

Anniversaries

Billy Cullinane, Ballynaloughy.
Jeremiah Kiely, Belgooly.
John Walsh, Knocklucy.
Martin Loftus, Galway.
Arthur O'Brien, Halfway.
John O'Keeffe, Kingsland.
Daniel Deasy, Skehanagh.
Catherine Deasy, Skehanagh.
Eoin Murphy, Abbey Bridge.
Mary Kearney, Ballygarvan.
Sheehan Family, Ballyduhig.
Margaret Russell, Tulligmore.
Nellie Connors, Belgooly.
O'Reilly Family, Tulligmore.
Kathleen Bouse, Ballyguinnane.
Murphy Family, Abbey Bridge.
Mortimer Fenton, Ballinphellic.
Michael Spillane, Goggins Hill.
Mary O'Donovan, Coolatooder.
Patrick O'Donovan, Coolatooder.
Denis Keane, Ballygarvan & Enniskeane.
Nellie Keane, Ballygarvan & Enniskeane.

May They Rest in Peace

Temperance

Day of Prayer for Temperance

ance:- Sunday **February 15th** pray for all who suffer from addictions and their families who share the suffering.

Gardening Class "Make your garden Sparkle"

at **Pavilion**, Garden Centre, Ballygarvan, Wed. Feb. 25th at 10.30am. Details www.thepavilion.ie

MASS TIMES Next Week

Monday 16th:-

Ballygarvan 9.30am

Tuesday 17th:-

Goggins Hill 9.30am

Wednesday 18th:- Ash Wednesday

Ballygarvan 9.45am

Goggins Hill 7.30pm

Thursday 19th:-

Ballyheada 10.00am

Saturday 21st:-

Ballyheada 7.00pm

Sunday 22nd:-

Ballygarvan 10.00am

Goggins Hill 11.30am

February 18th is Ash Wednesday.

(Day of Fast and Abstinence)

Ashes will be distributed at Mass and to the schools and nursing home of the parish.

Thought for Lent

Maybe instead of **giving up** something for **Lent** we should consider **taking up** something: *****Make time** for family prayer; *****Call** to the Church and pray the Stations of the Cross; ***** Make an effort** to do something extra for a family member, neighbour or someone in need.

Ballinhassig Parish Newsletter

for Ballygarvan, Ballyheada and Goggins Hill

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*Mary O'Halloran
submits....*

Annual Lenten Season

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 by Mary O'Halloran (4885257) Mary O'Donovan (4888268), PAN Centre/Parish Office (phone/fax 4885062) info@ballinhassigparish.com www.ballinhassigparish.com



Ballinhassig Parish



Minister of the Eucharist Nomination Form



*Church of the Most Holy Heart of Mary, Goggins Hill;
Church of the Sacred Heart, Ballyheada;
Church of Mary, Mother of God, Ballygarvan .*

You are invited to volunteer to serve as a **Minister of the Eucharist** and or nominate two people to serve in your church area for the next three years.

The **Ministry of the Eucharist** is open to all adults over 18 years of age, including present Ministers. This is an opportunity to participate in an important parish liturgical activity.

The Commitment:-

Ministers of the Eucharist will be asked to be available to distribute Holy Communion on a rota basis for the next three years.

There will be a short training programme on February 26th & March 5th

You are asked to volunteer or nominate the persons you consider most suitable to continue the high standard of commitment and dedication we enjoy in the Ministry of the Eucharist.

Please write in the space below. Your nomination is confidential and will be collected by Parish Assembly members on or before Sunday February 22nd.



Adult (over 18)

Name:

Address:

Phone:

Church:

Adult (over 18)

Name:

Address:

Phone:

Church:

Complete your nomination and leave in the boxes provided in any of the Churches or P.A.N. Centre/Parish Office on or before Sunday February 22nd.

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.”



Ash Wednesday

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.” Amen.

Ballinhassig GAA Club

Carry on Regardless

Show 2015:-

will be held in the *Marian Hall*,
Ballinhassig from Thursday
March 12th to Monday March 16th.
More details later.



Know Your Sport Fundraiser:-

Closing date **February 28th**, 10Euro per
entry. Details and entry forms available
from club officers.



Membership:-

Club Membership to be paid
immediately to *Donal Ryan, Registrar.*

Club Gear

Club Gear will be on sale on Tuesday
February **17th** in Club Rooms from
6.30pm-7.00pm.



Church Flowers

If you would like to help with
flower arranging in *Ballygarvan*
Church for the month of **June**, contact
4888213 for details. **All welcome!!!!!!**

Social & Active Club

Rescheduled:-

*Ballinhassig Parish Social & Active
Retirement Club:-*

Afternoon Tea Dance in :-

Ballinspittle on

Monday February 23rd

From 2.30pm-5.30pm.

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

No Bus

Further details and booking:-

Noreen 4888213; Mary 4885245

Breda 4885449; John 087/7546818

Annual General Meeting

Old Abbey Athletic Club will hold
their **AGM** on Wednesday **February**
25th in Barrett's, Killeady at 8.30pm.

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Senior Scor scheduled for this Sunday
February 15th has been deferred. Details
later, contact **087/7686112.**