Anniversaries

Daniel O'Mahony, Goggins Hill.
Ann O'Mahony, Goggins Hill.
Barry O'Brien, Raheen.
John Casey, Ballygarvan.
Sheila Ahern, Barrett's Hill.
Mary O'Mahony, Ballinphellic.
Eileen O'Callaghan, Ballygarvan.
Declan Coleman, Ballyhooley Rd. & Halfway.

We Remember

Tommy O'Donovan, Fountainstown.

We pray for his family,
neighbours and friends.

Sympathy

We offer our sympathy to *Peter MacDonald*, *Ballynaloughy* on the death of his sister **Terry Fitzgerald**, *Midleton*:

Noreen Hickey, Coolatooder on the death of her brother **Tommy O'Donovan,** *Fountainstown*.

Sympathy also to all other relatives, friends and neighbours of the above.

Rosary

Last Rosary on **Monday June 29th at 7.30pm** live from Ballyheada Churh.



MASS TIMES Next Week

Ballygarvan:-

Monday (29th) 10.00am Wednesday (1st) 7.30pm

Goggins Hill:-

Tuesday (30th) 10.00am Friday (3rd) 7.30pm

Ballyheada:-

Thursday (2nd) 10.00am

The churches in this parish will continue to be open daily as follows:
for PERSONAL PRAYER

BALLYGARVAN 9.30am - 6pm BALLYHEADA. 9.30 am - 8pm GOGGINS HILL 9.30 am - 6pm

Watch Daily Mass

Mass on Facebook Live on the Ballinhassig Parish Facebook page on Monday at 10.00am; Friday at 7.30pm & Sunday at 11.am

Reflection

Courage doesn't always roar. Sometimes courage is

The quiet voice

At the end of the day saying

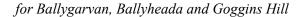
"I will try again tomorrow"

When everything seems like an uphill struggle, Just think of the view from the top.

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RETURNING TO MASSES IN OUR CHURCHES

It's almost four months since we last gathered together for Mass in our churches. Much has changed. Loved ones have been lost. Many people are still recovering from the Coronavirus. Familiar phrases are now part of our everyday lives, e.g. wash your hands, social distancing, keep one another safe. This is something we have to continue to do even in our churches for the foreseeable future.

It has been a difficult time and sacrifices have been made by everyone. Now, with our return to public Masses, on week-days only, for the first couple of weeks, we have to implement certain procedures to help us get used to how we have to do things in our churches, before we move to Sunday Masses.

We may not be able to sit in the seat we have always sat in, because of seats being closed off and having to maintain *two metre physical distancing*, this will be a challenge for many people, which we totally respect. Also because of adhering to the medical instructions, Holy Communion may only be received on the hand for the foreseeable future. Another difficult challenge for a number of people.

Because our churches will be limited in the numbers we can have and to help and support people to get used to the new normal for us, stewards will be there to help, advise and give directions. To maximise numbers in each church we will have to begin by seating the Pews marked with a green tick from the top of the church downwards. Because we cannot operate a one way system for Holy Communion in Ballygarvan, Holy Communion will be distributed to people in their seats with the priest and minister wearing a facemask, using the empty seat in front of you. In Ballyheada and Goggins Hill we will operate a one way system.

The Parish Covid Committee, Parish Assembly, Parish Secretary and Fr. Christy will do all we can to keep people safe by following the advice we have been given. We are all in this together and we also need to individually accept responsibility to ensure we all follow the advice to keep each other safe.

We will return to *Masses as follows* for the coming weeks *commencing June 29th* and then commence *Week-end Masses in mid July*.

Ballygarvan	Goggins Hill	Ballyheada
Monday 10.00am	Tuesday 10.00am	
Wednesday 7.30pm		
		Thursday 10.00am
	Friday 7.30pm	

People are encouraged, even when week-end Masses return, to avail of week days instead of Sunday to ensure we can maximise our numbers. **Sunday obligation is not restored.** To facilitate this, we have included two extra Masses to our regular week day schedule, on Wednesdays and Fridays at 7.30pm.

All Mass times will be reviewed on an ongoing basis.

Please arrive a little earlier to facilitate the implementation of all safety procedures.

Because we have to implement a one way system **ENTRY THROUGH MAIN DOOR ONLY** and seating in the *main aisle only* on week days in the 3 churches. **EXIT THROUGH SIDE DOORS ONLY** in the 3 churches.

When waiting to enter and exit we need to continue to be mindful of the *TWO METRE physical distancing*.

If wearing gloves coming into the church they must be removed and placed in the bin before sanitising your hands.

Holy Water Fonts will remain empty until the advice on this changes.

Handshake for The Sign of Peace is suspended.

No Entry to Sacristy before Mass, stewards will advise.

No Lighting of Candles before Mass.

It will be possible afterwards, stewards will advise.

Stations of the Cross prayed from your seat only.

No Altar Servers or Church Collectors for the foreseeable future.

Baptisms will be celebrated on **Saturdays only** at 12noon & 5.00pm.

It will not be possible to have Sunday Baptisms because of the requirements to sanitise our churches after each use.

When you enter the church STEWARDS will:-

- *** Invite you to sanitise your hands.
- *** Guide you towards an available seat as seating will begin from the top of the church. **People living in the same household may share a pew.**
- *** In *Ballyheada & Goggins Hill*, guide you in rotation to Holy Communion using a one way system.
- *** Guide you in rotation for exiting the church and inviting you to sanitise your hands before leaving.

For the safety and wellbeing of everyone, Parishioners are asked not to congregate in groups outside the church doors.

As we cannot have the traditional offertory collection by passing baskets around, baskets will be provided at the main door each day to facilitate people to leave their offering on any day of the week.

Choirs aren't possible for the foreseeable future, due to current health advice. We are hoping to develop a team of Cantors to lead some singing at each of the week end Masses.

Unfortunately, for now, *Fr. Christy* and *Rev. John* will not be able to greet people at the door at the end of Mass as has been the practice.

The three churches will continue to be **Open** daily for **Personal Prayer:**

 Ballygarvan: 9.30am - 6.00pm

 Ballyheada: 9.30am - 8.00pm

 Goggins Hill: 9.30am - 6.00pm



OUR CAPACITY IN EACH CHURCH IS

BALLYGARVAN:- 64 or increase if household share a pew 62 or increase if household share a pew 65 or increase if household share a pew 65 or increase if household share a pew

Adhering to HSE & Government Guidelines at the moment *we are limited in capacity*. This will increase as time goes on.

Face Masks/Coverings are not obligatory but may be worn if you wish.

(Fr. Christy; Parish Covid Committee; Parish Assembly & Parish Secretary writes....)