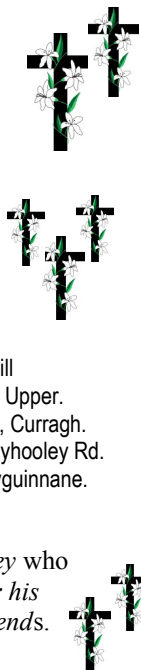


Anniversaries

Catherine Foley, Ballynaloughy.
Pat & Mary Casey, Ballygarvan.
Mary O'Reilly, Clougheenduan.
Evelyn Twohig, Ballyhooleen.
Jerry Forde, Ballyhooleen.
Barry O'Brien, Raheen.
Ray O'Brien, Lios Cross.
Joan Cussen, Old Abbey.
Síle Aherne, Barrett's Hill.
Margaret O'Brien, Curragh.
Mary Hurley, Ballyguinnane.
Bertie Keigher, Coolatooder.
Mary O'Mahony, Ballinphellic.
Frank & Lizzy Moynihan, Finnis.
Tadhg Barry Murphy, Goggins Hill
Eileen O'Callaghan, Ballygarvan Upper.
John, Patrick & Michael O' Brien, Curragh.
Declan Coleman, Halfway & Ballyhooley Rd.
Michael & Kathleen Bouse, Ballyguinnane.



We Remember

Finbarr Creed, Ballyhooley who died recently. *We pray for his family, neighbours and friends.*

Sympathy

We offer our sympathy to *Aileen Linehan, Goggins Hill* on the death of her father *Finbarr Creed, Ballyhooley.*

Peters Pence

Second collection this week - end is the annual collection for *Peters Pence.*

Newsletter on Holidays

This is the *final newsletter until September.* Other queries contact PAN Centre **4885062.** Enjoy the summer!!!

MASS TIMES

Next Week

Monday 24th:-
Ballygarvan 7.00pm

Tuesday 25th:-
Goggins Hill 9.30am

Thursday 27th:-
Ballyheada 10.00am

Week Day Masses cancelled in all churches from **July 1st until September 2nd.**
(First Friday Masses will be celebrated in Ballygarvan at 9.30am & Ballyheada at 8.00pm.)

Mass Rock FARLISTOWN
Ballinhassig Parish Assembly will organise celebration of Mass at the **Mass Rock, Farlistown** on **Monday August 12th at 7.30pm.** *This will be possible*

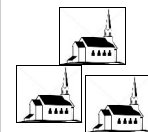


with the help & co-operation of the land owner, farmer who has present use of the land & other parishioners for their work in the background. This will be a special occasion to celebrate Mass at a place where Mass was celebrated over 300 years ago when Mass was outlawed during Penal times.

Ballinhassig Parish

Newsletter

for Ballygarvan, Ballyheada and Goggins Hill



Vol. 27 No. 38 Sunday: June 23rd 2019 (The Most Holy Body And Blood Of Christ)

Finance Committee writes.....

Annual Parish Accounts

This week-end in the final newsletter until September we see the publication of the **2018 Parish Accounts.** Our accountants have prepared accounts for submission to the diocese and were passed at a meeting of the *Parish Finance Committee* last Tuesday. The **2018 Financial Accounts for the Parish show a substantial loss for the year.** Despite tight control on expenditure with minor expenses on church maintenance/repairs only the most essential works are now being carried out. It is clearly evident that income from weekly contributions have dropped by another **2260Euro** in 2018.

The decline in church income from weekly contribution is not just confined to our parish, this is now the case with many parishes throughout the diocese and the country for that matter. However of immediate concern to us here in this parish is our own financial position. If the present trend continues then it is only a matter of time before we are confronted with the situation of not being able to make ends meet.

Falling numbers attending our churches for week-end Masses is of course a factor and we have to accept that fact. However, on a very positive note there is no decline in the number of our parishioners attending our churches for many other services and events throughout the year, in particular our First Holy Communion, Confirmations, Weddings, Christmas and Easter and indeed there are other occasions where for one reason or another we assemble in great numbers in each of our three churches.

Our three church buildings are very important to all of us here in the parish of Ballinhassig and especially to the parishioners of Goggins Hill, Ballygarvan and Ballyheada church areas. It is important that the churches should be maintained to the standards that have existed for the past 200 years and when we attend there we find that they are well kept and up to present day standards.

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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

We are extremely grateful to our parishioners who are making their regular contributions. We thank all of you and again we would very much appreciate that those of you *contributing in excess of 250Euro annually would sign up to avail of the Tax Back Scheme* (if you haven't already done so) This is now a major source of income and in **2019 should be in excess of 12,000Euro, but** this will barely help us meet our monthly repayments on the **Loan** which now stands at **236,000Euro**.



We also accept that some of our parishioners attend week-end Masses at other churches and contribute there. To those that attend both in our parish churches and outside we ask you to be more generous at home than away.

As a *Finance Committee* it is unreasonable to expect those that are contributing generously either annually, by direct debit or by the weekly contributions to be solely responsible for Parish Income. An increasing number of our parishioners now attend our churches more as special occasions or otherwise on a less frequent basis therefore do not have the opportunity to contribute to the financial support of our parish on an on going basis. It is important to keep in mind that the parish in general provides an excellent service to all our parishioners including the service provided by the Parish Centre and our Secretary.

We are now appealing to all those who may not have had the opportunity to making a financial contribution in the past to now seriously consider doing so. Every contribution is now of extreme importance to us and a little donation with the price of a weekly cup of coffee will help enormously in ensuring that we will be in a position to finance the day to day running of the parish at least for the foreseeable future. Any suitable arrangement to facilitate contributing can be made with the Parish Secretary. **On a final note incurring any further borrowings is not an option.**

Thank You

Ballinhassig Parish Finance & Buildings Committee sincerely thank all those who contribute so generously to the *Offertory Collection*; those who contribute to the weekly collection in church, pay by Standing Order/ Direct Debit, Cheques, Drafts, Postal Orders and those who call directly or post payments to the *Parish Office/Pan Centre*.



We also thank all others for *Donations/Bequests*; and those who Participate in the *Tax Reclaim Scheme*. You can still **participate** in the **Tax scheme for 2019** by contacting Mary at the Parish Office **4885062** where all details **will be treated confidentially**. Your continued generosity and contributions are much appreciated.



Ballinhassig Parish Finance & Buildings Committee:-
Patsy Galvin (Chairman); John McCann (Secretary); Eileen Donohoe (Treasurer); Fr. Christy Fitzgerald (Parish Priest); Denis Keohane & Mary O'Halloran.

Ballinhassig Parish Financial Statement for 2018



Receipts:

Offertory Collection	73990
Donations/Bequests	13340
Shrines Boxes	3248
Books/Magazines	581
Tax Refund	7082
Graves	-
Other - Insurance	1265
Special Collections	1317
Total Receipts:	100,823

Payments:

Insurance	10805
Light/Heat	10686
Rent/Rates/Service Charges	162
Wages/Sacristans/Stipends	26197
Phone/Post/Stationery	7999
Church Requisites	2895
Books/Magazines	3230
Church Reps/Maint./	8900
Cleaning	400
Property Tax	405
Purchase of Equipment	213
Fees	3932
Bank Interest/Charges	884
Diocesan Contribution	7625
Benevolent Fund	-
Formation of Personnel	2010
Special Events	1452
Missalettes/Donation	1782
Confirmation	1622
Other Reimbursement	3011
Loan Repayment	21941
Total Payments	116,151

Deficit for the year 2018 **15,328**

Year End Balances:-

Current Account	10,519
Term Deposit Account	0
Loan Account	236,615

Graveyard Maintenance

Sincere thanks to those who maintain the church grounds/graveyards at present and those who have done so for many years. New members welcome to help with grass cutting, cleaning etc. in any of the churches or graveyards please contact the *PAN Centre/Parish Office* at **4885062**

Pride Of Place Competition - Ballinhassig Village

Ballinhassig Village has been *nominated by Cork County Council to represent it in the 32 County Pride Of Place Competition this year*. Judges



from up the country will be judging us in the **Marian Hall, Ballinhassig on Thursday June 27th at 2pm**. All the clubs and groups in the parish will have a stand showing off what a great community we live in. They will also *visit some historical sites in the village* and will be entertained with *Irish music, Irish dancing, sketches and singing*, finishing up with some light refreshments. It is a great honour for us as a parish and a very unique day for everyone. Everybody welcome to come along. Hope to see you on the day!!!!

Autumn Stations

If you would like to host the **Autumn 2019 Station** in your area please contact the P.A.N. Centre/Parish Office at **4885062** to arrange a date for same.



Bridge Classes

Ballinhassig Bridge Club classes commencing September. Limited places, details & booking **087/2575689**.

Thank You Ice Cream

Ballinhassig Parish Assembly would like to sincerely thank all those who contributed so generously to '*Ice Cream Sunday*' in aid of *Down Syndrome Ireland*. A total of **1510.00Euro** was raised and lodged to *Down Syndrome Ireland*. Your continued support is much appreciated. Thanks to all who helped in any way to make this a successful and fun event while contributing to a worthy cause.

