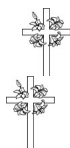


## Anniversaries

Margaret Hickey, Ballyhooleen.  
Phil Quinlan, Kilbrittain.  
Dan Desmond, Rigsdale.  
Mick Jordan, Tulligmore.



### Saturday 27th:- Vigil

**Ballyheada 7.30pm**

No Mass Intentions:-

### Sunday 28th:-

**Ballygarvan 10.30am**

Mass Intentions:-

Mary Forrest, Ballygarvan.



**Goggins Hill 12noon**

Mass Intentions:-

Timmy Murphy, Bandon Rd. &  
Ballyhooleen.

## We Remember

**Ann O'Neill (née Duggan)**

Goggins Hill;

**Ann Mullaney (née Seymour)**

Briar Hill;

**Frank Walsh, Knocklucy who died**  
during the week.

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



### Thank You

Thanks to those who erected and removed the Christmas Crib in our three churches and also to all who contributed so generously to same.

## MASS TIMES Next Week:-

**Wednesday 31st:-**

**Goggins Hill 9.30am**

**Thursday 1st:-**

**Ballyheada 9.30am**

**Friday 2nd:-**

**Ballygarvan 9.30am**

**Ballyheada:-**

**Holy Hour 7.00pm-8.00pm**

**Saturday 3rd:-**

**Ballyheada 7.30pm**

**Sunday 4th:-**

**Ballygarvan 10.30am**

**Goggins Hill 12noon**

### Sycamore Series -Young Adults

An informal course for 18-35 to deepen understanding and knowledge of the Catholic Faith. January 31st at Presentation Brothers Mardyke House, Cork T12 W8RP for ten weeks. Places limited, no cost, contact 021 4902 459 or email [chaplaincy@ucc.ie](mailto:chaplaincy@ucc.ie)

### Readings February 4th

Job 3:1-4, 6-7. Ps 146:1-6, R/ v 3.

1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23.

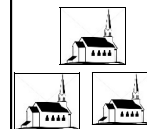
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# Ballinhassig Parish

## Newsletter

for Ballygarvan, Ballyheada and Goggins Hill



Vol. 32 No. 20 Sunday: January 28th, 2024 (Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time)

Mary O'H writes...

## Lá Fhéile Bríde February 1st

*St. Brigid. 'The Mary of the Gael's* as she has been known to generations of Irish people celebrates her *Feast Day on February 1st.*

She is remembered for her hospitality and hard work, as a woman of God and a woman of the people. Her powerful personality appealed to all, from those on high to the humble beggar.



She choose a life of prayer, service to God and to the poor. She became the first nun in Ireland, forming the first religious community for women in Ireland in Ardagh, but Brigid later moved to what is now Kildare, her most famous where she founded a double monastery with the assistance of Bishop Conleth. Brigid and seven others completed their novitiate there and went to make their final vows to St. Mel, Bishop of Armagh and nephew of St. Patrick.

Her convent grew and she travelled all over Ireland, she tended the sick, built schools, made vestments etc. She was so loved by Bishops, priests, chieftans that she became known as *'The Mary of the Gaels'* She died A.D. 525 shortly after her 70th birthday, her sisters kept a fire burning in an enclosure at her Kildare convent for centuries.

*Saint Brigid* is the patroness of cattle; infants; midwives; blacksmiths; poets, nuns & students *and is depicted in art as a nun with a Cross woven from rushes, a crozier, fire (candle, lamp or bowl of fire) or a cow.*



**Prayer to Saint Brigid.** You were a woman of peace. You brought harmony where there was conflict. You brought light to the darkness. You brought hope to the downcast. May the mantle of your peace cover those who are troubled and anxious, and may peace be firmly rooted in our hearts and in our world. Amen.

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

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## St. Brigid's Cross

### How to make a Saint Brigid Cross?

Get at least 12 pieces of reed or straw (16 is better) take the shortest one and hold it upright.

Take a **second** straw and fold it in the middle. Wrap the second straw around the first one at the centre so that it opens to your right. Pull it tight. Rotate 90 degrees counter clockwise, holding it at the centre where the straws come together.

Take a **third** and wrap it around the second so that it opens to your right. Pull it tight. Rotate 90 degrees counter clockwise, holding it at the centre where the straws come together.

Take a **fourth** and wrap it around the third so that it opens to your right. Pull it tight. Rotate 90 degrees counter clockwise, holding it at the centre where the straws come together.

You will always be adding a straw at the top so it opens to your right, then turning the entire assemblage 90 degrees counter clockwise, and repeating **(add to the right, turn to the left)**

Secure the ends of the arms of the Cross with twine, ribbon, or rushes and trim the ends so that they're even.



## World Day for Consecrated Life

In 1997, Pope John Paul II instituted a day of prayer for women and men in consecrated life. This celebration is attached to the **Feast of the Presentation of the Lord on February 2nd**. This Feast is also known as **Candlemas Day**; the day on which candles are blessed symbolising Christ who is the light of the world. So too, those in consecrated life are called to reflect the light of Jesus Christ to all peoples. To mark the Day Bishop Fintan invite members of all Religious Communities throughout the Diocese to join him in praying **Evening Prayer** on Thursday **February 1st at 5pm** in the **Cathedral of St. Mary & St. Anne**. All welcome, contact 021 7355 517 if you wish to attend. **Livestream:** <https://www.corkcathedral.ie/live-stream/>

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## Saint Brigid's Customs

In olden times a *Saint Brigid's Cross* was made in every home every year. When made they were blessed with Holy Water hung up in the home and left in place until next year to be burned and replaced with a new one.

People also hang a cloth or ribbon out on a bush or tree on the eve of her Feast Day believing that if *St. Brigid* touches it, it would have curative powers.

These cloths are called "**St. Brigid's Mantle**"

*Maybe this year we could begin to revive the tradition of making a St. Brigid's Cross at home.*



## Blessing of Candles

**Friday February 2nd:**

**Feast of the Presentation of the Lord.** This feast is a combined remembrance of the Son & the Mother and celebrated as **World Day for Consecrated Life**, in the Church calendar. **It is known as Candlemas Day.** On this day candles are blessed for use throughout the year.

**The Flame** symbolises Christ's Divinity; **The wick** symbolises Christ's soul and the wax symbolises Christ's body.



## Blessing of Throats

**Saturday February 3rd:- Feast of St. Blaise, Bishop & Martyr.** Since the eighth century he is the Patron for sore throats & sick cattle.

## REMINDER FUNDRAISING CONCERT

If you have not already purchased your ticket for what will be a wonderful parish Concert, there are still a few remaining. Tickets will be on sale this week end after all Masses, and from the contacts below.



## Ballinhassig Parish

Presents

## THE CELTIC TENORS on February 9th, 2024 at 8pm

Mary Mother of God Church, Ballygarvan



Tickets cost 30Euro and available from the following:-  
**PARISH OFFICE 021 4885062**

086 3183 645

086 8137 203

086 2550 368

089 4690 352

eventbrite.ie link to event

<https://ballinhassigparish.eventbrite.com>

[www.ballinhassigparish.com](http://www.ballinhassigparish.com) (link to Buy Tickets on Home Page)

**Cottrells, Ballinhassig & Daybreak Ballygarvan**



All proceeds will go towards reducing the

### PARISH DEBT (LOAN ACCOUNT)

which we hope to have cleared within the year.

*Immediate booking advised as tickets are limited. ALL WELCOME.*

*Any sponsorship or donations to help defray the costs would be greatly appreciated and can be handed in to the PARISH OFFICE (021 4885062) where confidentiality is assured.*

Items & Baskets for RAFFLE also appreciated and can be handed in to the PARISH OFFICE (021 4885062). Thanks for donations/items received.