

## Anniversaries

Elizabeth Kiely, Belgooly.  
Con O'Leary, Tulligmore.  
Michael Edmunds, Ballea.  
John Coakley, Ballinaboy.  
Eddie Jordan, Rigsdale.  
Con Deasy, Riverstick.  
Haddie Ahern, Ballinphellic.  
Michael O'Regan, Blackrock.  
Donal Murphy, Ballintemple.  
Elizabeth Murphy, Ballintemple.  
Jack O'Sullivan, Ballypnehane.  
Mamie O'Sullivan, Ballypnehane.



## Our Lady Of Fatima

Pope Francis recently blessed six statues of *Our Lady of Fatima* to be brought around the world to appeal for prayer, peace and promote the sanctity of family life. We are privileged one of the Statues has begun a tour of Ireland to mark 100 years since the Marian apparitions at the Portuguese village.



*Pilgrimage of the Statue of Our Lady of Fatima in our Diocese* as follows:-  
Sunday **March 26th:-** Statue arrives at the *Cathedral of Ss Mary & Anne* at **4.30pm**, Mass at 5.30pm, Veneration until 7.30pm.

**March 27th:-** Statue arrives in *Clonakilty Parish Church* at 9.00am, Mass at 10.00am, Veneration until 3pm.  
All welcome.

## MASS TIMES Next Week

Monday 27th:-		
	<i>Ballygarvan</i>	<i>9.30am</i>
Tuesday 28th:-		
	<i>Goggins Hill</i>	<i>9.30am</i>
Thursday 30th:-		
	<i>Ballyheada</i>	<i>10.00am</i>
Saturday 1st:-		
	<i>Ballyheada</i>	<i>7.00pm</i>
Sunday 2nd:-		
	<i>Ballygarvan</i>	<i>10.00am</i>
	<i>Goggins Hill</i>	<i>11.30am</i>

## Station

*Ballinphellic South:-*  
Friday **March 31st at 8.00pm**  
in the home of **Denis and Joan Keohane.**



## Memorial Walk

*Finbar Crowley Memorial Walk* (organised by his son Ryan) will be held on **April 2nd**. Commencing from *Barretts Bar, Killeady* at **1.00pm**.

Food and Raffle on return.

Proceeds in Aid of

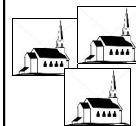


**Marymount. All welcome.**

# Ballinhassig Parish

## Newsletter

*for Ballygarvan, Ballyheada and Goggins Hill*



**Vol. 25 No. 28 Sunday: March 26th, 2017 (Fourth Sunday Of Lent)**

*Fr. Christy writes....*

## LORD, THAT I MAY SEE!

In recent years there has been a wonderful campaign associated with Pieta House. It is called 'darkness into light'. A worthy cause that has received a lot of deserved support. In the parish we will celebrate our journey of darkness into light on Easter Sunday with our dawn Mass.

In reality it is the journey of all Christians, a journey that takes us through Lent, reminding us that we in sin, live in darkness and we journey to Easter and to Jesus the Light of the World.



In our Gospel Jesus transforms the life of the man born blind. He has lived in darkness all of his life and the touch and words of Jesus brings about a dramatic change for the man. People at that time believed it was a sign of God's punishment for being a sinner, a dreadful understanding of God and of any disability.

The message for us is clear. We are all in need of enlightenment. We are not perfect and we are sinners in need of God's forgiveness and mercy, yes, but we are not being punished. Our God is a God of love. Why else would he have sent his own Son, to save his people?

May this Lent help us to open our eyes. May we learn to see the person of Christ in everyone around us. May we champion the rights of all people, especially those who are vulnerable, particularly those with physical, emotional, intellectual and educational disabilities.



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# Mothers Day March 26th

## Mothers Day in Ireland?

The history of celebrating *Mothering Sunday* or *Mothers Day* in Ireland can be traced to the medieval practice where children from poor families were sent to work as domestic servants and apprentices to work with the rich.

Once in the year in the middle of **Lent** the children were given a day off to visit their 'Mother Church' and worship the Virgin Mary. After visiting the Mother Church or Cathedral of their home town these children visited their mothers and presented them with flowers they picked along the way. Some girls baked a special Mothering Cake on the day.



Patterns of living changed after the Industrial Revolution and Mothering Sunday celebrations almost lapsed. The custom was revived after World War 11.

**We now celebrate Mothers Day on the fourth Sunday of Lent.**

On this day people present their mothers with cards, flowers and other gifts to express love and gratitude.



## Mothers Day Prayer

Loving God, we thank you for the love of the mothers you have given us, whose love is so precious that it can never be measured, whose patience seems to have no end.

**W**e pray for new mothers, coming to terms with new responsibilities; for expectant mothers, wondering and waiting; for those who are tired, stressed or depressed; for those who struggle to balance the task of work and family;

*for those unable to feed their children due to poverty; for those whose children have physical, mental or emotional disabilities; for those who raise children on their own;*



*for those who have lost a child; for those who care for the children of others; for those whose children have left home; for those whose desire to be a mother has not been fulfilled.*

*We also pray for those who are grieving the loss of their mother; those who never knew their biological mother, and now yearn for her; those who experienced the wonder of an adopted mother's love and families separated by war or conflict.*

Keep us united with you and with each other, so that we can be and become all that we are meant to be.

**Wishing all Mothers; Grandmothers; Great Grandmothers;**

**Godmothers; Stepmothers; Foster mothers etc. of the parish, and Mothers everywhere a very**

**Happy Mother's Day this Sunday March 26th, 2017.**

**We also remember and pray for all those who have left their earthly homes and returned home to God. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.**

(Mary O'Halloran submits.....)

## Parish Social & Active Retirement Club

### GATHERING

**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.



## History Society

*Ballygarvan & District Local History Society* Lecture by Elaine O'Brien on 'Heritage Houses of Cork' in the Pre Fab Ballygarvan N.S. on Thursday March 30th at 8.00pm. All welcome.

## Old Abbey— AGM

*Old Abbey Athletic Club* AGM on Friday April 7th at Barrett's Bar, Killeady. All welcome.



## Grinds Available

*Grinds available* in Oral Irish in pupils own home. Fluent Irish speaker. Further details **086/2264015.**

## 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 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** & a choir from **St. Michael's Church, Blackrock** will be **singing in Most Holy Heart of Mary Church, Goggins Hill on April 23rd at 11.30am.** Then on **April 30th** a choir from **Macedonia** part of the Cork Choral Festival 2017 will be **singing in Most Holy Heart of Mary Church, Goggins Hill at 11.30am.**

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.**



## Mens Shed

*Ballinhassig Parish Mens Shed* meet in Ballygarvan (Old N.S.) **Wed. nights at 8.00pm.**

*Donations of Tools, DIY Equipment, Timber, and other useful items would be greatly appreciated.* Contact **086/0645848** or hand in to **Cottrell's Ballinhassig.** Thank You.