

Anniversaries

Mary Forrest, Ballygarvan Upper.
Patrick Hurley, Ballyguinnane.
Elizabeth O'Leary, Killarney.
Michael Jordan, Tulligmore.
Liam O'Halloran, Rigsdale.
Mary Murphy, Skehanagh.
Con Sweeney, Bawnleigh.
John Murphy, Kealkil.
Anna Deasy, Bawnleigh.
Dan Desmond, Rigsdale.
Timothy Crowley, Ballyduhig.
Bertie Martin, Carrigaline & Passage.



We Remember

Ann (Anna May) O'Sullivan,
Gortnaglough & Bantry;
Hermine Ball, England &
Goggins Hill who died recently.
We pray for their families,
neighbours and friends.



Sympathy

We offer our sympathy to the
Mary Desmond, Rigsdale on the
death of her brother **Fr. Michael**
Lomasney, Castlelyons;
Sheila Lynch, Goggins Hill on the
death of her uncle **Fr. Eddie Collins,**
Clonakilty;



Violet Grainger, Rigsdale on the
death of her mother **Margaret**
Goggin, Little Island;
Mary Hurley, Ballyguinnane on
the death of her mother **Margaret**
O'Sullivan, Firties, Kerry.



MASS TIMES Next Week

Monday 27th:-

Ballygarvan No Mass

Tuesday 28th:-

Goggins Hill No Mass

Thursday 30th:-

Ballyheada No mass

Saturday 1st:-

Ballyheada 7.00pm

Blessing of Candles: – Candlemas Day

Sunday 2nd:-

Ballygarvan 10.00am

Goggins Hill 11.30am

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Appointments

Bishop Fintan Gavin has appointed
Fr. Cian O'Sullivan, Ballincollig as
the new Director of *Vocations in the*
Diocese of Cork & Ross.

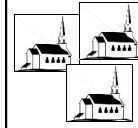
Fr. Kamil Bachara has been appointed
to Ballincollig and also *co-ordinator*
of services to the Polish Community
in the Diocese.

Remember And Pray

Please remember to pray for all our
parishioners and all others who
are unwell in any way at this
time. *You are in our thoughts*
and prayers.



Ballinhassig Parish



Newsletter

for Ballygarvan, Ballyheada and Goggins Hill

Vol. 28 No. 18 Sunday January 26th, 2020 (Third Sunday In Ordinary Time)

Fr. Christy writes....

Pope Francis writing on the Word of God

Regular reading of sacred Scripture and the celebration of the Eucharist make it possible for us to see ourselves as part of one another. As Christians, we are a single people, making our pilgrim way through history, sustained by the Lord, present in our midst, who speaks to us and nourishes us. A day devoted to the Bible should not be seen as a yearly event but rather a year-long event, for we urgently need to grow in our knowledge and love of the Scriptures and of the risen Lord, who continues to speak his word and to break bread in the community of believers. For this reason, we need to develop a closer relationship with sacred Scripture; otherwise, our hearts will remain cold and our eyes shut, struck as we are by so many forms of blindness.

Sacred Scripture and the sacraments are thus inseparable. When the sacraments are introduced and illumined by God's word, they become ever more clearly the goal of a process whereby Christ opens our minds and hearts to acknowledge his saving work. We should always keep in mind the teaching found in the Book of Revelation: the Lord is standing at the door and knocking. If anyone should hear his voice and open for him, he will come in and eat with them (cf. 3:20). Christ Jesus is knocking at our door in the words of sacred Scripture. If we hear his voice and open the doors of our minds and hearts, then he will enter our lives and remain ever with us.

The sweetness of God's word leads us to share it with all those whom we encounter in this life and to proclaim the sure hope that it contains (cf. *1 Pet* 3:15-16). Its bitterness, in turn, often comes from our realization of how difficult it is to live that word consistently, or our personal experience of seeing it rejected as meaningless for life. We should never take God's word for granted, but instead let ourselves be nourished by it, in order to acknowledge and live fully our relationship with him and with our brothers and sisters.

May the Sunday of the Word of God help his people to grow in religious and intimate familiarity with the sacred Scriptures. For as the sacred author taught of old: "This word is very near to you: it is in your mouth and in your heart for your observance" (*Dt* 30:14).

2020 Ballinhassig Parish Newsletter

Notices for inclusion should be received not later than 2.00pm on Wednesday
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HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

Walk in the footsteps of Jesus. This trip of a lifetime (fully guided) is from **August 18th - 26th, 2020** Ex Cork

Spiritual Director:- **Fr. Liam Crowley**. Highlights include:- Boat trip Sea of Galilee, visits to Nazareth, Cana, Dead Sea, Jerusalem, Bethlehem etc. Includes return flights ex Cork, entrance fees, 4* hotels, dinner, b & b. Details please contact *GTI Travel* **01/8085201** or *Jim Keogh* **021/4885371, 087/2678793**. Please note that places are strictly limited and will be allocated on a first come first served basis only. All welcome.

Pilgrimage to Lourdes

Cork & Ross Pilgrimage to Lourdes
June 12th - 17th, 2020.

Five nights Full Board. Pilgrimage will be lead by **Bishop Fintan Gavin D.D.** Pilgrimage Director:- **Canon James O'Donovan**. Further details and booking Joe Walsh Tours **021/4277959** at 117 Patrick St. Cork. Details of the Sick/ Assisted Section **Canon James O'Donovan** **021/4292296**. All welcome.

Blessing of Candles

Sunday February 2nd:

Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. This feast is a combined remembrance of the Son & the Mother and celebrated as **World Day for Consecrated Life**, in the Church calendar

It is candlemas day, Candles will be blessed at the 7.00pm Mass in Ballyheada on Saturday 1st and Ballygarvan:- 10.00am Mass & Goggins Hill 11.30am Mass on Sunday 2nd. If you cannot attend and would like to get your candles blessed, bring them labelled with your name & church name and leave in the box in any of the three churches during the week.



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

Pilgrimage to Fatima

Totus Tuus Pilgrimage to Fatima from **September 5th to 12th.**
Flights from Corks. Day trips to *Balasar, Valinhos/Aljustrel, Eucharistic Miracle of Santarem, and St. Anthony's birth place of Lisbon.*
Spiritual Director:- **Fr. Marius O'Reilly**
Enquiries Damien 087/2049048.
All welcome.

Medjugorje Pilgrimages

Medjugorje Irish Centre Pilgrimages
April to October 2020
Seven Night stay and Airport Shuttle from Dubrovnik. Further details 01/4434510 or email: **reservations @med-irishcentre.com**

EWTN Broadcast Mass

EWTN Broadcast Knock Mass from Rome
A special Knock Mass will be celebrated by Pope Francis, in St. Peter's Basilica, Rome this Sunday **January 26th at 9.00am** (Irish Time) Broadcast "live" on SKY 588 or Virgin Media 815 and "livestreamed" on the *EWTN Ireland Facebook page.*

Do This In Memory Mass

The next Mass for the children preparing for First Communion **February 15th/16th.**

Anam Cara

Anam Cara Cork, the organisation that supports bereaved parents next **Parent Evening** on:-
Wednesday February 5th
7.20pm in the
Clayton Hotel, Cork.
Free event and all welcome.



History Society

Ballygarvan & District Local History Society will host a lecture by **Michael Lenihan** on the 'Burning of Cork' on Thursday **January 30th at 8.00pm** in the *Community Centre, Ballygarvan.* All welcome.



Penny Dinners Fundraiser

Wellness & Craft Fair in aid of **Cork Penny Dinners** at the **Metropole Hotel, McCurtain Street, Cork** this 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.



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.**

Thought For The Week
Very Powerful Words...

I am....
I can....
I will....
.....what you put next
makes all the difference.



Ballygarvan Walk

Ballygarvan GAA Club **Health Walk** in conjunction with Operation Transformation on **Sunday January 26th.** 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.*

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.

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.**

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 a date for same.

Irish Conversation Group

An Ciorcal Comhrá Mondays in the **GAA Club, Ballinhassig** from **7.00pm-8.00pm.**
Useful for Oral Exams.
No charge.