

Anniversaries

John Pio O'Sullivan, Skehanagh.
Jimmy Butler, Barrett's Hill.
Eileen O'Leary, Knocklucy.
Dan O'Neill, Dunmanway.
Ian Cahill, Ballygarvan.
Mary O'Keeffe, Rearour.
Phil Duggan, Coolatooder.
Vera Madden, Goggins Hill.
William O'Mahony, Skibbereen.
Margaret O'Mahony, Skibbereen.
John Joe O'Sullivan, Ballinahina.
Mary Kelly, Ballygarvan & Glasheen.
Peter and Anna Cronin, Dromourneen.
Fr. Mathias Murphy, Ballinahina & New Zealand.



We Remember

James Dullea, Fahanalooscane;
Tadhg Sheehan, Tooreen;
Joe McCarthy, Drimoleague;
Margaret (Peig) McMahan (née)
O'Donoghue, Dublin & Riverstick.;
who died recently.



We pray for their families,
neighbours and friends.



Sympathy

We offer our sympathy to **Coleen Lynes, Rearour** on the death of her father **Timothy O'Leary, Togher;**
John Lancaster, Briar Hill on the death of his mother **Margaret Lancaster, Scotland;**
Jim Forde, Tulligmore on the death of his brother **Con Forde, England & Tulligmore.**



MASS TIMES Next Week

Monday 14th:-

Ballygarvan 10.00am

Tuesday 15th

Goggins Hill 10.00am

St. Patrick's Day

Wednesday:- March 16th



VIGIL MASS:-
Ballyheada: 7.00pm



Thursday:-
March 17th

Ballygarvan NO MASS
Goggins Hill 11.30am

Saturday 19th:-

Ballyheada 7.00pm

Sunday 20th:-

Ballygarvan 10.00am
Goggins Hill 11.30am

Sympathy

We offer our sympathy to **Lori O'Sullivan, Ballyleigh** on the death of her father **Conor O'Malley, Mayo;**
Pauline Whyte, Briar Hill on the death of her nephew **Eoin McCarthy, Dunmanway.**



Ballinhassig Parish



Newsletter

for Ballygarvan, Ballyheada and Goggins Hill

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AN UNEXPECTED CHANGE

Life can change when we least expect it. A person having gone through a difficult time, emotionally, physically or mentally can become transformed changed in a good and positive way. Even for ourselves a simple experience can transform us and our mood in a most unexpected way. As we watch the continuing war in Ukraine we can become despondent and yet an act of kindness or generosity by other people can equally uplift us.

For Peter, James and John, they had no idea what was about to happen as they journeyed up the mountain with Jesus. It was an experience that was to change them definitely and Jesus was shown literally in a new light to them. They got a glimpse of heaven and an experience of what being with Jesus may be like after his resurrection, even though they didn't know that at the time.

Our Lenten journey is entering its second week. Life seems to be resuming to some sense of normality after the two years of restrictions during the pandemic. Yet many continue to be cautious as they are aware of how widespread Covid still is.

May our Lenten time help us to overcome the challenges we face individually and as a people. May Lent make us stronger and may we, like Peter, James and John be transformed also. May our continuing generosity to Trócaire help people like *Thandekile, and her children.*

Readings March 20th

Ex 3:1-8, 13-15. Ps 102:1-4, 6-8, 11, R/v 8. 1Cor 10:1-6, 10-12. Lk 13:1-9.

HOLY WATER NOW AVAILABLE IN ALL CHURCHES.
COLLECTION/OFFERTORY BASKET AT ENTRY DOOR.

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St. Patrick Patron of Ireland

It can be difficult to separate fact from fiction in the life of **St. Patrick**, not unusual when he was probably born more than 1,600 years ago. His life is a wonderful example of how God brings good out of evil. He tells us in his "confessions" how he was brought to Ireland to work as a slave at the age of sixteen, until that time he had little knowledge of God.

In his loneliness and isolation he discovered the Lord, praying as many as 1000 prayers by day and the same by night as he tended the sheep on Sliabh Migh. Finally escaping, probably to France, he could not forget the needs of the pagans in Ireland. He was consecrated bishop at the age of forty three.



In a dream it seemed the people of Ireland were calling on him to return. Patrick took this as a call from God and lit a flame on the hill of **Tara** on **Holy Saturday** night which has never since been extinguished.



During this time he converted many, ordained priests, divided the country into dioceses, held church councils, founded monasteries for both sisters and brothers, throughout the country. **Patrick** is the **Patron Saint** and credited with bringing Christianity to Ireland.



The "**Breastplate**" of **Saint Patrick** gives us a good example of his spirituality.

*Christ with me,
Christ before me,
Christ behind me,
Christ in me,
Christ beneath me,
Christ above me,
Christ on my right,
Christ on my left,
Christ when I lie down, Christ when I arise,
Christ in the heart of every person who thinks of me,
Christ in the mouth who speaks of me,
Christ in the eye that sees me,
and Christ in the ear that hears me. Amen.*



LENTEN PRAYER & REFLECTION

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



Lent encourages us 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.**

Confessions

Remember in your prayers the children of the parish who made their First Confession this week and are preparing for their **First Holy Communion in May 2022.**



BCDA AGM March 22nd at 8pm

Ballinhassig Community Development Association are urgently seeking additional members so that we can maintain our commitment in the management of the Marian Hall.

Presently the BCDA Committee consists of seven volunteers and over the next few weeks Two of our longest serving members will be retiring. To this end we are looking for Additional members with new ideas etc. If you have a few hours to spare or can help in any way please come to our **Public Meeting/AGM on Tuesday March 22nd in the Marian Hall at 8.00pm.**

"Play your part for your Community"

Further details & info at

email: bcdamarian@yahoo.ie

Barry O'Halloran, Chairperson 087/4129315.

Daffodil Day Coffee Morning



A **Coffee Morning** will be held on **Daffodil Day, Friday March 25th** in the home of **John O'Callaghan, "Fuchsia" Rathroe, Ballinhassig** from **9.30am -5.30pm.** All proceeds in aid of the Irish Cancer Society. All welcome!!!!!!



A **Coffee Morning** will be held on **Daffodil Day, Friday March 25th** in Cottrells Gala, **Ballinhassig** from **9.30am-1.00pm.**

All proceeds in aid of the Irish Cancer Society.



Social & Active Club

Ballinhassig Parish Social & Active Retirement Club held their **First Social since Covid** in the Marian Hall, Ballinhassig on Thursday last. It was nice to welcome back familiar faces after two years.

We remembered those who have gone to their heavenly homes, those now unable to come out and those still afraid to come out on account of Covid. All enjoyed a relaxing afternoon with music provided by **Barry O'Halloran**, followed by chat, cuppa and raffle.



Unveiling of Monument

On Wednesday **March 16th at 2.30pm** a Plaque/Monument will be unveiled of **Fr. Con Cottrell** at the Bridge in the Halfway, Ballinhassig. Car Parking in the Ramble Inn. Refreshments served afterwards in the Ramble Inn. All welcome.

MASS LEAFLETS

Please take home & dispose of safely.

Groundsman Wanted

Ballinhassig AFC require a **Groundsman** that would qualify under the **Secad Scheme**. Any unemployed person aged between 18-66 who feel they may qualify for this scheme or require further details please contact Mark O'Connell at **087/2738456** or email moconnell@secad.ie.

5KM - Ukrainian Appeal

Kinsale Youth Support Services supported by **Riverstick Ramblers & Kinsale Macra** will hold a **5KM Wellbeing Walk** on Sunday **March 13th at 12noon**, commencing at Kinsale Community School.



Donation in aid of the Irish Red Cross Ukrainian Crisis Appeal.

Details www.kyss.ie

MASK WEARING

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