

Anniversaries

Michael & Sheila Foley, Ballygarvan.
Michael Cosgrave, Ballinphellic.
Catherine Cosgrave, Ballinphellic.
Fr. Liam Cosgrave, Ballinphellic.
Mary O'Mahony, Ballygarvan.
Phil Duggan, Coolatooder.
Mary O'Keeffe, Rearour.
Julia Holland, Lisfehill.
Nellie Buckley, Kinsale.
Jim O'Leary, Pouladuff.
Maura Johnson, Blackrock.
Paddy Doody, Ballygarvan.
Marian Crowley, Rochestown.
Julia Spillane, Ballynaloughy.
Ena O'Shea, Ballinphellic North.
Denis & Eileen O'Connor, Upton.
Daniel O'Callaghan, Ballyhooleen.
Margaret O'Callaghan, Ballyhooleen.
Trish Johnson, Blackrock & London.



We Remember

Danny Dempsey, Kildare & Ballea;
Maura Daly (née O'Brien) Bantry &
Raheen who died during the
week. *We pray for their families,*
neighbours and friends.



Brú Columbanus

Donated dresses and handbags on sale
Saturday **March 25th** in **Brú Colum-**
banus, Cardinal Way, Wilton from
10.00am-3.00pm. They are a charity
that provides accommodation to the
relatives of seriously ill patients in Cork
Hospitals and rely on donations and
fundraisers. Further details **4345754**.

MASS TIMES Next Week

Monday 20th:-
Ballygarvan 9.30am

Tuesday 21st:-
Goggins Hill 9.30am

Thursday 23rd:-
Ballyheada 10.00am

Saturday 25th:-
Ballyheada 7.00pm

Sunday 26th:-
Ballygarvan 10.00am
Goggins Hill 11.30am

Parish Confirmation

Pray for the children of
Ballinhassig Parish who
will receive the **Sacra-**
ment of Confirmation
this week:-

Ballygarvan:-
Wednesday March 22nd

Goggins Hill:-
Friday March 24th



Stations of the Cross

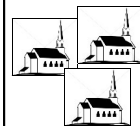
Stations of the Cross will continue in
Ballygarvan Church on
Wednesdays at **7.30pm**
for the duration of Lent.
All welcome.



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Newsletter

for Ballygarvan, Ballyheada and Goggins Hill



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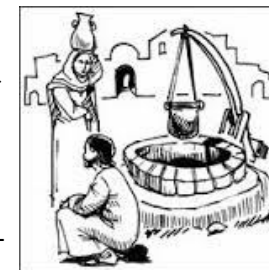
Fr. Christy writes....

A Thirst For Eternity

I can't even begin to imagine what it's like to thirst. Many countries throughout the world have to regularly deal with drought where every drop of water is precious. For us in Ireland there has been, in recent times, great controversy over water and conserving it. We tend, because we have so much rain, to take it for granted.

Led by Moses, God's people are wandering in the desert, they get fed up of all their travels and again start grumbling. God continues to provide for them. Moses strikes the rock as God commanded and there is more than enough to satisfy their thirst this time.

The Samaritan woman is an outsider and yet Jesus takes the time to stop and ask her for a drink of water. At that time, it would be unheard of for a man to approach a woman like that, let alone a Samaritan. But, Jesus draws her into conversation. He awakens something within her; her search, and her thirst, her need to be fulfilled by God. She experiences Jesus is a special and wonderful and enriching way. He opens up the wonder of God and how he alone through Jesus can satisfy everyone's need.



For us, our Lenten journey awakens us to our need of God too. We discover that only he can satisfy us in a way that the world around cannot. The water for us is the water of baptism and our journey through Lent is preparing us to renew our Baptismal promises.



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Daffodil Day March 24th

Daffodil Day 2017 will take place nationwide on Friday **March 24th**.

History of Daffodil Day

The **Daffodil Day** concept originated in Canada six decades ago. The Canadian Cancer Society began using the daffodil in the 1950's. They represented the first flowers of spring, and the daffodil has since proven to be an iconic symbol of hope and cancer research and awareness. The daffodil has become the logo of cancer societies around the world.



The first **Irish Daffodil Day** was in 1988. The day quickly became an annual March tradition and in 2001, *the daffodil was adapted as our main logo*.

To-day **Daffodil Day** encompasses a host of different events, including nationwide



coffee mornings, community events and the volunteers on streets and in shopping centres providing the public with the yellow daffodils, pins etc.

Daffodil Day as well as fundraising is also a **Day of Hope**. It represents hope that we will never forget those who we have lost to cancer; hope that those affected by cancer will get the care they need; and hope that one day we will overcome cancer.



Daffodil Day in Ireland

The **Irish Cancer Society** was founded by Professor *Austin Darragh*, officially existing since 1963. He was then inspired to start the society after being shocked that one hundred people in Ireland died each year from curable skin cancer, because they did not have the knowledge when to seek treatment. To-day, the **Irish Cancer Society** aims to provide the public with information about cancer, provide services and support for patients and advocate for improvements in cancer care and treatment.



Pastry Bake Off

Ballinhassig Parish Pastry Bake Off, 6 Local Celebrities competing in "**Bake Off**" challenge in the **Marian Hall**, Ballinhassig on **Saturday March 25th at 8.00pm**.



Tickets:- Adults 10Euro, children 5Euro and available at the door on the night. Fun night, all proceeds to charity. *More details next week.*

Cooking- Kevin Dundon

Ballinhassig GAA Club Fundraiser present **Cooking Demo by Kevin Dundon** at the **Clayton Hotel Silver Springs**, Meeting & Events Centre on Thursday **March 30th**, doors open 7pm, commences at 8.00pm. Tickets 20Euro and available from club members. *Proceeds in aid of Club Hurling Wall & Astro turf pitches*, opening in June. All welcome.



Parish Social & Active Retirement Club

Ballinhassig Parish Social & Active Retirement Club invite you to a 'GATHERING' in the **Marian Hall** on Wed. **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.

For Your Diary:-

OUTING on MAY 24th. More details later.



Cork Choral Festival 2017—Choir Interchange

As part of the preparations for **Cork Choral Festival 2017**, a **choir interchange** will take place over the week-end of **April 22nd/23rd**, where choirs from different parishes will rotate among the churches in the Dioceses of Cork & Ross.

A combined adult choir from **Ballygarvan, Ballyheada and Goggins Hill** will participate in the interchange and will be **singing in Holy Cross Church Mahon at 10.00am on April 23rd**.



All parishioners are very welcome to be part of this venture. You don't have to be a member of any of the parish choirs to participate, just come along to practice, meet your neighbours and make new friends!!

Practices for this event will take place in **Ballygarvan Church** on Thurs. **March 30th** and Thurs. **April 6th at 7.30pm**. Further information Máire **087/2802958** or Henrietta **085/1695982**.

Daffodil Day Coffee Morning



A coffee morning will be held on **Daffodil Day, Friday March 24th** in the home of **John O'Callaghan, "Fuchsia" Rathroe**, Ballinhassig from **9.30am-5.30pm**. All proceeds in aid of the Irish Cancer Society. *All welcome.*

Clinic Marian Hall

Margaret Murphy O'Mahony, TD will hold a 'Clinic' in the **Marian Hall** Meeting Room on **March 25th from 10.00am-12.00noon**. Drop in on the morning or call the Bandon Constituency office **023/8841179** to make an appointment.

Healthy Mind/Body

Ballyheada Parents Association will present 'Healthy Mind, Healthy Body' by **Caroline O'Connor HSE** dietician and **Catherine Hallissey** child & education psychologist, on **Wednesday March 29th at 7.30pm** in Ballyheada School. **Tickets 10Euro**, further details **086/3809044**. All welcome.