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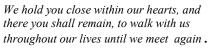
Mary Forrest, Ballygarvan Upper.
Donal O'Mahony, Watergrasshill.
Bridget Lane, Gortnaclogh.
Michael Jordan, Tulligmore.
Daniel Desmond, Rigsdale.
Frank Barry, Ballyduhig.
Anna Deasy, Bawnleigh.
Biddy O'Meara, Ballyleigh.
Elizabeth O'Leary, Killarney.
Jeremiah Bruton, The Lough.
Noel Barry Murphy, Coolmakee.
Catherine Barry Murphy, Coolmakee.

We Remember

Kathy Twomey, Adamstown; Ben Deane, Dublin and Midleton; John Cotter, Ballincollig and Arlinstown who died recently. We pray for their families, neighbours and friends.

Sympathy

We offer our sympathy to *Sadie French*, Ballincrannig, on the death of her brother Ben Deane, Dublin and Midleton.



Remember and Pray

Please remember to pray for all our parishioners and all others who are unwell in any way at this time. *You are in our thoughts and prayers.*

MASS TIMES

Next Week

Monday 26th:-

Ballygarvan 9.30am

Tuesday 27th:-

Goggins Hill 9.30am

Thursday 29th:-

Ballyheada 10.00am

Saturday 31st:-

Ballyheada 7.00pm

Sunday 1st:-

Ballygarvan 10.00am Goggins Hill 11.30am

Blessing of Candles

Monday February 2nd:

Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. This feast is a combined remembrance of the Son and the Mother and celebrated as World Day for Consecrated Life, in the calendar of the Church.

It is candlemas day and <u>Candles</u> will be blessed at the 9.30am Mass in Ballygarvan on Monday 2nd.

If you cannot attend Mass and would like to get your candles blessed, please bring them to Mass next week end with your name and church name on them and leave in box in church porch.

2015 Ballinhassig Parish Newsletter

Notices for inclusion should be received not later than 2.00pm on Wednesday by Mary O'Halloran (4885257) Mary O'Donovan (4888268), PAN Centre/Parish Office (phone/fax 4885062)

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for Ballygarvan, Ballyheada and Goggins Hill

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Mary O'Halloran writes/submits....

Catholic Schools Week & Grandparents Day

Catholic Schools Week 2015 will begin this Sunday January 25th and will conclude on February 1st. The theme this year is 'Catholic Schools - A Call to Serve' This annual event has been celebrated for the last five years. This week will be an occasion to celebrate the work and achievement of Catholic Schools in Ireland both north and south by inviting all involved in Catholic education to examine what we understand by service and how we live out the call to serve.

Grandparents Day

During *Catholic Schools Week* the school community will celebrate and pay tribute to grandparents and the role they play in handing on the faith to their grandchildren and in supporting the community of faith at home and in the parish. Some grandparents will visit the schools, for others it's a daily visit to collect their grandchild/children. They will remember the grandparents who cannot be with them; those who could not travel; those who are sick; lonely or isolated and those who have departed their earthly homes. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

Reflection on Grandparents

Grandparents are a family's greatest treasure, The founders of a loving legacy, the greatest storytellers, The keepers of traditions that linger on in cherished memory. Grandparents are the family's strong foundation.

Their very special love sets them apart.

Through happiness and sorrow, through their special love and caring, Grandparents keep a family close at heart. Grandparents bestow upon their grandchildren the strength and wisdom that time and experience have given them.

Grandchildren bless their grandparents with a youthful vitality and innocence that help them stay young at heart. Together they create a chain of love linking the past with the future. *The chain may lengthen, but it will never part...* (author unknown)



St. Brigid's Cross & Customs

How do you 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.



In olden times these were 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.

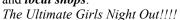
People also hang a cloth or ribbon out on a bush or tree on the eve of her Feast Day believing that if she touches it, it would have curative powers. These cloths are called "St. Brigid's Mantle" Maybe we could make an effort to revive the tradition and make a St. Brigid's Cross.

Fashion Show

Goggins Hill National School Parents Association will hold a Fashion Show on Friday February 6th at 8.00pm at the Oriel House, Ballincollig.

Tickets 10Euro and available

Goggins Hill National School and local shops.



Gala Bingo Night

Ballinhassig Camogie Club will hold a

Gala Bingo Night on Saturday January 31st in the Marian Hall at 8.00pm. All proceeds in aid of the

Ronald McDonald House,

Crumlin which provides a home away from home for families with seriously ill children. Over the last number of years families from our community and over

500 families from Cork alone have had to make it their second home, so we urge you to please support this worthy cause.



Congratulations

Congratulations to the following members of Old Abbey Athletic Club who won the following at the recent All Ireland Indoor Championships in Athlone.

Penthatlon U14 - Gold Medal Daniel Hurley, Ballyheada



Penthatlon U14 - Silver Medal Diarmuid O'Connor, Gortnaclogh

Penthatlon U15 - Silver Medal Brian Lynch, Rearour Great achievement for Old Abbey

with only a few Cork Clubs represented.

Community Alert



Ballinhassig Parish Community Alert will **≡∂O=** hold a **Meeting** on Monday January 26th at 8.00pm in the Marian Hall, Ballinhassig.

New members welcome!!!!

What is Community Alert?

The Community Alert programme is a community based crime prevention, care and safety programme for rural communities. It has a particular emphasis on older and more vulnerable people in rural communities.

It was established in 1984 and is managed by Muintir na Tire and the Garda Siochana.

It aims to improve quality of life in rural communities through:

*** Reducing opportunities for crime

*** Encouraging neighbourliness

*** Promoting accident prevention and personal safety.

How does it work Locally?

The Community Alert programme operates through a network of Community Alert Groups, each of which is responsible for a particular area. There are over 1200 groups throughout the country. Each group has an elected Community Alert Committee which manages the group and a Community Alert Area Co-ordinator who maintains contact with a Garda Liason Officer. We have recently introduced TEXT ALERT. Come along to our meeting for further details or phone Parish Office 4885062.

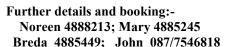
Carer Available

Local lady available to care for elderly person in their own home in the *Half*way/Ballinhassig area. Further details contact 087/6215327.

Social & Active Club

Ballinhassig Parish Social & Active Retirement Club are invited to an Afternoon Tea Dance in :-Ballinspittle on **Monday February 9th** From 2.30pm-5.30pm.

Cost 5Euro. Proceeds in Aid of the Irish Heart Foundation.



Over 60's Talent Competition on the Day. Prepare your songs etc.!!!!! All welcome.

History Society AGM

Ballygarvan and District local History **Society** will hold their **AGM** in the Park Hotel (Radisson) Cork Airport at 8.00pm on

Thursday January 29th. New members welcome





St. Brogans College

St. Brogan's College, Bandon Induction Morning for 6th class students who have enrolled, on Saturday February 7th at 9.00am. If you have not enrolled but wish to attend the day contact 023/8841120.

Talent Competition

A Heat of Over 60's Talent Competition will be held in Charleville Park Hotel on Thursday February 12th at 8.00pm. If interested and are over 60, can sing, dance, etc. contact 086/8105585 or **087/6644654.** All welcome.