited to help better the lives of others, offering support and consolation and also to have the courage to recognise we are not islands, that we do not journey through life on our own, that we are accompanied on our journey with one another but ultimately, the Lord himself journeys with us, he never abandons us, no matter how difficult things may seem.

2022 Ballinhassig Parish Newsletter

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

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International Day of Prayer and Awareness against Human Trafficking is on February 8th, first observed in 2015.

30th World Day of the Sick

On **February 11th in 1858**, Our Lady first appeared at Lourdes to 14 year old **Bernadette Soubirous**. Later Bernadette was to learn that the mysterious Lady was the Blessed Virgin and to hear from her lips, *'I am the Immaculate Conception.'*

In 1992 Pope John Paul 11 instituted the **World Day of the Sick** to be held each year on the commemoration of **Our Lady of Lourdes on February 11th**.

In his message for **World Day of the Sick, 2022** Pope Francis focuses on Jesus's words to the Apostles:

'Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful' (Lk 6:36)
Standing beside those who suffer on a path of charity.

This **World Day of the Sick** day is an opportunity to devote special attention to the sick and to those who care for them within families, healthcare settings and communities. This year we especially remember those who have suffered, and continue to suffer, the effects of the worldwide coronavirus pandemic.

In the theme from the Gospel passage Jesus criticises the hypocrisy of those who fail to practice what they preach (*Mt. 23:1-12*)

It has been our tradition to celebrate:-
A Special Mass and Anointing of the Sick in Ballinhassig Parish in the month of May, organised by the Parish Assembly.

Details for this year will be announced at a later date.



We Pray & Remember

We pray for all who suffer,
for all in the depths of depression,
Those tortured by anxiety and guilt.
Lord, in your love and mercy,
Free them and raise them up.

Lord Jesus, who healed the sick,
We pray for all who are not well.
Be their help and strength
And bless all who care for them.

Amen.



Prayer In Recovery

*Lord, may I always remember
to thank you.
May I be a little better each day.
Continue your healing power within me
Bless all those who care for me.*

*Lord, you have known pain.
I am hurting and a little scared.
I have asked, but as yet I see no answer.
Give strength and patience in my weakness
as I join my suffering to yours.*

Amen.



St. Gobnait

St. Gobnait is one of the best loved saints in West Cork but only traditions concerning her life survive.

The main part of her life was spent in **Ballyvourney, Co. Cork** where there has always been a deep devotion to her, and which is a place of pilgrimage on **February 11th and on Pentecost**. Her gifts of caring for and curing the sick have been a significant part of her cult through the centuries. St. Gobnait's memorial coincides with the **World Day for the Sick on February 11th**.



Readings February 13th

Jer 17:5-8. Ps 1:1-4, 6, R/ Ps 39:5.
1Cor 15:12, 16-20. Lk 6: 17, 20-26.

Childminders Wanted

Childminder wanted from **September** for *one year old boy* in the **Ballygarvan area**.

Teachers hours & Term time. Details contact **086/1958938**.



Childminder wanted for *two children* aged four and one, **four days a week**. Playschool drops/collection. Details contact **085/1929953**.

Childminder wanted **two or three days a week** for *one ten month old*, commencing in mid April. Details contact **087/9670417**.

Spring Once Again

Spring awakens and enlivens us in a way no other season can.

We remember what new life looks like, we remember what possibilities are just around the corner, and we remember that beauty comes in small packages.



Spring is a great season for meditation and reflection and again this year as we continue with Covid-19 here are five reflections on how our minds, hearts, and spirits are healed during the flowery months.

New life and new beginnings are all around us.

Each waking flower is a symbol for something new taking shape within us.

Everything blooms in its own time.

In our lives, just as in nature, patience forms the most beautiful things we experience.

Colour and light are vital to life.

Spring feels good because it reminds us how deeply we need variety and vividness in our surroundings.

Great things beneath the surface.

Only when the flowers bloom do we realise the potential that existed beneath our feet all this time.

The important things are the simple things. Grass, rainfall, sunlight, a single flower– the smallest things matter still, because no one else can experience them for us.