Anniversaries

Evelyn Ahern, Ballygarvan West. Tom Ahern, Ballygarvan West. Peter O'Neill, Goggins Hill. Gerard Fehily, Tulligbeg. Joan Lucey, Adamstown. JP Duane, Ballinphellic. Kate Diffley, Longford. Mary Healy, Killarney. Jim Cahill, Dublin. Jerry O'Keeffe, Kingsland. Helena Walsh, Knocklucy. Carmel Walsh, Ballinlough, Tim Joe Hurley, Springmount. Ruth O'Sullivan, Fivemile Bridge. Gearoid Coakley, Fivemile Bridge. John Rice, Ovens & Goggins Hill. Michael J. O'Donovan, Coolatooder. Donie Murphy, Turners Cross & Ballyhooleen. Theresa Curtin, Turners Cross & Goggins Hill.

We Remember

Catherine (Kit) Jordan (née) Scannell, Tulligmore, Ballinhassig; William (Billy) O'Flynn, Buttavent; Fr. Pearse Timoney, Dublin/Cork/ Galway; Sonny Keating, Rylane; Michael Creedon, USA & Inchigeela; Seamus Walsh, Blarney & Ballygarvan who died during the week. We pray for their families, neighbours and friends.

Sympathy

We offer our sympathy to the following whose loved ones died recently:-

Matt Ahern, Barrett's Hill, on the death of his wife Sile; Catherine, Angela, James, Billy, Matthew, Julie, Áine, and Michael Ahern on the death of their mother Sile, Also Mary, Cautie, Joan and John Francis O'Leary on the death of their sister Sile;

Con, Brian, John and Alan Coughlan, Station Steps, Goggins Hill on the death of their mother *Kathleen (Babe);*

Paddy Griffin, Clougheenduane, and *Molly*, *Donie* and *Rita* on the death of their brother Kevin, Kinsale; *Danny Barry*, Goggins Hill on the death of his brother *Denis*, Birmingham/London/ Goggins Hill;

Aileen and Martin Crowley, Ballygarvan on the death of their son Kristian, Ballygarvan and Melbourne and Karla and Leon on the death of their brother Kristian Crowley. (More next week)

MASS TIMES Next Week:-

Monday 18th:-	
Ballygarvan	<u>No Mass</u>
Tuesday 19th:-	
Goggins Hill	No Mass
Thursday 21st:-	
Ballyheada	<u>No Mass</u>
Saturday 23rd Vigil	
Ballyheada	7.00pm
Sunday 24th:-	
Ballygarvan	10.00am
Goggins Hill	11.30am

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for Ballygarvan, Ballyheada and Goggins Hill

Vol. 26 No. 1 Sunday: September 17th, 2017 (Twenty Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time)

Fr. Christy writes...

FORGIVE AND FORGET

I remember as children we were always told to forgive and to forget. But it's not that easy to do, is it? As human beings when someone hurts us, we want them to suffer, we want payback! We want them to suffer even more than we did.

This weekend as we hear the readings from God's word, it's all about forgiveness. It sounds unrealistic and yet there is a great truth in them. The book of Ecclesiasticus comes to us from the second century and the writer was grappling with the notion which was around at the time, of 'divine retribution'. He was trying to counteract this and his opening words in our reading "Resentment and anger, these are foul things, and both are found with the sinner" are a sobering thought.

Being a Christian isn't always easy. Today we are being challenged to forgive and to forget and to let things go. Pope Francis also tells us that when we forgive then we are truly ready to seek God's forgiveness. I am reminded too of what a preacher said years ago, "when it comes to our sins, God has a terrible memory."

Maybe we can try to take the words of the response to the psalm 'The Lord is compassion and love' to heart, because St. Paul tells us that 'the life and death of each of us

has its influence on others' remembering that and trying to put it into practice prepares us to say in the Our Father "forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us".



Ballinhassig Parish Newsletter Twenty Sixth Edition

Holidays are over, routine has begun and the **weekly Newsletter** is back along with our autumn weather.

This publication is the *Twenty Sixth Edition of the Ballinhassig Parish Newsletter.* Since its introduction in the autumn twenty six years ago it has been published voluntarily on a weekly basis from September to June.



Thanks to everyone who collects and submits news, the remaining few who distribute it to station areas and the many parishioners who were involved in any way with the publication over the years.

The newsletter is now produced, edited and printed in the *P.A.N. Centre (Parish Office)*. It contains both church related and news from individuals, clubs and organisations from all areas of the parish. The publication may look small, but it takes effort and dedication to keep it going week after week, year after year.

We hope you will continue to enjoy and support our Newsletter and that it will continue to meet the parishioners needs as a means of communicating parish related information.



We would like to take this opportunity to once again remind all individuals, clubs and organisations to continue to send in the news from all areas of the parish.

It is essential that notices/news are received in the *P.A.N. Centre (Parish Office)* by 2.00pm on Wednesday;

> <u>email:-</u>mohal01@eircom.net info@ballinhassig parish.com and read or download on www.ballinhassigparish.com

Looking forward to your continued support and co-operation in the year ahead. (Mary O'Halloran and Fr. Christy Fitzgerald P.A.N. Centre (Parish Office 4885062)

Special Collection:-Priesthood Education

The *second* collection next week end Saturday/ Sunday **September 23th/24th** is the annual diocesan collection for the *Education of Students to the Priesthood.*

This collection helps the Diocesan Education Fund which meets the cost of seminarians' fees in St. Patrick's Maynooth and also contributes to post graduate studies of priests of the diocese.

Permanent Diaconate

September 10th was a historic day for the Diocese of Cork & Ross when *Frank McKevitt & David Lane* were ordained as the first permanent deacons for our Diocese. We congratulate them and their families and will keep them in our prayers. We also remember and pray for *John Guirey* who is in his final year of formation.

Parish Day Trip -

Ballinhassig Parish Assembly Day Trip to Mount Melleray Abbey & Glencairn Abbey

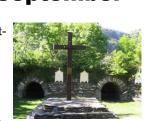
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Further details & Itinerary next week. Confined to over 18's. *All welcome. (Enquiries PAN Centre 4885062)*

Gougane Sunday September

The feast day of St. Finbarr, Patron Saint of the Diocese of Cork is celebrated on **September 25th**. This year pilgrims will gather on **September 24th to celebrate 'Gougane Sunday'**



*** Rosary in the Oratory at 2.00pm

*** Mass will begin at **2.30pm**. Bishop David G. O'Connell Episcopal Vicar of the Archdioceses of Los Angeles, will preach the homily. All welcome.

<u>Coffee Morning – in Aid of Marymount Hospice</u> Mens Shed Ballygarvan Old National School on Tuesday <u>September 19th</u> 9.00am-12.30pm.

Padre Pio Tridium

Church of the Way of the Cross, Togher:-September 18th, 19th & 20th.

Monday 18th:- *Fr. Dermot Lynch C.A.P*— Peace & Reconciliation. <u>Tuesday 19th:-</u> *Canon Michael Fitzgerald*— Anointing of the Sick. <u>Wednesday 20th:-</u> *Fr. Robert Brophy P.P* – Blessing with Relic of Padre Pio. Rosary nightly 7.15pm. Mass nightly 7.30pm. All welcome

Do This In Memory

A Parish & School based Programme for First Eucharist (*First Holy Communion*) 2017/2018. *September 16th/17th: – Enrolment Sunday.* Communion dates not available until Confirmation dates have been set by the Diocese.

Bridge For Beginners

12 Week course; Qualified Bridge Teacher, commencing on September 20th at 7.30pm at Gortnaglough. Details and booking **087/2575689**.

Recycling Day

Ballincollig Community School Recycling Day in aid of School Funds on Monday **September 25th**.

Hand in unwanted clean clothes, paired shoes, bags etc. No pillows or duvets. Support appreciated.

Culture Night - Fri. Sept. 22nd

A dusty old leather bound box in an attic was the beginning of a journey of discovery for Bostonion *Ellen Allen* and it led her all the way to Cork. The letters were from her great great grandfather *Florence Burke* to *his wife Ellen* both of whom left Cork on a *Famine Ship*. These letters led Ellen to writing a Book on



the struggles endured by the Family in an unhospitable America and how eventually the acquisition of a plot of land meant citizenship.

The *Florence Burke story* is part of the '*Famine Exhibition*' currently running in Dublin. Ellen is coming to Ireland as part of '*Culture Night*' and will be speaking in 'The Sportsman's Rest, Ballinhassig on Friday September 22nd at 8.00pm. All welcome.