

## Anniversaries

Maura O'Sullivan, Fivemile Bridge.  
Margaret Cusack, Limerick.  
Bridie Galvin, Glengarriff.  
Denis & Sheila Murphy, Briar Hill.

## We Remember

**Maureen McCarthy (née O'Leary)**  
Bandon who died recently. We pray for  
her family, neighbours and friends.

## Sympathy

We offer our sympathy to  
**Liz Murphy, Ballynagrumbolia**  
on the death of her mother  
**Maureen McCarthy, Bandon.**  
Sympathy also to all other  
relatives, friends and neighbours.  
*In death Life is changed not Ended.*



## Mass Cards

Available in the PAN Centre (Parish  
Office) (sympathy cards, mass inten-  
tions, anniversary cards etc.)  
Contact Mary 021/4885062.

## Irish Catholic

The Irish Catholic newspaper is now  
available weekly in **Ballygarvan  
Church.** Please collect your copy.

## Votive Lights

Thanks to all who continue to  
contribute so generously to  
the **Votive Lights collection boxes** in  
the three churches.



2020 Ballinhassig Parish Newsletter

Notices for inclusion should be received not later than 2.00pm on Wednesday  
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## MASS TIMES Next Week

### Ballygarvan:-

Monday (20th) 10.00am  
Wednesday (22nd) 7.30pm

### Goggins Hill:-

Tuesday (21st) 10.00am  
Friday (24th) 7.30pm

### Ballyheada:-

Thursday (23rd) 10.00am

### Week End Masses

#### Ballyheada:-

Saturday (26th) 7.00pm

#### Ballygarvan :-

Sunday (27th) 10.00am

#### Goggins Hill :-

Sunday (27th) 11.30am

The churches in this parish are open  
Daily as follows:- for  
**PERSONAL PRAYER ONLY**

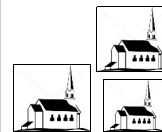
**BALLYGARVAN 9.30am – 6pm**

**BALLYHEADA. 9.30 am – 8pm**

**GOGGINS HILL 9.30 am – 6pm**

**Newsletter is available  
in the shops & churches.**

# Ballinhassig Parish



## Newsletter

for Ballygarvan, Ballyheada and Goggins Hill

Vol. 28 No. 43 Sunday: July 19th, 2020 (Sixteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time)

Jane Mellett writing in Intercom ...

### *A VISION FOR THE WORLD HERE AND NOW!*

In this weekend's Gospel, we hear many parables about the 'Kingdom of heaven' and what it is like. This might move us to think about the afterlife, but Jesus was describing God's kingdom in the here and now, 'on earth as in heaven.' Jesus, through parables, is trying to describe what is difficult to comprehend. Parables allow our minds and hearts to ponder, to imagine, to move beyond the constraints of language. Jesus is describing what God's vision for this world is like, in the here and now!

Taking one of these parables, the mustard seed, we can explore a little more. There is an ancient text which forbade planting mustard seeds in Palestinian gardens because the shrub would take over. It can go wild, out of control, and attract unwanted birds. Author Shane Claiborn compares it to 'kudzu', a wild vine that could blanket entire mountain areas and even crack cement buildings. I like the idea of something so small causing so much mischief, holy mischief! The Kingdom of Heaven is like this? Yes, growing even where it is not wanted.

People in authority during Jesus' time might have had images of the 'lofty cedars of Lebanon' representing the 'reign of God.' Theirs was a grand vision. As with most of Jesus' parables, he turns things on their head. It is through the smallest of seeds that God's grace affects the world, silently making its way through the cracks.

*'Might I,' quavered Mary, 'might I have a bit of earth?' 'Earth!' he repeated. 'What do you mean?' 'To plant seeds in – to make things grow – to see them come alive.'*

FRANCES H. BURNETT, The Secret Garden

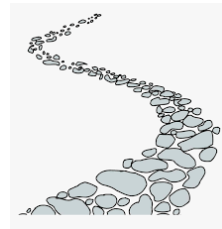
## Prayer after a difficult Day

We can pray in many different ways – in silence, in our own words or by lighting a candle. Sometimes we need help to pull our thoughts together.



Dear God,

Sometimes life is good and sometimes it's not.  
Help us to know that you are with us in all of it.  
Where we have done wrong to-day, forgive us;  
When we have felt sad, comfort us;  
Where we have been afraid, strengthen us;  
When we feel we've had enough  
Give us strength to try again.



For we are on an amazing journey of faith,  
And we know that you never leave us.  
Bless this home to-night  
And let your peace be known.  
In Jesus name we pray. *Amen.*

### God Lives in our Parish

*God lives in our Parish  
He welcomes you into his heart  
With your gladness and your sadness  
Your successes and your failures  
Your hopes and your disappointments  
Jesus welcomes you. Welcome him too.*



*If you believe, pray. If you are seeking, think.  
If you are doubting, ask for light. If you are suffering,  
ask for strength. If you are joyful, give thanks to God.  
Guide us to the Eucharist, the Bread of Life.*



### Newsletter on Holidays

Next week **July 26th** will be the final newsletter until September. Submit your notices before July 22nd. You can continue to submit your Anniversary lists, to be included in week day or week end Masses.

## Watch Daily Mass

Mass on Facebook Live on the Ballinhassig **Parish Facebook page** at **10am** on Monday; **7.30pm** on Friday & **Sunday at 11am** from one of our three churches.

## Baptisms

Baptisms will be celebrated on **Saturdays only at 12noon and 5pm.**

Booking and details, contact PAN Centre (Parish Office) at **021/4885062.**

## Video – Return To Mass

The dioceses of **Cork & Ross** has produced a short video which explains some of the changes that churches have implemented in order to keep everyone safe. Details [www.corkandross.org](http://www.corkandross.org).

## Childminder Wanted

Childminder wanted Ballinhassig area five days a week to mind a ten month old commencing November 2020. Further details contact **087/7578490.**



## Ballinspittle Grotto

**Rosaries every Sunday 3.00pm-4.00pm.**

**July 22nd** is the 35th anniversary of the moving statue. **Rosaries from 9.00pm-10.00pm at the Grotto.** Please respect social distancing.



### PAN CENTRE(PARISH OFFICE)

Remains open please phone **4885062.**

- \*\* Hand sanitiser available as you enter and exit the office.
- \*\* Maintain Social Distancing.

## Week End Mass

This is the **first week-end returning to Mass** since the beginning of lock down. For those who will be attending Mass for the first time please observe the guidelines.



- \*\*We need to be patient and respectful of each other as safety of everyone is a top priority.
  - \*\* Be guided by stewards and signage; on entering, Holy Communion and exiting.
  - \*\* Enter through main door only and exit via side doors.
  - \*\*Sanitise hands on entry and exit.
  - \*\* Maintain social distance of 2 metres.
  - \*\* Observe cough and sneeze etiquette.
  - \*\* Families can sit together.
  - \*\* Children should remain with their parents at all times.
  - \*\* Collection basket at Entrance door.
- You can leave your envelope at Mass on any week day or week end.

## Thank You

Sincere thanks to the **Parish Covid Committee, Parish Assembly, Fr. Christy** and **Parish Office** for giving of their time and talents in organising our churches and implementing all Safety Procedures & HSE and Government Guidelines to allow us to re-open our churches firstly for personal prayer; week day Masses and now returning to week-end Masses. Thanks also to the **Stewards, Sacristans, Ministers of the Word and Eucharist** for their help at daily Masses during the last few weeks and all others who have helped in any way.



## Thank You

Sincere thanks also to **Fr. Christy, Rev. John Guirey, Cantors– Henrietta & Frank, Ministers of the Word** and **Sacristans** who made it possible to Live Stream Mass every Sunday from one of our churches on a rota basis for numerous weeks.