

MASS TIMES Next Week Monday 25th:-Ballygarvan 9.30am Adoration:-**Ballygarvan every Monday after Mass** 

Tuesday 26th:-Goggins Hill 9.30am

#### Thursday 28th Ballvheada 10.00am

Friday 1st:- (First Friday) Ballygarvan 9.30am **Ballyheada** 8.00pm Adoration Ballyheada 7pm-8pm

Friday is the First Friday of March. Fr. Christy will make the usual monthly visits to the housebound on Friday.

Saturday 2nd:-**Ballyheada** 7.00pm

Sunday 3rd:-10.00am Ballygarvan Goggins Hill 11.30am



4885062 to arrange same on or before March 3rd. Autumn 2019 booking also taken.

2019 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

# **Ballinhassig Parish**



# Newsletter

for Ballygarvan, Ballyheada and Goggins Hill

#### Vol. 27 No. 22 Sunday February 24th, 2019 (Seventh Sunday In Ordinary Time)

Fr. Christy writes ....

# **Tough Love**

Is Jesus really serious? He is asking the impossible surely! And yet, he is totally serious. He means it literally. But forgiving ones enemies is surely the most difficult and impossible thing to do. But, many victims of serious crime do it everyday.



When Jesus says 'be compassionate' he is speaking to what that means literally. In the Bible, compassion means to respond from the depth of ones being, to react from the depth of your heart. Think about it. If we were to stop and to wait, to try and speak from the depths of our being, would it make a difference?

Mahatma Ghandi was a man of peace, he suffered much criticism, abuse and hardships but he practiced compassion, mercy and forgiveness. He lived it in the most challenging of circumstances. There were many who thought him to be crazy, but it made a difference.

Jesus is asking us to make a difference. To do our best to speak and act with respect and mercy. To be people whose compassion dictates their way of life. It means having good and generous hearts and trying not to judge others. All we can do is to try our best. After all, we are laying the foundations in this life, of the world that is to come.

#### **Faith Filled Lenten Journey**

YOUCAT/YOUCAT Companion 6 Wednesday Evenings:-Start Ash Wednesday Time:- 7.30pm-8.45pm Venue:- SMA Community Centre, Wilton.



All welcome, including parish faith formation personnel; teachers; parents; young adults. Contact:- Máirin Ní Shúilleabháin 087/7950325

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### Lourdes 2019 Helpers

The Diocese of Cork & Ross invites voung adults 18-25 to join the pilgrimage to Lourdes as helpers from **June** 10th to 15th. As helpers you will assist with the sick and be involved in the full pilgrimage programme - time for prayer, sharing in the history of Lourdes and making new friends. Places limited. Further details contact Fr. Charlie Kiely 4537474. All welcome.

**History Society** 

Ballygarvan & District Local History Society will host *Fr. John Newman* pp who will give a talk on the 'Holv Land' on Thursday February 28th in the Pre Fab Old School Ballygarvan at 8.00pm. All welcome. Fundraising Table Quiz in Bridgies on March 22nd. Details next week.

**Chronic Lymphocytic Leukaemia** (CCL) Information & Support Event for patients with CLL and their families. Venue:- Clayton Silver Springs Hotel Date:- Saturday March 2nd Time:- 1.30pm-4.30pm. Details 086/411519 or register at www.clli.ie All welcome.

#### **World Down Syndrome Day**

In Aid of Down Syndrome Centre Cork Bingo at the Rock will host their annual 'Coffee Morning' on

March 21st from 10.00am BUNGO Night \* until 12noon followed by Bingo & Fun.

All welcome. Support appreciated.

#### **Holy Hour to Pray for Vocations**

Presentation Convent, Pearse Rd, Ballyphehane on Wednesday February 27th from 3.00pm-4.00pm. Followed by tea/coffee. All welcome.

#### **Remember in Prayer**

We ask the parishioners this week end to pray for guidance and direction for the volunteers of the new Ballinhassig Parish Assembly who will meet this afternoon and who have been entrusted with the task of leading the parish faith



community for the next three years and involving us all in carrying out the message of Jesus in our daily lives.

### **New Parish Assembly**

Formation afternoon of the New Ballinhassig Parish Assembly will be held in Venue: Ballygarvan National School Date:-Sunday February 24th Time:-2.00pm-5.00pm. From 2.00pm-2.25pm meet & greet, cuppa. Session commences at 2.30pm sharp until 5.00pm.

Facilitator Noreen Lynch.

#### **Ash Wednesday March 6th** Details next week

#### **Cork Simon's Coffee Morning**

Cork Simon need your help. Organise a 'Coffee Morning or Afternoon Tea' during March in your workplace, school or home and help fight homelessness in Cork. Contact Margaret to receive your pack at 4929415. All welcome.

#### **Carer** Available

Lady available to care for people in their own home, 12 years experience working with elderly. Fetac Level 5. Reliable, honest etc. References available. Contact 087/6725132 for details.

Thought For The Week The early bird gets the worm, But the second mouse gets the cheese.

# Womens World Day of **Prayer March 1st**

On Friday March 1st Christian women across the world will come together to lead the com-Women's World Day of Prayer munity in prayer. This is an international ecumenical Christian lavwomen's initiative and is celebrated annually in over 170 countries on the first Friday of March. The theme for 2019 "come, everything is ready" and is prepared by the *women of Slovenia*.

Details www.worlddayof prayer.net

## **World Book Day**

March 7th is World Book Day 2019. It is celebrated annually in more than 100 countries on Book the first Thursday of March. Encourage reading, particularly children by giving them a present of a book.

#### **Goggins Hill Parents Association**

All invited to a 'Talk' in Goggins Hill N.S. on Thursday February 28th on fostering childhood resilience and self confidence. Talk will be given by Brigid & Simon Meehan, winner of BT Young Scientist Exhibition Award & Cork Person of the Year Award 2018. Free entry. All welcome.

Seachtain na Gaeilge March 1st-17th celebrate the Irish language with the Cúpla focal.

#### Social & Active Retirement Club

Ballinhassig Parish Social & Active Re*tirement Club* will hold their *AGM* on Monday *February 25th* at 1.45pm in the Marian Hall, Ballinhassig. All welcome.

### **Family Fun Bingo**

**Ballinhassig** Camogie

*Club* will hold a Family Fun Bingo night in the Marian Hall on Saturday



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March 2nd at 8.00pm. Proceeds to:-Ballinhassig Ladies Football Club. Great night assured. Spots appreciated. All welcome.

# **Fun Bingo**

Fun Bingo in Ballygarvan Community *Centre* (Old National School)

Wednesday nights at 8.00pm.

Support appreciated, meet friends, chat & cuppa, and help raise funds to defray the running costs of the community centre. All welcome.

### **Carry on Regardless 2019**

Ballinhassig GAA All Stars Presents Carry on Regardless \*\* Music & Comedy

Show\*\* in the Marian Hall, Ballinhassig from Thursday March 14th - Sunday 17th. Show commences at 8.00pm. Admission:- adults 12.50euro; children 5euro.



Tickets on sale in the Marian Hall on:-Sunday February 24th: - 2.00pm - 4.00pm Sunday March 3rd:-2.00pm - 4.00pm Early booking advised. Tickets will not be reserved and are non refundable. Further details 087/2688174.

## **BCDA Social Dancing**

Fundraising Social Dancing in the Marian Hall, Ballinhassig. Friday March 1st at 9.45pm. Music by Pat Costello Teas served, great night assured. All welcome.

