

Anniversaries

Margaret Hickey, Ballyhooleen.
John & Larry Tobin, Raheen.
Bridget Lane, Gortnaclogh.
Phil Quinlan, Kilbrittain.
Bill, Ellen & John O'Shea.
Margaret & John Dineen, Ballydehob.
Maisie O'Sullivan, Ballyhooleen.
John & Margaret O'Mahony,
Meadstown.



We Remember

We remember the following who died recently.

Fr. Eddie Collins, Clonakilty;
Fr. Michael Lomasney, Castlelyons;
Fr. Peter Queally, Dublin,
Tipperary & Courtmacsherry;



Margaret (Rita) O'Sullivan,
(née Flynn) Firies, Kerry;
Margaret Goggin (née Lynch),
Little Island.



We pray for their families,
neighbours and friends.

2020 Lourdes

Bishop Fintan Gavin has announced the **June 2020 Pilgrimage** from the Diocese will be from **Friday June 12th to Wednesday June 17th**. **Bishop Fintan** will lead the pilgrimage. *It's a place where miracles and friendships happen.*

Masses Next Week

Monday:- January 20th
Ballygarvan:- 9.30am

Tuesday:- January 21st
Goggins Hill:- 9.30am

Thursday:- January 23rd
Ballyheada:- 10.00am

Saturday 25th:- Vigil
Ballyheada 7.00pm

Sunday 26th:-
Ballygarvan 10.00am
Goggins Hill 11.30am

Stations – Spring 2020

If you would like to host a **Station** in your home for **Spring 2020** please contact Mary at the **P.A.N Centre (Parish Office)** at **4885062** to arrange same.

Oberammergau Passion Play

Including Category 1 Tickets.

May 22nd-29th. Direct

Flight from Cork to
Zurich return.



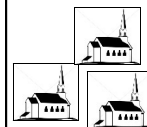
Spiritual Director:-

Fr. Criostoir Mac Donald, Church of the Real Presence Curraheen Rd. Fully Escorted Tour. Details Premier Travel, 2 Grand Parade, Daunt's Square, Cork. Tel. 021-4277700 or email: norardy@premiertravel.ie.

Ballinhassig Parish

Newsletter

for Ballygarvan, Ballyheada and Goggins Hill



Vol. 28 No. 17 Sunday January 19th, 2020 (Second Sunday In Ordinary Time)

Jane Mellett writing in Intercom

THE LAMB OF GOD

In Today's Gospel, John the Baptist is inviting us to look at Jesus. He calls Jesus *'the lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world'*. We say these words often at Mass and today we are invited to meditate on them more closely. What does it mean? In Jesus' time, two lambs were sacrificed in the Temple each day. It was a ritual that invoked purity. Jesus will preach a love that is radical for many, in a world that was, and still is, broken. John refers to Jesus as *lamb* as he knows that if one loves in such a way, they will suffer at the hands of unjust systems and institutions.

When we look at the 'sins' of the world today – broken relationships, crisis, can we also see those who, like Jesus, 'take away' the sins of the world? Christ's love was not passive, he entirely challenged systems that were oppressive and which prevented people from living life to the full. Whether it be the climate crisis or the homelessness crisis or any number of issues we face, *'look'* where Jesus walks and is actively working to ease this suffering. When we hear these words at Mass, let us be reminded of all those who sacrifice much to ease the suffering of others. This is Christ, the 'lamb of God' active in our world today.

'The descent into the waters of our spirit, is a journey into the presence of divinity ... all human beings are children of God but not all live in the awareness that there is 'that of God' within them.'

W. L. Wallace

2020 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) email: ballinhassigparish@gmail.com www.ballinhassigparish.com Parish Priest:- Fr. Christy Fitzgerald Telephone: 4885104 or 087/9439666

Christian Unity Week

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is from *January 18th to 25th*. During this week we should all make a special effort to pray for Unity of all Christians in our troubled world.

Prayer:- *We thank you for this week of Prayer that has brought us together as Christians and that has enabled us to experience your presence in different ways.*



Grant us ways to praise your holy name together, so that we continue to seek reconciliation and grow towards unity. Amen.

The Theme this year is **Unusual Kindness** and the material comes from the Christian churches of **Malta and Gozo**.

Weekly Offertory Collection

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

October	5th/6th	1795Euro
October	12th/13th	1185Euro
October	19th/20th	1585Euro
October	26th/27th	1346Euro

November	2nd/3rd	1757Euro
November	9th/10th	2270Euro
November	16th/17th	1495Euro
November	23rd/24th	1309Euro

December	30th/1st	1345Euro
December	7th/8th	1290Euro
December	14th/15th	1692Euro
December	21st/22nd	1605Euro
December	28th/29th	1228Euro

You are invited to add **your name, box no and contact** on the Sheets provided in the church porch for the **Offertory Envelopes 2020**. This will facilitate us with the **Tax Back Scheme** of which you can still participate by contacting the **PAN Centre (Parish Office) 4885062**.

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

Walk in the footsteps of Jesus from Galilee to Jerusalem.

This trip of a lifetime (fully guided) is from **June 8th to 18th, 2020**

Spiritual Director:-

Fr. John Newman (Bible Scholar),
Group Leader:- Micheál de Barra.
In association with Premier Travel.

Details please contact **Micheál 086.8337681** or email **cultural-toursireland@gmail.com**.

Please note that **places are strictly limited** and will be allocated on a **first come first served basis only**. All welcome.

Youghtclub Thanks

Ballygarvan Foroige Youthclub would like to sincerely thank **Cllr. Ben Dalton** and everyone who attended the switching on of the **Christmas Tree Lights in Ballygarvan Village**. A special thanks to **Ballygarvan Agricultural Show** for their sponsorship of the lights and help with the event. All monies raised went to **Cork Simon Community**.



Choir

River Rhythms Community Choir have recommenced. They rehearse on Tuesdays from 7.30pm sharp to 9.30pm in **Barrett's Bar, Killeady**. New members welcome.



Next Sundays Readings

Is. 8:23-9:3.

Ps. 26:1,4,13-14, R/v1.

1Cor 1:10-13,17. Mt. 4:12-23

Jive Classes

Jive classes commencing in the Marian Hall on Monday **February 3rd** from **8.00pm-9.30pm**. Beginners four week course. Cost 40Euro payable on night one. Details **087/3995877**.

Each Day You Live

Each day you live be grateful you are alive another day....

Take time to gather flowers in abundance to give away.

Give the flowers to the living we were taught long ago...

Speak while they can here you, if you love them tell them so.

Seek no one to slander or to ridicule their name...

We all belong to Jesus and He loves each one the same.

Do what you can for others, hear their distressful cry...

God sees how we treat others, He knows when we pass them by.

Never leave kind words unspoken, greet each one with a smile...

Each day will grow brighter each day more worthwhile.

(Ranza Devereaux)



Penny Dinners Fundraiser

Wellness & Craft Fair in aid of **Cork Penny Dinners at the Metropole Hotel**, McCurtain Street, Cork on Sunday **January 26th from 12.00noon to 5.00pm**. Day includes massages, kinesiology, reflexology, hair styling, crystals, books, jams etc. Admission 5Euro, children free, music on the day. **All proceeds to Cork Penny Dinners.**
All welcome.



Social & Active Retired

Ballinhassig Parish Social & Active Retirement Club will hold their next monthly **Social** in the Marian Hall, Ballinhassig on Thursday **February 13th**.

Ballygarvan Walk

Ballygarvan GAA Club **Health Walk** in conjunction with Operation Transformation on **Sunday January 19th. All welcome.**

Sign in from 11.20am and Walk will commence at **11.30am from the Club Rooms.**

All welcome.

Ballinhassig Walk

Operation Transformation walk on **Sundays at 10.00am** from Marian Hall Car Park, Ballinhassig. **All welcome.**

Irish Conversation Group

An Ciorcal Comhrá recommencing on Monday **January 13th** in the **GAA Club, Ballinhassig from 7.00pm-8.00pm.**

Useful for Oral Exams.

No charge.

Information **086/2578698**.

Ballygarvan Open Meeting

Sunday February 9th in the **Community Centre following 10.00am Mass**. This is an open meeting and an opportunity for all to voice their opinions and ideas on improving Ballygarvan as a community. All ages welcome.

Refreshments served.



Thought For The Week

*If we take care of the moments
The years will take care of themselves.
Most of the shadows of life are caused
by us standing in our own sunshine.*