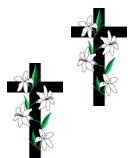


## Anniversaries

Joe Barry, Rigsdale.  
Arthur O'Brien, Halfway.  
Michael Foley, Ballygarvan.  
John Hurley, Meadstown.  
Margaret Twomey, Lissarda.  
Daniel Twomey, Lissarda.  
Con Sweeney, Bawnleigh.  
Michael and Rita Quinlan, Bandon.  
Madge O'Sullivan, Fivemile Bridge.  
Dominic Harrington, Shanagraigue.  
Ellen Murphy, Ballynagrumbolia.  
William Murphy, Ballynagrumbolia.  
John O'Keeffe, Kingsland and  
Rochestown.  
Patricia Johnson,  
Blackrock and London.



## We Remember

Pat Browne, Ballygarvan.  
Mary O'Sullivan, Innishannon  
who died recently.  
*We pray for their families,  
neighbours & friends.*



## Sympathy

We offer our sympathy to  
Christy Lyons, Ballynabearna  
on the death of his sister Tess  
O'Dwyer, Bishopstown.



*Those who die in grace go no further  
from us than God, and God is very near.*

## MASS TIMES

### Next Week

Monday 11th:-  
*Ballygarvan 9.30am*

Tuesday 12th:-  
*Goggins Hill 9.30am*

Wednesday 13th:-  
*Ballygarvan 9.45am*  
*Goggins Hill 7.30pm*

Thursday 14th:-  
*Ballyheada 10.00am*

Saturday 16th:-  
*Ballyheada 7.00pm*

Sunday 17th:-  
*Ballygarvan 10.00am*  
*Goggins Hill 11.30am*

**February 13th is Ash Wednesday.**  
*(Day of Fast and Abstinence)*  
*Ashes will be distributed at Mass.*

## Stations

**Ballea/Ballyginnane/**

**Shanagraigue:-**

Thursday **February 14th** at 8.00pm  
in the home of *Maureen*  
and *Helen O'Donovan.*

**Parish Assembly Meet-**  
**ing Feb. 11th at 8.00pm.**



# Ballinhassig Parish

## Newsletter

*for Ballygarvan, Ballyheada and Goggins Hill*



**Vol. 21 No. 22 Sunday: February 10th, 2013 (Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time)**

*Mary O'Halloran  
writes....*

## Season of Lent

The season of Lent offers us as Christians an opportunity for reflection. *Lent begins on Ash Wednesday*, we are asked to fast on that day as Jesus did in the desert. We also receive ashes as an outward sign of our willingness to turn back to God. The Gospel tells us how to approach that renewal of our lives by *prayer, fasting and almsgiving*. We are encouraged to stop, to take a look at our lives, to see where we are going. It is at this time of the year that we are encouraged to step out of our usual patterns of life and become more aware of our relationship with ourselves, with others and with our God. We are invited to turn away from the busyness of everyday life and turn once again towards God. The Trocaire Box will serve as a reminder of the giving aspect of the Lenten season. During Lent we prepare to renew our baptismal commitment at Easter. We are reminded that when we were baptised we were connected to Jesus for life and during this season we are challenged to learn once



again what it means to be a follower of Jesus. *Reflect on the following:-*

### 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.*



*(author Flor McCarthy)*

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*Notices for inclusion should be received not later than 2.00pm on Wednesday  
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## Prayers for Ash Wednesday

O Jesus you place on my forehead  
the sign of Your saving Cross  
"Turn from sin and be faithful  
to the Gospel."

How can I turn from sin  
unless I turn to You?

You speak,  
You raise Your hand  
You touch my mind and  
call "Turn to the Lord  
your God."

These days of Your favour  
leave a blessing as You pass  
on me and all Your people.  
Turn to us, Lord God.

O Jesus you place on my forehead  
the sign of my sister Death  
"Remember you are dust and to dust you  
shall return."

One day my life on  
Earth will end;  
the limits of my years  
are set,  
though I know not the  
day nor the hour  
Shall I be ready to meet  
you?

Let this Holy Season be a time of grace  
for me and all this world.

"Teach us to number our days aright,  
that we may gain wisdom of heart."



## Trocaire Boxes

*Trocaire Boxes* are now available in  
all churches. Please take one home  
and help those less fortunate than our-  
selves by your Lenten donation.  
Please bring your boxes to Mass on  
Holy Thursday night, children can  
return theirs to the three schools.

## Lourdes Invalid Fund

Special collection for **Lourdes In-  
valid Pilgrimage  
Fund** at all masses  
this week end Satur-  
day/Sunday Febru-  
ary 9th/10th.



This Sunday **February 10th** is  
*Day of Prayer for Temperance.*

**Liturgy Group Ballygarvan**  
Help required. Contact Joan  
4888256 or Ena 4888163.

## Ballyheada Church Wall

Qualified persons are in-  
vited to tender for work in  
association with  
**Ballyheada Church  
Boundary Wall.**



All tenders will be treated in the  
strictest confidence and interested  
parties are invited to inspect the  
works by appointment.

Description and drawings of the  
proposed works is available from  
the **P.A.N. Centre/Parish Office**  
at 4885062.

**Closing date for Tenders Monday  
February 11th, 2013**

## Ballinhassig Parish



## Assembly



## Parish So- cial

**Saturday February 16<sup>th</sup> at  
8.00pm sharp**

Marian Hall, Ballinhassig.

Meal Provided By:-

Tadhg Long Catering Marian Hall.

Music by Barry O'Halloran

**Few Tickets Remaining:-**  
**Tickets 20Euro & Available**  
**from:-**

**Cottrell's Gala, Ballinhassig**  
**Mary P.A.N. Centre /Parish**  
**Office 4885062 or**  
**Parish Assembly Members.**

## World Day of the Sick

On **February 11th in 1858**, Our Lady first  
appeared to the 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 com-  
memoration of **Our Lady of Lourdes on**  
**February 11th.**

*A special Mass and Anointing of the Sick*  
*will be held in the parish later in the year.*

## Thought for the week.....

*The art of being wise*  
*is knowing what to overlook.* (William James)

## Afternoon Tea Dance

**Ballinhassig Parish Social & Active  
Retirement Club Afternoon Tea Dance**  
at Ballinspittle Community Centre on  
Monday **February 18th** from 2.30pm-  
5.30pm in aid of the

Irish Heart Foundation.

Bus leaves Ballinhassig at 1.15pm;  
Ballygarvan at 1.30pm.

Details and booking **before Feb. 12th:-**  
**Noreen 4888213; Breda 4885449;**  
**Mary 4885245; John 087/7546818.**

**Social & Active Retired AGM**  
**AGM on Thursday February 21st in**  
**the Marian Hall at 7.30pm.**  
**All welcome.**

**"Come aside by yourselves.. and**  
**rest awhile" Mark 6:31**

On Monday **Feb. 11th & 18th** Michael  
Culloty, Tralee will facilitate two eve-  
nings of *Centering Prayer, Opening*  
*of the Word and Reflection* at Upton  
from **7.30pm-9.30pm. All welcome.**

## Meeting - Camino

Meeting in the Marian Hall on Wednes-  
day **February 20th** at 7.30pm for all  
those going to Santaigo de Compostela  
in **June 2013.**

## History Society

*Ballygarvan and District Historical*  
*Society Lecture by Donal O'Flynn on*  
*the "Clarks of Farran" on February*  
**28th** at 8.00pm in the Park Inn Hotel,  
Cork Airport.

## Fresh Local Fish

Fresh Fish Stall in Ballinhassig Village  
every Friday and next **Wednesday**  
**February 13th** from 9.00pm - 5.00pm.

**St. Gobnait** - *Ballyvourney is a*  
*place of Pilgrimage on her Feast Day*  
*February 11th and Pentecost. Her gifts*  
*were caring for and curing the sick.*