

Anniversaries

Mairead Patwell, Tulligmore.
Helen Cahill, Dublin.
Paddy Walsh, Knocklucy.
Tom & Peggy Hurley, Ballyheada.
Jim & Sheila Cosgrave, Lisfehill.
Connie & Mai Cosgrave, Friars Walk.

We Remember

Gretta Crowley (née Hegarty)
Ballincranig;
Josephine Quirke (née Keane)
Templemartin & Ballyphehane
who died during the week.
We pray for their families,
neighbours and friends.

Germany

Historic Germany Ex Cork September 19th-28th, 2018.

Includes:- Return flights, 9 nights dinner, bed & breakfast throughout, 4*City Centre Hotel Berlin, comprehensive daily programme, English speaking guide.

Highlights:-

Berlin and all its famous sights.
Visiting **Potsdam** and **Dresden, Hamburg, Lubeck**, Boat trip on **River Elbe**.

Places strictly limited and will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

Further information Jim Keogh 4885371 or 087/2678793.

Childminder Wanted

Wanted childminder to mind two children aged 3 and 9 months, two days a week. Details from 087/9786350.

MASS TIMES Next Week

Monday 7th:-
Ballygarvan No Mass

Tuesday 8th:-
Goggins Hill 9.30am

Thursday 10th:-
Ballyheada 10.00am

Saturday 12th:-
Ballyheada 7.00pm

Sunday 13th:-
Ballygarvan 10.00am
Goggins Hill 11.30am

Dates for Your Diary

Ice Cream Sunday:-
May 19th/20th

Mass of the Sick & Healing:-
Tuesday May 22nd

Social & Active Outing:-
Wednesday May 30th

Pope Francis Phoenix Park:-
Sunday August 26th

Special Collection

The second collection next week end is the annual collection for the **Diocesan Pastoral Development Services**. This helps fund **Cork & Ross Pastoral Development Office services to parishes**.

Ballinhassig Parish

Newsletter

for Ballygarvan, Ballyheada and Goggins Hill

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POPE FRANCIS on the CALL TO HOLINESS

A Christian cannot think of his or her mission on earth without seeing it as a path of holiness, for "this is the will of God, your sanctification" (1 Thess 4:3). Each saint is a mission, planned by the Father to reflect and embody, at a specific moment in history, a certain aspect of the Gospel.

That mission has its fullest meaning in Christ, and can only be understood through him. At its core, holiness is experiencing, in union with Christ, the mysteries of his life. It consists in uniting ourselves to the Lord's death and resurrection in a unique and personal way, constantly dying and rising anew with him. But it can also entail reproducing in our own lives various aspects of Jesus' earthly life: his hidden life, his life in community, his closeness to the outcast, his poverty and other ways in which he showed his self-sacrificing love.

The Father's plan is Christ, and ourselves in him. In the end, it is Christ who loves in us, for "holiness is nothing other than charity lived to the full". As a result, "the measure of our holiness stems from the stature that Christ achieves in us, to the extent that, by the power of the Holy Spirit, we model our whole life on his".

You too need to see the entirety of your life as a mission. Try to do so by listening to God in prayer and recognizing the signs that he gives you. Always ask the Spirit what Jesus expects from you at every moment of your life and in every decision you must make, so as to discern its place in the mission you have received. Allow the Spirit to forge in you the personal mystery that can reflect Jesus Christ in today's world.

May you come to realize what that word is, the message of Jesus that God wants to speak to the world by your life. Let yourself be transformed. Let yourself be renewed by the Spirit, so that this can happen, lest you fail in your precious mission. The Lord will bring it to fulfilment despite your mistakes and missteps, provided that you do not abandon the path of love but remain ever open to his supernatural grace, which purifies and enlightens.



2018 Ballinhassig Parish Newsletter

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) ballinhassigparish@gmail.com www.ballinhassigparish.com Parish Priest:- Fr. Christy Fitzgerald Telephone: 4885104 or 087/9439666

May Month of Our Lady

The Month of May is a month of special devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary. Perhaps this May in the 'Year of the Family' it may be an opportunity for us to renew our own devotion to the Mother of God by adding a few prayers to our daily routine. Parents should try to encourage their children to include a prayer to our Lady in their daily prayers, and perhaps have a special space with a *statue of Our Lady, Holy Water, Rosary Beads and Flowers as their May Altar to Our Blessed Lady.*



Mary's Peace Prayer

Mary, Mother of God my mother, Queen of Peace, ask your son Jesus to give me the gift of Peace. Pray for me for Peace; Peace in my Heart; Peace of mind and of soul, Peace in my family, Peace with all whom I meet, the Peace of Jesus.



Jesus, my Lord and Saviour, my Brother, King of Peace, I come to you with Mary, Queen of Peace, to ask You humbly for a new outpouring of the gift of Peace. Pour out on me Your Holy Spirit of Peace. Give me Peace, Jesus, Peace within myself, peace in my family, Peace in my everyday life. Give Peace to my nation, and to all nations, Peace among all peoples, Peace in the world.



Jesus, my mediator with the Father, take me to the Father to pray for Peace.

SMA National Novena **Darkness into Light**

The SMA National Novena in honour of Our Lady of Knock will begin on May 18th at the African Missions Church, Blackrock Road, Cork and will end on May 26th which concludes with their Annual Pilgrimage to Knock. The Novena will be celebrated at 7.30pm (except Saturday May 19th & 26th when it will be at 7.00pm) Further details 021/4292871 or 021/4541069. All welcome.



The world's biggest movement against suicide, 'Darkness into Light' 2018 is coming to Kinsale, starting at **Saile Sports Centre, on May 12th at 4.15am** and finishing as the sun is rising. *Lets get together and walk 5Km in support of Pieta House.* All welcome.

Nurses Day

May 12th is International Nurses Day and across the world we celebrate the anniversary of the birth of Florence Nightingale. *Please pray for all who care for the sick those in hospitals, nursing homes and in our community.*

POPE FRANCIS - Dublin

The *World Meeting of Families* (held every three years) will be held in Dublin from **August 21st-26th, 2018.**



Pope Francis will visit Ireland on August 25th & 26th and will preside at the closing ceremonies on both days. He will be in **Croke Park on August 25th** (no Mass) and the **Phoenix Park on Sunday August 26th** for the Closing Mass.

Ballinhassig Parish Assembly are organising a bus to **Dublin to the Phoenix Park on Sunday August 26th.** This includes bus, breakfast and evening meal. *Bring your own folding stool or chair if you wish to sit for the Mass.*



Total cost 60Euro

Bus will leave at approx. 7am, full itinerary and confirmation of times later. Places limited, first come first served and a waiting list. *Early booking to avoid disappointment. All welcome.* Booking and details from the Parish Office (PAN CENTRE),

Mary O'Halloran 021/4885062.

Village Clean Up

Ballygarvan Foroige Club & Ballygarvan Community Association are doing a **Village Clean-Up on Saturday May 12th from 4.00pm-6.00pm.** If interested you are invited to gather at the **Old School Ballygarvan at 4.00pm**, rubbish bags will be provided. Details 087/6695065. All welcome.

Ministers Of The Word

Nomination forms for **New Ministers Of The Word** for all three Churches will be available next week end **May 12th/13th** and completed forms can be **returned to Churches or the PAN Centre on or before May 20th.**

Social Afternoon on **May 10th** from 2.30pm - 4.30pm in the **Marian Hall, Ballinhassig.** Guest speaker:-

Dr. Pat Brady who will give a talk and answer questions.

Chat and cuppa. All welcome. Presented by Ballinhassig Parish Social & Active Retirement Club.

Also Annual Outing May 30th.

(Few Places Remaining)

Total cost 45Euro. All welcome.

Booking and details from:-
Joan McCann 087/9685484;
Irene Forde 086/8611275; Mairead Deasy 087/1376023; **Mary O'Halloran 4885062 or 086/3183645** or any committee member. *Payment appreciated on or before May 10th.*

First Holy Communion

Congratulations to all the children of the parish who have completed their 'Do This in Memory Programme' which began last September. The children will now receive their First Holy Communion as follows:-

Goggins Hill:- Saturday May 12th
Ballygarvan:- Saturday May 19th
Ballyheada:- Saturday May 26th

Thanks to the school teachers, principals, Fr. Christy, parents, parent co-ordinators and parish co-ordinators for their preparation in bringing the children to this happy day.

