

## Anniversaries

Michael Foley, Ballygarvan.  
Mary Grainger, The Square.  
John Hurley, Meadstown.  
Noelle Moynihan, Corran.  
John Cussen, Old Abbey.  
Frank Barry, Ballyduhig.  
John Walsh, Knocklucy.  
Nora Walsh, Ballygarvan.  
Kate Conway, Ballygarvan.  
Jeremiah Conway, Ballygarvan.  
Dominic Harrington, Shanagraigue.  
Mary Walsh, Blarney & Glasheen.  
Daniel & Catherine Deasy, Skehanagh.

## We Remember

*Margaret O'Mahony (née Murphy)*  
Goggins Hill;

*Mary (May) Lyons (née Fennell)*  
Minane Bridge;

*Peter Hyde, Blackrock & Cill na*  
Martra who died recently.

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



## Sympathy

We offer our sympathy to *Michael O'Mahony, Goggins Hill* on the death of his wife *Margaret;*

*Donie, Liam, Michael, Ann (Barry -Murphy) and John O'Mahony, Goggins Hill* on the death of their mother *Margaret.*

*Sympathy also to all other relatives,*  
*neighbours and friends.*

*In death life is changed not ended.*



## MASS TIMES Next Week

Monday 10th:-

*Ballygarvan No Mass*

Tuesday 11th:-

*Goggins Hill No Mass*

Thursday 13th:-

*Ballyheada 10.00am*

Saturday 15th:-

*Ballyheada 7.00pm*

Sunday 16th:-

*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 a date for same.

## Parish Assembly Meeting

Monday February 10th at 8.00pm  
in the Marian Hall, Ballinhassig.  
All members please attend.

## Ballygarvan Open Meeting

This Sunday February 9th in the  
Community Centre following  
**10.00am Mass.** All ideas & opinions welcome. Refreshments served. All welcome.

# Ballinhassig Parish

## Newsletter

*for Ballygarvan, Ballyheada and Goggins Hill*



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submits....

## Springtime in the Heart

There is real wisdom, Lord, in the adage  
'It is always Springtime in the heart that loves God.'  
Springtime is a season of optimism and hope  
And the Christian lives a faith centred on hope.  
Thank you, Lord for the hope that you bring  
The renewal that you bring both to this world  
And to our hearts and lives.



For the cycle of life  
Which brings death and rebirth  
**We rejoice in the promise of Spring.**

For the lengthening days  
And sunlight's warmth upon the soil  
**We rejoice in the promise of Spring.**



For a snowdrop's beauty  
Reflecting its creator's artistry  
**We rejoice in the promise of Spring.**

For new born lambs  
Their joy and exuberance  
**We rejoice in the promise of Spring.**



For all of creation  
And the majesty of its Creator  
**We rejoice in the promise of Spring.**

'It is always Springtime in the heart that loves God.'

2020 Ballinhassig Parish Newsletter

Notices for inclusion should be received not later than 2.00pm on Wednesday  
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## World Day of the Sick

On **February 11th in 1858**, Our Lady first appeared at Lourdes to 14 year old **Bernadette Soubirous**. Later Bernadette was to learn that the mysterious Lady was the Blessed Virgin and to hear from her lips, *'I am the Immaculate Conception.'*

In 1992 Pope John Paul 11 instituted the **World Day of the Sick** to be held each year on the commemoration of **Our Lady of Lourdes on February 11th**.

*A special Mass and Anointing of the Sick will be held in Ballinhassig Parish in May 2020*



In his message for World Day of the Sick, 2020 Pope Francis focuses **"Come to me, all you who labour and are burdened, and I will give you rest" (Mt 11:28)**

### We Pray & Remember

We pray for all who suffer,  
for all in the depths of depression,  
Those tortured by anxiety and guilt.  
Lord, in your love and mercy,  
Free them and raise them up.

Lord Jesus, who healed the sick,  
We pray for all who are not well.  
Be their help and strength  
And bless all who care for them. *Amen.*

### Prayer in Recovery

Lord, may I always remember to thank you.  
May I be a little better each day.  
Continue your healing power within me  
Bless all those who care for me.

Lord, you have known pain.  
I am hurting and a little scared.  
I have asked, but as yet I see no answer.  
Give strength and patience in my weakness  
as I join my suffering to yours. *Amen.*

## St. Gobnait

**St. Gobnait** is one of the best loved saints in West Cork but only traditions concerning her life survive. The main part of her life was spent in **Ballyvourney, Co. Cork** where there has always been a deep devotion to her, and is a place of pilgrimage on this day and on Pentecost.

Her gifts of caring for and curing the sick have been a significant part of her cult through the centuries.

**St. Gobnait's** memorial coincides with the **World Day for the Sick on February 11th**.



## Holy Hour for Vocations

**Daughters of Charity Convent, Harbour View Road, Knocknaheeny** invite you to pray with them for Vocation to religious life and priesthood on **Wed. February 19th from 2.30pm-3.30pm**. Tea/coffee served. All welcome.

## Eco Congregation Ireland

**Parish Assembly in Mahon** invite you to an introductory talk by **Rev. Elaine Murray, Church of Ireland, Carrigaline & Monkstown** on **Monday February 17th at 7.30pm** in the Meeting Room of **Holy Cross Church, Mahon** about her experience of being part of **Eco-Congregation Ireland** and to see how we in our homes and parishes care for the "earth-our common home"

## February 14th Feast Day of St. Valentine

**Patron Saint of :- Love, marriages, engagements, young people, greetings, travellers, etc**

**Saint Valentine** was a Catholic priest who had also worked as a doctor. He lived in Italy during the third century AD and served as a priest in Rome. Historians don't know much about **Valentine's** early life, they pick up his story after he began working as a priest. Valentine became famous for marrying couples who were in love but couldn't get legally married in Rome during the reign of Emperor Claudius II, who outlawed **weddings**. When Emperor Claudius discovered that Valentine was performing weddings, he sent Valentine to jail.



The most famous miracle attributed to **Saint Valentine** involved a note he sent to a young blind girl named Julia who Valentine had befriended.

Shortly before he was martyred for his faith in Jesus Christ, **Valentine** wrote Julia a farewell note. Believers say that God miraculously cured Julia of her blindness so that she could personally read Valentine's note, rather than just have someone else read it to her. Valentine signed Julia's note **"From your Valentine,"** and that loving note, combined with the memory of Valentine's support of engaged and married couples in his work as a priest, led to the tradition of sending loving messages on his feast day, **Valentine's Day**.

Throughout the years since Valentine died, people have prayed for him to intercede for them before God in heaven about their romantic lives.



## Ballinhassig Ladies Football Club

Annual church gate collection in **Ballyheada & Goggins Hill** on Saturday/Sunday **February 15th/16th**. Thanking you again for your continued support.



## Social & Active Group

**Ballinhassig Parish Social & Active Retirement Club:-**

### MONTHLY SOCIAL

Thursday **February 13th** from 2.30pm-4.30pm in the Marian Hall, Ballinhassig. Bingo, Chat & Cuppa. All welcome.



## Childminder Wanted

Wanted **childminder** from **Mid February** to mind 3 children aged 6, 4, and 20 months in **Ballygarvan**



**area**. Own transport necessary for school pick ups. Further details **086/8339433**.

## Ballygarvan Walk

Ballygarvan GAA Club **Health Walk** in conjunction with Operation Transformation on **Sunday February 9th** 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.

## Pilates Class Ballygarvan

**Ballygarvan Community Centre New Pilates Class** commencing on **Tuesday February 11th** from 6.30pm-7.30pm. Cost 60Euro for seven weeks. Places limited. Enquiries **087/7558970**.

## No Fly Cruise from Cobh & Back

Cruise Dates October 2020. Bus direct from Ballinhassig/ Ballygarvan area. Locations including Canary Islands, Iberia, Casablanca, etc. Details and booking Jim Keogh **021/4885371**.