

## Anniversaries

Maureen Campbell, Rigsdale.  
Dan Pat Cronin, Corran.  
Tom Ahern, Ballinaboy.  
Nora Harrington, Wilton.  
Mary Spillane, Ballinabearna.  
Jim & Eileen Moynihan & Michael  
Moynihan, Ballea Road.  
Michael & Sheila Foley,  
Ballygarvan Lower.



## We Remember

Joan Barry, Goleen;  
Timothy J. Buckley, Grenagh who  
died during the week.

*We pray for their families,  
neighbours and friends.*



## Sympathy

We offer our sympathy to **Cathy  
Keohane**, Ballea on the death of  
her mother **Joan Barry**, Goleen.  
*Sympathy also to all other rela-  
tives, neighbours and friends of  
the above.*



**Stations of the Cross** for Lent in  
Ballygarvan Church on  
Thursday April 4th at  
7.30pm. All welcome.



## BCDA Social Dancing

Fundraising Social Dancing in the  
**Marian Hall, Ballinhassig.**  
Friday April 5th at 9.45pm.  
Music by Jerry McCarthy & Autumn  
Gold. All welcome.

## MASS TIMES Next Week

**Monday 1st:-**  
**Ballygarvan 9.30am**

**Tuesday 2nd:-**  
**Goggins Hill 9.30am**

**Thursday 4th:-**  
**Ballyheada 10.00am**

**Friday 5th:- (First Friday)**

**Ballygarvan 9.30am**  
**Ballyheada 8.00pm**  
**Adoration Ballyheada 7pm-8pm**

Friday is the **First Friday of April.**  
Fr. Christy will make the usual monthly  
visits to the housebound on **Friday 5th.**

**Saturday 6th:- Vigil Mass**  
**Ballyheada 7.00pm**

**Sunday 7th:-**  
**Ballygarvan 10.00am**  
**Goggins Hill 11.30am**

## Station

### Corran:-

Saturday April 6th at 11.30am in  
the home of **Gerard & Anna  
Maria Reynolds.**



### Summer Time Begins

Put your clocks forward one hour on  
this **Saturday night March 30th.**

# Ballinhassig Parish



## Newsletter

*for Ballygarvan, Ballyheada and Goggins Hill*

**Vol. 27 No. 27 Sunday March 31st 2019 (Fourth Sunday of Lent)**

*Fr. Christy writes...*

## A TRULY BLESSED CELEBRATION

Children really rise to the occasion. Our two recent Confirmation celebra-  
tions in Ballygarvan with Bishop Patrick Harrington SMA, on Friday week  
last and in Goggins Hill on last Tuesday with Bishop Buckley were truly  
joyful to behold. In all 95 children received the Sacrament of Confirmation.  
The liturgies were joyful and uplifting. Our special thanks to the sacristans  
Eamonn Long, Liam O'Donovan and Marie Condon and those who pre-  
pared both churches. The boys and girls gave their all, in the prayerful  
way they sang and led the prayers. For them, it was the culmination of a  
serious journey of preparation. They were a credit to themselves, their  
parents and families and to their schools.

I have always been a strong advocate throughout my entire priesthood of  
our parish schools. We are truly blest with our schools and teachers in this  
parish. Under the leadership of Máiréad Coakley in Ballygarvan and her  
team of Kieran O'Shea and Cian O'Neill the class teachers, Lucy Hamilton  
who directed the music and Clare Keohane who directed the choir with 5<sup>th</sup>  
class teacher Nan Wyndham; in Goggins Hill under the leadership of Ed-  
ward McCarthy and his team of Yvonne Lynch and Fergal Brennan the  
class teachers, Barbara Deasy who directed the choir and music with the  
support of organist Antoinette Baker, not forgetting the wonderful team of  
special needs assistants: we should never take their time and energy for  
granted and are really indebted to them for what is an enormous amount  
of work.

I hope and pray that we will continue to enjoy the outpouring of the Spirit  
on the children. May they find strength and energy in that Spirit always and  
may they always know the blessings of God's grace.

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## Mothers Day Prayer

**Sunday March 31st, 2019**

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

Wishing all Mothers; Grandmothers; Great Grandmothers; Godmothers;  
Stepmothers; Foster mothers etc. of the parish, and Mothers every-  
where a very Happy Mother's Day this Sunday.

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

*Happy  
Mothers  
Day*

### Calling All Singers!

**B**allinhassig Parish Choir will participate in the **Church Choir Interchange** over the week-end of

**April 27th/28th as part of the Cork Choral Festival.** New members are

very welcome to come and join us over the coming weeks. **Practices on:- Wednesday April 10th & 24th at 8.15pm sharp in Ballygarvan Church.**

Further details **085/1695982.**



### Sunflower Day Volunteers

Volunteers needed to collect for a minimum of two hours on one or both days for **Sunflower Days on June 7th & 8th** in Cork City and surrounds. If you can spare a few hours please contact **087/6524716** or *Parish Office*



**Annual Organ Donor Awareness Week** organised by the **Irish Kidney Association** is from **March 30th to April 6th.** There are 550 people in Ireland awaiting life saving heart, lung, liver and kidney transplants. *Carry an organ donor card or download the App.*



## Ninth Ballinhassig Parish Assembly 2019-2022

The **Parish Assembly** is made up of clergy and laity who work together and co-ordinate the pastoral strategy of the parish to help build a vibrant community that reflects the gospel values of love, justice and peace.

Members meet monthly over a three year term.

The members give generously of their time, in supporting the parishioners to become an active, vibrant, Christian and caring community.



*You can do what I can't do  
I can do what you can't do  
Together we can do something  
beautiful for God.*

*(Mother Teresa).*

### The Mission Statement of Ballinhassig Parish Assembly is as follows:-

'As members of the faith community, we are deeply aware of God's presence.

We are committed to reaching out in an open, vibrant, friendly and loving way.

We encourage the involvement of all in a community of neighbours and we promote and nurture a spirit of co-operation.'



We as an Assembly group cannot organise and do all that is to be done in the parish so at various stages we will invite your help and co-operation to enable us, both to continue the various Liturgies and other projects initiated by all the previous Assemblies while implementing some new initiatives both *Liturgy and Community based.*

### Members of the ninth Parish Assembly:-

Fr. Christy Fitzgerald PP,  
Rev John Guirey, Mary Keigher,  
Mary O'Donovan, Marie Corcoran,  
Niall Sexton, Oonagh O'Sullivan,  
Betty Keogh, Audrey O'Leary,  
Aoife O'Hea, *secretary*,  
Mary O'Halloran, *chairperson*.  
*Commissioning Ceremony on Saturday  
March 30th at 7.00pm Mass in Ballyheada.*

## Social & Active Retirement Club

**Ballinhassig Parish Social & Active Retirement Club**

**Upcoming Events:- April & May**

**Monthly Social April 11th from 2.30pm - 4.30pm.**

These social afternoons are **open to all, particularly over 50's.** Afternoon includes chat, cuppa, refreshments and special guest this month **Rev. John Guirey** our newly appointed **Deacon** will give a talk on the **Diaconate** with an opportunity for questions.



### Annual Outing:-

**Wednesday May 1st** (departure time later)

**Itinerary:- Breakfast in the Charleville Park Hotel** then on to

**Bunratty Castle & Folk Park** and back to **Blarney for Evening Meal**

followed by chat, music and dance. Cost 50Euro (including tickets to Folk Park, Bunratty) *Early booking essential as places will be filled on a first come first served basis with a waiting list.*



Booking and details from:- **Mairead Deasy 087/1376023;**

**Joan McCann 087/9685484;**

**Irene Forde 086/8611275;**

**Mary O'Halloran 4885062 or 086/3183645 or any committee member.**

All welcome.