

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



the home of Gerard & Anna Maria Reynolds.

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

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. 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 celebrations in Ballygarvan with Bishop Patrick Harrington SMA, on Friday week last and in Goggin's 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 prepared 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 5th class teacher Nan Wyndham; in Goggin's Hill under the leadership of Edward 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.

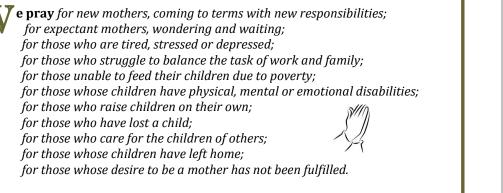
I hope and pray that we will continue to enjoy the outpouring of the Spirit on the children. May they find strength and energy in that Spirit always and may they always know the blessings of God's grace.

Mothers Day Prayer Sunday March 31st, 2019

Mother 2 Day

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.

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



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.

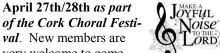
Wishing all Mothers; Grandmothers; Great Grandmothers; Godmothers; Stepmothers; Foster mothers etc. of the parish, and Mothers everywhere a very Happy Mother's Day this Sunday.



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.

Calling All Singers!

B allinhassig Parish Choir will participate in the Church Choir Interchange over the week-end of April 27th/28th as part



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

087/6524716 or Parish Office

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

Annual Organ Donor Awareness Week organised by the *Irish Kidney Association* is from March 30th to April 6th.

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 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*.

Social & Active Retirement Club

Ballinhassig Parish Social & Active Retirement Club <u>Upcoming Events:-</u> 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 <u>May 1st (departure time later)</u> *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.





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 members give generously of their

time, in supporting the parishioners to

caring community.

become an active, vibrant, Christian and

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.





