Anniversaries

John Joe O'Sullivan, Ballinahina.
Fr. Matthius Murphy, Ballinahina.
Denis Reynolds, Ballynaloughy.
Annie Reynolds, Ballynaloughy.
John Cullinane, Dunderrow.
Christina Kiely, Ballyheada.
Eileen O'Leary, Knocklucy.
John Ryan, Ballinoe.
Humphrey Healy, Killarney.
Bride Kennefick, Killingley.
John Twomey, Ballygarvan.
Catherine Cullinane, Farlistown.
Michael (Harry) Desmond, Ballyheada

We Remember

James Riordan, Rigsdale, Ballinhassig; Phil Bowen (née Morey) Killingley, Ballygarvan;

Olivia Gaynor, (née Quinlan)
Ballygarvan and Tipperary;
Bridie Hartnett (née O'Sullivan),
Glasheen Rd. and Inchigeela;
Helen Counihan (née Murray)

Carrigtwohill and Aghada;

Paddy Cullinane, Dublin;

Breeda Collins, Ballygarvan and England who died during the week.

We pray for their families, neighbours and friends.

Thought for Lent

Instead of giving up something for Lent consider taking up something **family prayer; **call to the Church and pray the Stations of the Cross; ** do something for a family member, neighbour, someone in need.

MASS TIMES Next Week

Monday 6th:-

Ballygarvan 9.30am

Tuesday 7th:-

Goggins Hill 9.30am

Thursday 9th:-

Ballyheada 10.00am

Saturday 11th:-

Ballyheada 7.00pm

Sunday 12th:-

Ballygarvan 10.00am Goggins Hill 11.30am

First Confession

Please remember in your prayers the children of the parish who will make their *First Confession this week*.



Monday March 6th:-Ballygarvan at 7.00pm

Tuesday March 7th:Goggins Hill at 7.00pm

Wednesday March 8th:-Ballyheada at 7.00pm

Bishop's Commissions

Special Collection next week end 11th/12th is *Bishop's Commissions*.

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Notices for inclusion should be received not later than 2.00pm on Wednesday by Mary O'Halloran (4885062,4885257) Mary O'Donovan (4888268), PAN Centre/Parish Office (phone/fax 4885062) info@ballinhassigparish.com www.ballinhassigparish.com Parish Priest:- Fr. Christy Fitzgerald Telephone: 4885104 or 087/9439666

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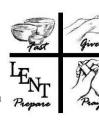
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Fr. Christy writes

THINKING OF OTHERS

Lent is here once again. Time to take stock, reflect and think of others. This is usually put as *prayer*, *fasting and almsgiving*. The prayer and fasting we know about. About doing that extra bit for the good of our souls, even if the fasting is not as heavy as when I was a child.

The people who opt to work on the missions always amaze me. They are the real preachers of the Gospel and especially if they are lay professionals, giving of their time and talent for the betterment of fellow human beings. One of my favourite organisations is *Trócaire*. This year their Lenten campaign focuses on *Honduras* and the difficult lives of the people there, especially dealing with the effects of Climate Change.



Trócaire is responding to Pope Francis' call by working with the communities, in Honduras and other parts of the world, that are most at risk of the devastating effects of extreme weather conditions, such as hurricanes, floods, and drought, to help save lives by preparing for and mitigating the effects of the next emergency. When disasters strike, **Trócaire's** humanitarian response is triggered to provide emergency shelter, food, water, sanitation and medical care. Psychological care is also provided for men, women, and children in the aftermath.



Lent invites us to personal spiritual renewal, and also to be mindful of our poor, oppressed and persecuted sisters and brothers and to reach out to them in their hour of need.

Sympathy

We offer our sympathy to:-Mary Riordan, Rigsdale on the death of her husband James;

Jim Riordan Rigsdale and Australia on the death of his father James; grandchildren, great grandchildren, niece, nephews, relatives, neighbours and friends on the death of James Riordan.

Val Bowen, Killingley, Ballygarvan on the death of his wife **Phil**:

Marcia, Fiona, Joanne, Valentine and Colm on the death of their mother Phil Bowen, Killingley;

Ann, Hannah, Frances, Anthony and Oliver on the death of their sister Phil Bowen, all relatives, neighbours and friends.

Fergal, Marie-Noelle, Leon, Marie-Christine Gaynor on the death of their mother Olivia Gaynor, Ballygarvan; Vicky, Maureen, Beatrice, Patrick, Billy and John on the death of their sister Olivia Gaynor, relatives, neighbours and friends.

Finnuala Quinlan, Kingsland on the death of her mother Bridie Hartnett, Glasheen Rd. and Inchigeela, Ted on the death of his wife Bridie and Anthony, Marie, Doreen, Gearóid, Lucy on the death of their mother Bridie Hartnett, sister Angeline, relatives, neighbours and friends.

Mary Bohane, Liberty Hill on the death of her sister **Helen Counihan,** Carrigtwohill and Aghada.

Donal Cullinane, Kilmurriheen on the death of his brother **Paddy Cullinane**, Dublin.

In death life is changed not ended.

The Gospel Of Life

Four sessions on what the Gospel says to us about the 'care of creation, sacredness of human life etc.' by Sr. Karen at the Pastoral Development Office, Ballyphehane on Tuesday March 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th from 10.30am-12.15pm. No cost. Booking essential.

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OUR JOURNEY INTO GOD

Monday:-

March 20th & 27th at 8.00pm Carrigaline Parish Centre (behind Church in Carrigaline)

Two evenings with *Anne Francis & Fr. Christy Fitzgerald*, exploring our Lenten journey through the **Word of God.**

Helpers Lourdes 2017

Application forms are available for *Young Adult Helpers* on the Diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes **June 11th-16th, 2017.** Closing date for completed forms has been extended to March 14th. Enquiries *Fr. Charlie Kiely* **4537603. All welcome.**

Thank You

Sincere thanks to those who helped with the distribution of Ashes on Ash Wednesday, those who helped in the church, schools and nursing home.

International Women's Day

Theme for 2017 'Be Bold For Change' Women are invited to meet for prayer and social time on March 8th.

Pray For Pope Francis

March 13th marks the fourth anniversary of his election as Supreme Pontiff.

Parish Social & Active Retirement Club

B allinhassig Parish Social & Active Retirement Club invite you to a 'GATHERING' in the Marian Hall on Wednesday afternoon March 29th from 2.00pm- 4.00pm.



This is a social gathering open to all, particularly over 50's.

Afternoon includes chat, cuppa, refreshments and special guest well known 'Story Teller- *John Kehily'*Your ideas for future events, trips etc. would be most welcome.

Sincere thanks to the **outgoing Committee** for their commitment, dedication and giving of their time and talents to the group for many years:- *John O'Leary*, *Chairman*; *Mike Hanaway*, *Secretary*; *Noreen Spillane*, *Treasurer*; Kathleen O'Leary, Margo O'Leary, Nuala Cullinane, Maureen McCarthy, Breeda O'Flynn, Mary O'Callaghan and Mairead Deasy. We also remember and thank all other committee members of the group since its inception who gave of their time and talents and pray for those who are no longer with us.

We welcome the new committee:- Maureen Roche, Chairperson;
Joan McCann, Secretary; Irene Forde, Treasurer;
Margo O'Leary, assistant Chairperson; Phyllis O'Keeffe, assistant Secretary;
Kathleen O'Leary, assistant Treasurer; Mike Hanaway, Mairead
Deasy, Eamon Long and Mary O'Halloran.

For Your Diary:- OUTING on MAY 24th. More details later.

Carry On Regardless

Ballinhassig GAA All Stars Presents..... CARRY ON REGARDLESS - Music and Comedy Show in the Marian Hall, Ballinhassig from Wed. March 15th-Sun. March 19th. Show commences at 8pm each night. Admission:- Adults 12.50Euro and children 5Euro. Tickets will be on sale at the Marian Hall each Tues. & Wed from 7.00pm-8.00pm. Details 087/6579925. All welcome.

Thought For The Week
Sometimes good things fall apart so
better things can fall together.

Community AGM

Ballygarvan Community Association will hold its:- AGM

Venue:- Prefab Old N.S. Ballygarvan

Date:- Tuesday March 14th

Time:- 8.00pm.

Members please attend. All welcome.

Workship & Healing

Weekend of *Praise, Workship & Healing* on **March 11th & 12th** at Rochestown Park Hotel from 10.00am. Guest speaker Maria Vadia. Booking *087/2505528*, *087/2405568*