

Anniversaries

Mary O'Callaghan, Ballyheada.
John Murphy, Old Abbey.
Jerry Murphy, Old Abbey.
Joe Ryan, Lissiniskey.
Liam Barrett, Killeady.
Julia Holland, Lisfehill.
Mary O'Keeffe, Rearour.
Phil Duggan, Coolatooder.
Haddie Ahern, Ballinphellic.
Christina Kiely, Ballyheada.
Harry Desmond, Ballyheada.
Patrick Doody, Ballygarvan.
Vera Madden, Goggins Hill.
Jimmy Butler, Barrett's Hill.
Nellie Buckley, Kinsale.
Julia Spillane, Ballynaloughy.
Mary O'Mahony, Ballygarvan.
Michael Cosgrave, Ballinphellic.
Catherine Cosgrave, Ballinphellic.
Fr. Liam Cosgrave, Ballinphellic.
Daniel O'Callaghan, Ballyhooleen.
Margaret O'Callaghan, Ballyhooleen.
John and Kathleen Keating, Kildare.
Pat Joe and Bernie Shiels, Rigsdale.
Thomas and Rose Murphy, Kildare.
Edward and Hannah, Shiels, Rigsdale.
Patrick, Catherine & Kate Herlihy,
Rylane.



Thought for the Week

Don't get tired of doing little things for others. Sometimes those little things occupy the biggest part of their hearts.



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

MASS TIMES Next Week
All Week End Masses in the Diocese of Cork & Ross are discontinued until further Notice.

Week days in Ballinhassig Parish as follows:-

Monday 16th:-
Ballygarvan 9.30am

NO VIGIL MASS IN
BALLYHEADA for March 17th



Tuesday 17th:-
Goggins Hill 9.30am

Wednesday 18th:-
Ballygarvan 7.30pm

Thursday 19th:-
Ballyheada 10.00am

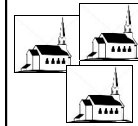
Confirmation Ballygarvan deferred

Friday 20th:-
Goggins Hill 9.30am

Saturday 21st:-
No Vigil Mass in Ballyheada

Sunday 22nd:-
No Sunday Mass in Ballygarvan & Goggins Hill

Ballinhassig Parish



Newsletter

for Ballygarvan, Ballyheada and Goggins Hill

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Hold them in your heart this Lent

Trócaire writes.....

Around the world, families are living under constant threat of conflict, drought and land grabs. In the face of those threats, many women hold their families together, battling enormous odds to provide for their children. Lent 2020 highlights the different ways in which women overcome the odds to keep their families safe from harm. This Lent, we are focusing on two families, one in Kenya and one in Honduras, to highlight how mothers work to protect their families and communities from the devastating impact of climate change and from the actions of corporations. Madris and Angela are two such women. We think of them and women like them all over the world this Lent.

Madris can no longer depend on growing enough food or generating enough income from her crops to survive. She has to rely on rearing chickens and goats, and engaging in casual labour such as collecting and selling firewood. Without a steady income, Madris struggles to feed her family and to pay the children's school fees.

In the face of these challenges, Madris draws on her inner strength and resilience. She is an Anglican Christian and her faith is incredibly important to her. When asked how she finds the strength to care for her family in such challenging circumstances, she doesn't hesitate to say, 'I draw my strength from God because I am Christian. I pray to God. God helps me to teach good values to my family.' Prayer is a very important practice for Madris and her family. They end each day by praying together. When times are difficult, Madris turns to prayer. 'I have a lot of faith in God, and even on the days that I can't pay school fees, I pray to God and he provides. We pray a lot for rainfall, at church and even at community meetings.'

Madris and her family are helped by your donations to Trócaire.

St. Patrick Patron of Ireland

It can be difficult to separate fact from fiction in the life of **St. Patrick**, not unusual when he was probably born more than 1,600 years ago. His life is a wonderful example of how God brings good out of evil. He tells us in his "confessions" how he was brought to Ireland to work as a slave at the age of sixteen, until that time he had little knowledge of God.



In his loneliness and isolation he discovered the Lord, praying as many as 1000 prayers by day and the same by night as he tended the sheep on Sliabh Migh.

Finally escaping, probably to France, he could not forget the needs of the pagans in Ireland. He was consecrated bishop at the age of forty three.

In a dream it seemed the people of Ireland were calling on him to return. Patrick took this as a call from God and lit a flame on the hill of **Tara** on **Holy Saturday** night which has never since been extinguished.

During this time he converted many, ordained priests, divided the country into dioceses, held church councils, founded several monasteries for both sisters and brothers, throughout the country. **Patrick** is the **Patron Saint** and credited with bringing Christianity to Ireland.



The "**Breastplate**" of **Saint Patrick** gives us a good example of his spirituality.

*Christ with me,
Christ before me,
Christ behind me,
Christ in me,
Christ beneath me,
Christ above me,
Christ on my right,
Christ on my left,
Christ when I lie down, Christ when I arise,
Christ in the heart of every person who thinks of me, Christ in the mouth who speaks of me, Christ in the eye that sees me, and Christ in the ear that hears me. Amen.*



Pope Francis Anniversary

Pope Francis celebrated the seventh Anniversary of his election as **Bishop of Rome and leader of the Catholic Church on March 13th.**

Born in Argentina and the first Jesuit pope. He became cardinal in 2001 and elected pope in 2013, taking Francis as his papal name.

Let us continue to remember pope Francis in our prayers.



Stations of the Cross continue during Lent in Ballygarvan Church on **Thursdays at 7.30pm.**

Join your parishioners, neighbours and friends.

All welcome.



Do This In Memory Mass

The **Do This In Memory Masses** due to take place this week end in our three churches have been **deferred.**



ALL WEEKEND MASSES IN THE DIOCESE OF CORK AND ROSS ARE DISCONTINUED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

(Issued by Bishop Fintan Gavin)

Masses will continue on weekdays in the Parish as follows:

Monday in Ballygarvan 9.30am
Tuesday in Goggin's Hill 9.30am
Wednesday in Ballygarvan 7.30pm
Thursday in Ballyheada 10am
Friday in Goggin's Hill 9.30 am

Confirmation Ballygarvan

Due to be held in Ballygarvan on March 19th has been **deferred.**

Baptisms

Baptisms will go ahead as planned.

Weddings

Weddings can go ahead as planned with number restrictions.



Daffodil Day 2020

Cancelled

Birthday

Congratulations to **Margaret Barrett**, Killeady who celebrated her 96th birthday recently.

Childminders Wanted

Wanted childminder 3 days a week (Mon, Tues & Wed) in the **Ballygarvan/Ballinhassig/ Five Mile Bridge area** for a 9 month old baby commencing in May. Details contact **086/3771422.**



Wanted childminder 2 days a week in the **Ballinhassig area** for an 11 month old baby commencing at the end of April. Details contact **087/6398281.**

Caring and Sharing

In light of recent developments with **Covid 19** and adhering to **Government & HSE guidelines** if you or anybody you know has to self isolate for a period of time remember you are not alone.



If you require a **telephone call, shopping, any other provisions or necessities** do not hesitate to call the **Parish Office at 021/4885062** and we will help or put you in touch with somebody in your area, particularly if you are new to the parish. *(you can also contact Parish Assembly members)*



We are all in this together and we can do things to help as individuals, as a parish and a society.

Working together we will rise to this challenge and show our sense of community spirit once again.



Computer Classes

Age Action Computer Classes for over 55's Learn how to use a computer, phone or tablet. Free one to one tuition for five weeks. Beginners and improvers in the Carmelite Friary, Kinsale on Thurs. from 10.30am-12.30pm from end of March. Tel. **086/0081484 or 087/1956026**, email: getting_startedcork@ageaction.ie

