

## Anniversaries

Catherine Deasy, Skehanagh.  
Betty Cashman, Douglas.  
Hannah Doody, Ballygarvan.  
Denis Madden, Ballinvoltig.  
Denis Patrick Murphy, Rigsdale.  
Margaret (Peg) Murphy, Knockpogue.



## We Remember

*Sean Dineen, Kerry.*  
*Bridie McCarron (née Aherne)*  
*Bantry & Ballygarvan* who died recently. *We pray for their families, neighbours and friends.*



## Sympathy

We offer our sympathy to *Margaret Reynolds, Ballinaloughy* on the death of her husband **John Reynolds, Ballinaloughy; Antoinette, Kieran, Linda and Loretta Reynolds, Ballinaloughy** on the death of their father **John Reynolds, Ballinaloughy; Nora, Pauline, Ann and Neilus Reynolds** on the death of their brother **John Reynolds, Ballinaloughy.**



*Jim Riordan, Rigsdale & Australia* on the death of his mother **Mary Riordan, Rigsdale.**

*Zoe Fleming, Corran* on the death of her brother **Sean Dineen, Kerry.**  
*Sympathy also to all other relatives, friends and neighbours of the above.*

## MASS TIMES

**Churches will remain closed for Public Mass** Diocesan directive in line with HSE & Government Guidelines.

The churches in this parish opened as follows on **May 18th:-**  
for PERSONAL PRAYER ONLY

**BALLYGARVAN 9.30am – 6pm**  
**BALLYHEADA 9.30 am – 8pm**  
**GOGGINS HILL 9.30 am – 6pm**

The Newsletter is available in the shops & churches.

## Watch Daily Mass

Mass on Facebook Live on the Ballinhassig Parish Facebook page at 11am from Fr. Christy's home Monday to Friday & Sunday at 11am from one of our three churches.

## Rosary for the Month of May

on Monday, Wednesday & Friday at 7.30pm live from Ballyheada Church.

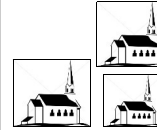


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# Ballinhassig Parish

## Newsletter

for Ballygarvan, Ballyheada and Goggins Hill



Vol. 28 No. 35 Sunday: May 24th, 2020 (The Ascension of The Lord)

Fr. Christy...

**WE WILL NOT BE LEFT ALONE**

Jesus has successfully completed his mission and has returned to the Father, his Father, our Father. But that doesn't mean that things won't or can't happen, or things are left in Limbo until, as the messengers said, 'Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

Jesus' words in the gospel 'Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations' are words not just for the apostles, his immediate followers, but are meant for us too, his followers today. We celebrate resurrection, not only on Easter, or these weeks right after Easter, but each time we come together for worship. We celebrate what the angel Gabriel said to Mary, "Nothing is impossible for God."

It's hard to cling to hope sometimes: when, things seem to be out of control, when human logic tempts us to give up and urges us, "Forget about it"; when we have to stick with a difficult task and we are not sure we can. We need what gave Jesus strength, hope and confidence in God. In a word... we need the Holy Spirit. Jesus made a promise to his disciples at the Last Supper that he would not leave us orphans, struggling on our own, but that he would send us the Spirit. It is a promise he kept.

Next week we will celebrate the coming of that Spirit. Pentecost isn't just one among many church feasts. It is the feast when we celebrate the glory of God: our God, who doesn't let us down; who doesn't abandon us in rough times and who, gives us new life and the means by which we continue to make disciples of all nations.

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

## What Do You See?

This poem was written in 1966 by Phyllis McCormack, then working as a nurse. The poem is written in the voice of an old woman in a nursing home who is reflecting upon her life.

*Crabbit is Scots for "bad-tempered" or "grumpy"*

*What do you see, nurses, what do you see?*

Are you thinking when you look at me-  
A crabbit old woman, not very wise,  
Uncertain of habit, with far away eyes,  
Who dribbles her food, and makes no reply  
When you say in a loud voice, 'I do wish you'd try!  
Who seems not to notice the things that you do,  
And forever is losing a stocking or shoe.  
Who, unresisting or not, lets you do as you will, with  
Bathing and feeding the long day to fill.

*Is that what you are thinking? Is that what you see?*

Then open your eyes, nurse, you're looking at me.  
I tell you I am as I sit here so still,  
As I use at your bidding, as I eat at your will,  
I'm a small child often with a father and mother,  
Brothers and sisters who love one another.  
A young girl of sixteen, with wings on her feet,  
Dreaming that now soon a lover I'll meet.  
A bride soon at twenty, my heart gives a leap,  
Remembering the vows that I promised to keep;  
At twenty five now I have young of my own,  
Who need me to build a secure, happy home;  
A woman of thirty, my own now grow fast,  
Bound to each other with ties that should last.  
At forty, my young sons have grown and gone,  
But my man's beside me to see I don't mourn.  
At fifty, once more babies play round my knee,  
Again we know children, my loved one and me.  
Dark days are upon me, my husband is dead,  
I look to the future, I shudder with dread,  
For my young are all rearing young of their own,  
And I think of the years and the love that I've known.

I'm now an old woman and nature is cruel-  
'It is jest to make old age look like a fool.  
The body it crumbles, grace and vigour depart,  
There now is a stone where once I had a heart.  
But inside this old body a young girl still dwells,  
And now and again my battered heart swells,  
I remember the joys, I remember the pain,  
And I'm loving and living life over again.  
I think of the years all too few gone too fast,  
And accept the stark fact that nothing can last.

*So open your eyes, open and see,*

*Not a crabbit old woman, look closer..... See me!!!*



## Irish Catholic Newspaper

The Irish Catholic newspaper is again available weekly in **Ballygarvan Church**.

Please collect your copy.

## Mass Cards

Available in the PAN Centre (Parish Office) (*sympathy cards, mass intentions etc.*) Contact Mary **021/4885062**.

## Mass Leaflets

Mass Leaflets for week end Masses are available in the three churches during opening times for Personal Prayer.

## Shave/Dye for Marymount

Parishioners have come together to show their appreciation for the frontline staff at **Marymount** University Hospice. Over forty people have shaved/ waxed/ dyed their hair. To donate:-

**Ballinhassig Community Shave or Dye** at <https://www.facebook.com/donate/179609703127679/>

## After School Available

Experienced lady available to mind children after School in the **Ballygarvan/ Ballinhassig area** Wednesday, Thursday & Friday. (diploma in autism studies & BS.Sc) Contact Geraldine **085/8350210**.

## 100th Birthday

Congratulations to **Mary O'Sullivan, Shanagraigue** and now resident in St.

Lukes Home who celebrated her **100th** birthday recently.

Hope you had a wonderful day despite current restrictions with Covid-19.

Congratulations also to:-

**Michael Finnerty, Tullimore** and **Emily McCarthy, Farlistown** who celebrated their 80th birthday's during lockdown.



## Laudato Si Anniversary

### Celebration

### 'Love Letter to the Earth'

### Sunday May 24th at 8.00pm

An Evening of music, poetry and song from Ireland and around the world. Featuring **Bill McKibben, Drew Dillinger, John Philip Newell, Deirdre Ni Chinneidé, Ceara Conway, Anne Rynne, Eleanor Hooker** etc.

To register your interest:-

*email: [jane.mellett@trocaire.org](mailto:jane.mellett@trocaire.org)*

## Trócaire

Every year **Trócaire** asks for your help during Lent to fund lifesaving programmes around the world. This year, of course, it was not possible to return **Trócaire** boxes through schools or parishes in the usual way. This is the worst possible timing coming just as the world's poorest people need us most.

Therefore, **Trócaire** are appealing to you to return your Lenten Donations.

*You can donate as follows:-*

On line at [www.trocaire.org](http://www.trocaire.org)

By Phone to **1850 408 408**

Post to **Trócaire, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.**

Return to **PAN Centre (Parish Office)** contact Mary **4885062**. All donations large or small make a significant difference.

*Covid-19 knows no borders.*

## Wanted Site or House

### Ballinhassig Area

A young professional family preferably looking for **land/site** for **residential use** or a house to **buy** in the **Ballinhassig area**. We are resident here for seven years and would like to settle permanently. Further details Cathal **086/8856143** or email:- [cathal.twomey@hotmail.com](mailto:cathal.twomey@hotmail.com)