




Anniversaries

John and Chris Guirey, Kinsale Rd.
Finbarr Kearney, Goggins Hill. 
Peggy Coakley, Ballinaboy.
Patrick & Rita Lucey, Adamstown.
Dan Coleman, Ballynagrumbolia.
Derry Doody, Ballinrea, Carrigaline

We Remember

Sam (Sonny) Kingston, Skibbereen;
Seamus Murray, Ballineen who
died recently. We pray for their
families, neighbours and friends. 

Sympathy

We offer our sympathy to Mary O'Toole,
Skehanagh on the death of her
father Sam (Sonny) Kingston,
Skibbereen, also to all other rela-
tives, neighbours and friends. 

Blood Clinic

Blood Donor Clinic in the Marian Hall,
Ballinhassig on Monday:-

October 15th from 5.00pm-
8.30pm. More information
giveblood.ie or 1850731137.

All welcome.



Station

Ballinaboy/Knocklucy/
Raheen/Rathroe:-

In the home of Donal and
Margaret Donovan on
Friday October 19th at 8.00pm.



MASS TIMES

Next Week:-

Monday 15th:-
Ballygarvan 9.30am

Tuesday 16th:-
Goggins Hill 9.30am

Thursday 18th:-
Ballyheada 10.00am

Saturday 20th:- Vigil
Ballyheada 7.00pm

Sunday 21st:-
Ballygarvan 10.00am
Goggins Hill 11.30am



Congratulations

We congratulate John Guirey, Lisfehill on
his ordination to the Permanent
Diaconate Sunday October 14th in
Mary Mother of God, Ballygarvan.



Prayer for Deacons

Heavenly Father, bestow
Your abundant blessings on
all Deacons, their families,
their ministry and service.



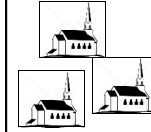
Grant that they may be
filled with grace and power as
they work among the people.

By your love and grace, continue to renew
the spirit of Your servants, whom You have
anointed. Amen.

Ballinhassig Parish

Newsletter

for Ballygarvan, Ballyheada and Goggins Hill



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John Guirey
writes...

My Journey

My journey to becoming a deacon could not have been possible without the support of my family and especially my wife *Eileen*. I felt I could bring a different dimension to the altar of the Lord as a married person. It was a very rewarding and joyous pilgrimage of faith. During the first year of formation, I studied the *Adult Catechism* to deepen my faith and I was also part of the *R.C.I.A. group within the parish*. The following three years were spent in the Pallotine Fathers House in Thurles at w/ends attending lectures and doing assignments in *Scripture, Liturgy, Theology (Moral, Dogmatic and Pastoral), Canon Law and Church History*.

St. Catherine of Sienna once said, *“Be who God meant you to be, and you will set the world on fire”*. Besides being a member of the *Parish Funeral Team*, my ministry over the past four years was *visiting the sick of the parish*. This was a very humbling experience for me. This is at the heart of being a Deacon and a ministry that I am so passionate about. It has enriched my faith and magnified my belief in upholding the dignity of the human person through compassion, love and empathy. This to me is “setting the world on fire”.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank *Fr. Christy* and the parish for their prayers and support throughout my journey. With the help of the Holy Spirit I hope I can prove worthy of all your support.



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),
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Mission Sunday Collection

Special collection next week end Saturday/
Sunday **October 20th/21st** is for Mission Sun-
day. Your continued support appreciated.



Team Hope Shoe Box Appeal

It is that time of year again when it is time to start planning **Team Hope Shoe Box Appeal in Ballinhassig Parish.**



It's been another difficult year for many economically, weatherwise, personal loss and tragedies, illness and bereavement, but for the children who receive your shoe box gift it will have an impact far greater than you can imagine, as well as all the great gifts, you will bring smiles laughter and hope to children who think the world has forgotten them.

Worldwide recession makes no difference to them, they live with recession and poverty all their life. They are forgotten children, victims of war, diseases and poverty, living on the edge in some of the poorest countries in the world. Christmas is just another ordinary day, nothing special, no Christmas tree, no presents. But your shoebox can bring a little hope and a practical expression of God's love at Christmas time. **A shoebox won't change the world, but it might just change the world for one child,** it can do far more than we can imagine, by bringing Christmas to children who have never experienced anything like it before.



The project simply works by asking people to fill an average sized shoe box or plastic container, **wrap the box and lid separately with Christmas paper.** This year boxes from Ireland will once again go to Eastern Europe and Africa. **(Last year your boxes were part of the 12,700 boxes collected in Cork)** The boxes are given to children regardless of their nationality, political background or religious beliefs.

Because it is Christmas, whenever it is culturally appropriate and in consultation with local people the children, along with their box may be offered a booklet telling the story of the nativity and the life of Jesus.

You choose whether you would like your box to go to a boy or girl and what age group, 2-4; 5-9; 10-14.

All boxes are opened by volunteers at the collection centres simply to check they are ok for contents and customs purposes.

(Our boxes will go to a collection centre in Cork City)

The boxes are then sealed, sent by truck or container and will only be opened again by the receiving child.

If you would like to participate in this project contact **Mary at the P.A.N. Centre (Parish Office) at 4885062** for further information and special leaflet which must accompany each box.

Boxes must be returned to the P.A.N. Centre (Parish Office), Cottrell's Gala, Ballinhassig or national schools by November 5th, 2018.

I have been associated with the shoe box appeal for nineteen years and the generosity of adults and children never ceases to amaze me and is greatly appreciated by the underprivileged children who receive your gift filled shoe boxes.

The number of boxes collected continues to grow year after year. Once again your continued support would be greatly appreciated. **(Mary O'Halloran)**



Congratulations

Congratulations to **Michael Goggin and James Cronin** two members of **Warrior Martial Arts Ballinhassig** who participated in the **W.U.M.A. World Taekwondo Championships** on October 6th in Birmingham. **Both won Silver Medals.** Congratulations also to their **coach Barry O'Mahony. Well done lads!!!!**



Childminders Wanted

Childminder wanted in the **Ballygarvan area** to care for three children in their own home aged four and a half, two and a half and five months old. **Own transport** essential as two eldest require collection from Preschool and Montessori. Minimum of **three days per week from 8.30am-6.00pm.** Further details contact Orlagh **086/8329955.**



Childminder Wanted

Wanted childminder in the **Ballinhassig area** Monday-Friday 1.30pm -5.30pm including school collection. Further details **085/7274144.**



Weekly Offertory Collection

Sincere thanks to all who contribute so generously to the weekly offertory collection. The following are the figures for **September.** These figures are what is collected at Masses each week-end. *(do not include Standing Orders, Direct Debits or Cheques)*

September 1st/2nd:-	1289Euro
September 8th/9th:-	1190Euro
September 15th/16th:-	1350Euro
September 22nd/23rd:-	1604Euro
September 29th/30th:-	1435Euro



Special Collection:- Education for Priesthood
September 29th/30th:- 801Euro



Home Baking, Sandwiches, Confectionery etc.-

Ballinhassig Parish Assembly would appreciate **Home Baking, sandwiches, confectionery** on Sunday **October 14th** for the **Reception** in the **Marian Hall, Ballinhassig** following the ordination of **John Guirey** to the *Permanent Diaconate.*



You can hand these into the **Marian Hall** from **11.00am** or bring with you on arrival.

We are blessed to live in a parish where your generosity and continued support make our parish occasions truly memorable. This will be a special and joyous occasion for both *Ballinhassig Parish* and *John and his family.*

Ballinhassig Goes Strictly

Ballinhassig Goes Strictly in Rochestown Park Hotel on Saturday November 17th.

Tickets on sale in the Club Rooms on Sunday **October 14th** at 6.30pm. Tickets 25Euro, limited to 4 per person and on a first come first served basis. This event is strictly over 18's. Bus on the night, cost 12Euro return and must be booked in advance. Bus tickets also available on Sun. October 14th.

All proceeds in aid of *continued development of facilities in Tulligmore, Ballinaboy used by GAA, Camogie and Ladies Football.*

Pairing of partners will be announced at the launch night in Coleman's Bar on **Saturday October 13th at 9.30pm.**

Croí na Gaeilge

Leaving Cert. 2019 Honours Irish Oral/ Written 2 Day Exam Preparation course on **October 21st & November 18th.** Further details & booking **085/1426903** after 6pm.

