### **Anniversaries**

Ann (Anna May) O'Sullivan, Gortnaclough Paddy & Kitty O'Sullivan, Killountain. Larry & John Tobin, Raheen. Fr. Fachtna O'Neill, Curraheen. John Cullinane, Rearour. Pat Coakley, Ballinaboy. Finbarr Holland, Lisfehill. Bridie Sheehan, Ballinaboy. Damien Crowley, Halfway. Maureen Cotter, Kilmichael. Kevin Cleary, Ballygarvan. Nellie Moynihan, Youghal. Teresa O'Donovan, Cork. Josephine Allen, Cork. Phil Quinlan, Kilbrittain. John Murphy, Kealkill. John Drinan, Meadstown. Lisa Shears, Meadstown. Eileen Walsh, Tooreen. Mairead Murphy, Old Abbey. Derry Horgan, Ballyhooleen. Jimmy Horgan, Ballyvolane. Patrick Hurley, Ballyguinnane. Sam Kingston, Ballyhooleen. Margaret Hickey, Ballyhooleen. Timothy Crowley, Ballygarvan. John & Ann Forde, Knockpogue. Fr. Michael Lomasney, Castlelyons. Daniel & Catherine Deasy, Skehanagh. Patrick & Mary O'Brien, Kilmurriheen. Daniel & Hannah Lombard, Rearour. John & Margaret O'Mahony, Meadstown Maureen, Sean & John D. Daly,

Daniel F. Walsh, Drumcondra &

MASS

Under Level 5
Restrictions No Public
Celebration of Mass.

# Live Streamed MASS Next Week

MONDAY- FRIDAY 11.00am Ballinhassig Parish Facebook Page

### **Live Streamed**

SUNDAY 11.00am
Ballinhassig Parish Facebook Page

### Irish Catholic Paper

Please continue to collect your Irish Catholic newspaper in Ballygarvan Church at exit door. New price 2.50Euro from February 4th.

The churches in this parish will be open Daily:- for PERSONAL PRAYER LIGHTING OF CANDLES Visits to CRIB until Feb 2nd

BALLYGARVAN:- 9.30am - 5pm BALLYHEADA:- 9.30am - 5pm GOGGINS HILL:- 9.30am - 5pm

Please wear a mask, sanitise on entry and exit, follow signage.

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Skibbereen

Knocklucy.

Notices for inclusion should be received not later than 2.00pm on Wednesday by Mary O'Halloran (4885062,4885257) Mary O'Donovan (4888268),
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# Ballinhassig Parish Newsletter



for Ballygarvan, Ballyheada and Goggins Hill

Vol. 29 No. 14 Sunday: January 17th, 2021 (Second Sunday In Ordinary Time)

Fr. Christy ....

### LIVING WORD

The isolation many of us are experiencing these days has limited us in so many ways. But let's hope it has also given us time to catch our breath, pause and consider what's important for each of us as we have begun this New Year. Jesus' question to his disciples makes a good place to begin our reflection: "What are you looking for?" How do our daily lives reflect the answer we are giving to that question?

For us the words we hear and the words we speak are so important. That's why Jesus is called the Word of God. He is literally God speaking to us. He is God's gift to us and like the disciples we wish to hear him and follow him.

Isn't there a hunger in us for a life that only he can give us? And, it is not just about the next life. It is life here and now: deep life; a life with purpose and meaning; a life that won't wear out, or disappoint us; a life no credit card can purchase; a life that travels with us each stage of our lives. The question John's disciples put to Jesus is ours, "Rabbi, where do you live?" It is also our prayer as well, as we realize a hunger that only he can satisfy.

Hearing and responding to God's invitation is not only life-changing, but takes courage. At this time, we especially need to be courageous, strong and faithful. But, above all we need to take care of each other, keep each other safe and help stop the spread of this horrendous virus. As the song says: "Yes, you will know they are Christians by their love."

### The Pope's Intentions – January 2021

Intention for evangelisation – Human fraternity

May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all.

# A New Year's Prayer

May God make your year a happy, safe & healthy one!

Not by shielding you from all sorrows and pain,
But by strengthening you to bear it, as it comes;

Not by making your path easy,
But by making you sturdy to travel any path;

Not by taking hardships from you,

But by taking fear from your heart;

Not by granting you unbroken sunshine,

But by keeping your face bright, even in the shadows;

Not by making your life always pleasant,

But by showing you when people and their causes need you most, and by making you anxious to be there to help.

Wishing you and yours God's Love, Peace, Joy, Health, Safety and Hope in 2021.



# The Power of One

One song can spark a moment, one flower can wake a dream. One tree can start a forest, one bird can herald spring.

One smile begins a friendship, one handclasp lifts a soul.

One star can guide a ship at sea, one word can frame the goal.

One vote can change a nation, one sunbeam lifts a room.

One candle wipes out darkness, one laugh will conquer gloom.

One step must start each journey, one word must start each prayer.

One hope will raise your spirits, one touch can show you care.

One voice can speak with wisdom, one heart can know what's true, One life can make a difference, you see, it's up to you!!

# Week of Prayer for Christian Unity January 18th –25th.

This year *The week of Prayer for Christian Unity* has been prepared by the *Monastic Community of Grandchamp in Switzerland*. The theme in 2021 is "*Abide in my love and you shall bear much fruit*" (John 15: 1-17) and it captures the Community's vocation to prayer, reconciliation and unity in the Church and the human family.

## **Evening Prayer**

You are invited to join Fr. Christy daily for Evening Prayer at **8.30pm** Live Streamed on *Ballinhassig Parish Facebook Page* 

### **We Remember**

Etta Bowen, Grange & Ballygarvan.
John Murphy, Knockpogue.
Con Mulcahy, Riverstick.
Denis O'Donovan, Clonakilty.
Mary O'Sullivan, Mallow & Bantry.
Marie Gavric Downey, Maryborough.
Jean Harrison (née Ogilvie), Caherdaniel & Ballinhassig who died recently.
We pray for their families, neighbours and friends.

#### **Mass Leaflets**

Mass leaflets for following week end available in the three churches.

### **Readings January 24th**

Jon 3: 1-5, 10. Ps 24:4-9, R/v 4. 1 Cor 7:29-31 Mk 1:14-20

### PAN CENTRE (PARISH OFFICE)

Parish Office is not open to the public but All services are still available by contacting Mary 021/4885062.

Post Box outside office door.

You can continue to *Book Masses*.

Anniversaries for Newsletter.

Weddings.

No BAPTISMS at present.

All MASS CARDS available.

Offertory Envelopes & Calendar available on request if not available in church.

FUNERALS & WEDDINGS in accordance with HSE & Government guidelines.

NEWSLETTER available in all churches and usual outlets and on Parish website.

Emergencies (of any kind) contact 4885062.

# Sympathy

We offer our sympathy to

Máirin, Kathleen, Frances
and Val Bowen, Ballygarvan on
the death of their sister Etta

Bowen, Grange and Ballygarvan.

Liz, John, Tim, Michael, Eileen, Margaret and Kieran Murphy, Knockpogue on the death of their father John Murphy, Knockpogue.

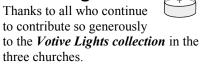
Ann Marie Donovan
O'Neill, Clogheenduane on
the death of her father Denis
O'Donovan, Clonakilty.

Evelyn O'Sullivan, Gortnaclough on the death of her mother Mary O'Sullivan, Mallow & Bantry;
Jerry O'Sullivan, Mallow & Gortnaclough on the death of his wife Mary and Dermot, Brendan, Geraldine and Valerie on the death of their mother Mary O'Sullivan, Mallow.

John O'Hea, Myrtlehill on the death of his sister Marie Gavric Downey, Maryborough.

We offer sympathy also to all other relatives, friends, neighbours and carers of the above.

# **Votive Lights**



### Thought for the Week -

We are not all in the same boat. We are in the same storm. Some have yachts, some have canoes and some are drowning. Just be kind and help whoever you can.