

## Anniversaries

Harry & Joan Desmond, Ballyheada.  
Christina Kiely, Ballyheada.  
Mamie Murphy, Rigsdale.  
Denis Minihane, Ballea.  
Joan Coyle, Rochestown.  
John Clarke, Rochestown.  
Ann O'Mahony, Rochestown.  
John Twomey, Ballygarvan.  
Sean O'Halloran, Rathfarnham.  
Walter Bermingham, Blackpool.  
Mary Collins, Ballea & Dagenham.  
Julia & William Daly, Ballygarvan.  
John & Pat O'Keefe, Minane Bridge.



## We Remember

*Gerard Healy, Killaminogue;  
Timothy O'Leary, Togher;  
Conor O'Malley, Mayo;  
Eoin McCarthy, Dunmanway;  
Margaret Lancaster, Scotland;  
Con Forde, England & Tulligmore  
who died recently.*



*We pray for their families,  
neighbours and friends.*



## MASK WEARING

Please continue to wear your mask in church, not now mandatory but still recommended.

## THANK YOU

Sincere thanks to the Ministers who distributed Ashes in church and to the three schools on Ash Wednesday.

## MASS TIMES Next Week

**Monday 7th:-**

*Ballygarvan 10.00am*

**Tuesday 8th**

*Goggins Hill 10.00am*

**Thursday 10th:-**

*Ballyheada 10.00am*

**Saturday 12th:-**

*Ballyheada 7.00pm*

**Sunday 13th:-**

*Ballygarvan 10.00am*

*Goggins Hill 11.30am*

## Sympathy

We offer our sympathy to **Laura Healy, Killaminogue** on the death of her husband **Gerard Healy, Killaminogue;**

**Phil Healy, Killaminogue** on the death of her son **Gerard Healy, Killaminogue;**

**Michael, Mary, Margaret and Eileen Healy** on the death of their brother **Gerard Healy, Killaminogue.**  
*Sympathy also to all other relatives, neighbours, and friends.*

We just want you to know, that our thoughts and prayers are with you.

*In death life is changed not ended.*



# Ballinhassig Parish

## Newsletter



*for Ballygarvan, Ballyheada and Goggins Hill*

**Vol. 30 No. 20 Sunday: March 6th, 2022 (First Sunday Of Lent)**

### Food Shortage and Scarcity – Courage, Hope and Strength Needed

This Lent, we hear about how communities who were already facing huge challenges due to drought and food shortages, caused by climate change, were further impacted by Covid-19. This is seen in how Covid-19 impacted people's livelihoods and access to education and food security. We here in Ireland are also very familiar with the impact of Covid-19. We will learn more about the impact of the pandemic through the story of Thandekile and her two children, who live in Zimbabwe, and are pictured on our Trócaire Box.

Zimbabwe has a population of 14.65 million and is ranked 150 of 189 countries on the Human Development Index. Agriculture accounts for 67 per cent of total employment but droughts and floods have increased significantly in recent years, posing a huge threat to the ability of people to grow enough food to feed themselves.

The Covid-19 pandemic has increased food insecurity and shortages. In 2020, 75 per cent of rural households faced moderate to severe food scarcity, compared to 42 per cent in 2019. The closure of borders to South Africa and Botswana has had a negative impact on remittances (the money sent back to families from relatives working in another country) and resulted in job losses. Zimbabwe was once regarded as the great hope for Africa. But its enormous potential has been restricted by a series of climate-related and economic crises, compounded by political instability and Covid-19.

Join with Trócaire this Lent.

Pick up your Trócaire box. Learn more on [www.trociare.org](http://www.trociare.org)

### Readings March 13th

Gn 15:5-12, 17-18. Ps 26:1, 7-9, 13-14, R/v 1. Phil 3:17-4:1 Lk 9:28-36.

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# Springtime of the Spirit

Each year the trees give us a lesson in renewal.

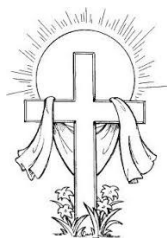
First they bud, then they blossom, and finally they shoot.

Spring dresses the trees in a new robe, and makes them young again.

But this is possible only because in autumn they let go of their old leaves, and in between endured a period of nakedness.

Lent is in the Springtime of the Spirit.

Lord, help us not to be afraid to let go of old habits, and to face our spiritual poverty, in order that you may renew us, and so at Easter we will feel young again in our discipleship.



## LENTEN PRAYER & REFLECTION

During Lent, on **Wednesdays** a short **Prayer Service / Reflection** will be held in **Ballygarvan Church** at **7.30pm** led by **Rev. John Guirey**.



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. **All welcome**.

## Womens World Day of Prayer March 4th

On Friday **March 4th** Christian women across the world joined together to lead the community in prayer. This is an international ecumenical Christian lay-women's initiative and celebrated annually in over one hundred and seventy countries on the first Friday of March. The theme for 2022 **'I Know the Plans I have for You'** "God's promise to his people in exile in Babylon, from the book of Jeremiah 29:11 and was prepared by the women of Wales, Northern Ireland. & England.

Details [www.worlddayofprayer.net](http://www.worlddayofprayer.net)



## Ukraine Urgent Appeal



### GOGGINS HILL N. S. UKRAINE COLLECTION

The Greater Chernobyl Cause is a Cork base charity that Goggins Hill N.S has had a long relationship with over many years. In light of the tragic situation in **Ukraine**, the charity is organising the first of many containers of aid to send to Ukraine this week.

The **6th class children of Goggins Hill N.S** have already collected items for the first shipment and will be collecting any of the following items at the school gate on **MONDAY MORNING & AFTERNOON**.

Sleeping Bags, Mats, Blankets, Tents, Camping Stoves, Camping Uensils, Nappies, Towels, Candles, Batteries, Flashlights, Raincoats, Masks, Bandages/ Dressings, Alcohol Wipes, Bottled Water, Dried and Canned Food.

Any monetary donations, no matter how small, gratefully appreciated. All aid sent with the assistance of the Ukrainian Embassy, guides provided in Poland to escort shipments to the border. Your support much appreciated.

## Social & Active Club

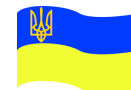
**Ballinhassig Parish Social & Active Retirement Club:-**

Will hold their **First Social since Covid** in the Marian Hall, Ballinhassig on Thursday **March 10th** from 2.30pm-4.30pm. Guest speaker, chat, cuppa and raffle. Health and safety guidelines in place. **Mask wearing** not mandatory but recommended when not seated. **All welcome**.



## BCDA

**UKRAINE Clothes Appeal** in the Marian Hall on Tuesday 8th & Thursday 10th from **7.00pm-8.30pm** & Saturday 12th from **2.30pm- 4.00pm**.



Collection of Dried and Tinned Foods & Bottled Water in Cottrell's Gala.

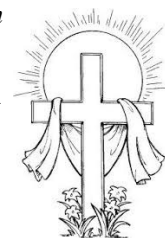
## MASS LEAFLETS

Please take home & dispose of safely.

## Sacred Space

You are invited to create, if you have not already done so, *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.

