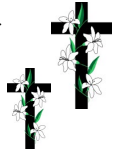


## Anniversaries

Timothy O'Keeffe, Adamstown.  
Mary O'Keeffe, Adamstown.  
Michael Jordan, Tulligmore.  
Mary Twomey, Ballygarvan.  
William Deasy, Bawnleigh.  
Billy Cullinane, Ballynaloughy.  
Cornelius Hurley, Ballyguinnane.  
John, Rita & Ted Harnedy, Youghal.  
Sheehan & Daly Families, Ballygarvan.  
Timothy Murphy, Bandon Rd. & Ballyhooleen.



## We Remember

*Noreen Ryan, Ballinaboy & Wales.*  
*John O'Connell, Kilbrittain.*  
*Mary Hartnett, Crookstown & Inchigeela* who died recently.  
*We pray for their families, neighbours and friends.*



## Sympathy

We offer our sympathy to **Jim O'Connell**, *Gortnaclough* on the death of his brother **John O'Connell**, *Kilbrittain.*  
**Breda O'Meara**, *Ballyleigh* on the death of her mother **Mary Hartnett**, *Crookstown & Inchigeela.*



## Church CRIB

Christmas Crib in the churches will be removed after Tuesday **February 2nd**.  
Church open daily for personal prayer.

## 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 are open Daily:- for **PERSONAL PRAYER LIGHTING OF CANDLES Visits to CRIB until Feb 2nd**



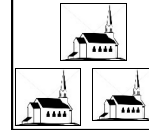
**BALLYGARVAN:- 9.30am – 5pm**  
**BALLYHEADA:- 9.30am – 5pm**  
**GOGGINS HILL:- 9.30am – 5pm**

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

# Ballinhassig Parish

## Newsletter

*for Ballygarvan, Ballyheada and Goggins Hill*



**Vol. 29 No. 16 Sunday: January 31st, 2021 (Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time)**

*Fr. Christy ....*

## THE KINGDOM IS HERE

The gospel selection this week is the final step in Jesus' beginning of his ministry, his campaign to establish the Kingdom of God.

His kingdom was different. His subjects were not going to be enslaved, rather, his mission and purpose was to free them. The reality that Jesus wanted to bring about was that there was to be no distinctions between people. His kingdom was to be a welcoming, inviting and comfortable place for all. That challenging new way, was to lead to his ultimate downfall at the hands of the religious leaders of the day and the Roman occupiers.

Prophets were not about telling the future. Very often they were very ordinary and sometimes the least person you'd expect to be chosen by God. They remained close to God and were sent by him to constantly bring his message to the people.

In our own time, facing the ongoing challenges that an extended lockdown brings, the prophets would undoubtedly remind us to trust in God, to place our hope in him and to find time for building our relationship with him. Now more than ever we need that relationship of support and confidence, that we truly are not alone and remaining close to God we can in our time help to make his kingdom come.

## Catholic Schools Week 2021

*Catholic Schools Week 2021* is celebrated from January 24th to January 31st. The theme is 'Catholic Schools: Communities of Faith and Resilience'

The parish resource as well as resources for Primary and Post primary schools are available to download in English and Irish, from [www.catholicschools.ie](http://www.catholicschools.ie)

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## Lá Fhéile Bríde February 1st

**S**t. Brigid. *'The Mary of the Gael's* as she has been known to generations of Irish people celebrates her **Feast Day on February 1st.**

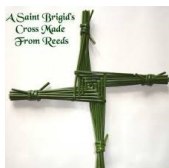
She is remembered for her hospitality and hard work, as a woman of God and a woman of the people. Her powerful personality appealed to all, from those on high to the humble beggar.



She was born near Dundalk A.D. c454 to a pagan chieftan father (Dubthach) and a Christian slave mother (Broicsech). Brigid's mother was sent away but Brigid later returned to take her mothers place in the usual round of bondswoman's duties:- including minding livestock, serving meals etc. She was given charge of the dairy but gave much of the produce away to the poor which enraged her father. In time the father tried to arrange a marriage for his daughter.

She choose a life of prayer, service to God and to the poor. She became the first nun in Ireland, forming the first religious community for women in Ireland in Ardagh, but Brigid later moved to what is now Kildare, her most famous where she founded a double monastery with the assistance of bishop Conleth. Brigid and seven others completed their novitiate there and went to make their final vows to St. Mel, bishop of Armagh and nephew of St. Patrick.

Her convent grew and she travelled all over Ireland, she tended the sick, built schools, made vestments etc. She was so loved by bishops, priests, chieftans that she became known as *'The Mary of the Gaels'* She died A.D. 525 shortly after her 70th birthday, her sisters kept a fire burning in an enclosure at her Kildare convent for centuries.



Saint Brigid is the patroness of cattle; infants; midwives; blacksmiths; poets, nuns & students. An old tradition on St. Brigid's eve is to leave a white cloth or scarf outside on a hedge or bush to be blessed by St. Brigid. Known as a 'Bratog Bride' in Irish folklore it is used as a cure for headaches, sore throats and a cure for sick cattle.

**Prayer to Saint Brigid.** *You were a woman of peace. You brought harmony where there was conflict. You brought light to the darkness. You brought hope to the downcast. May the mantle of your peace cover those who are troubled and anxious, and may peace be firmly rooted in our hearts and in our world.*  
**Amen.**

## Blessing of Candles

**TUESDAY February 2nd:**

*Feast of the Presentation of the Lord.* This feast is a combined remembrance of the Son & the Mother and celebrated as **World Day for Consecrated Life**, in the Church calendar

*It is known as candlemas day. This year Your Candles will be blessed virtually at the 11.00 am Mass on Tuesday morning.* You don't need wax candles, use any candles you have. On this day candles are blessed for use throughout the year. *The Flame:- Symbolises Christ's Divinity; The wick symbolises Christ's soul and the wax symbolises Christ's body.*



## Readings February 7th

Job 7:1-4, 6-7. Ps 146:1-6, R/v 3.  
1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23. Mk 1:29-39

## Prayer for those affected by the Virus

*Merciful God,  
come to the help of your people.  
Be our shelter in this time of peril  
and strengthen the bonds of our community.  
Bring healing to all who suffer the ravages of  
disease and assist those whose  
skill and art can put an end to  
this affliction.  
Through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.*



## Blessing of Throats

**Wednesday February 3rd:**

*Feast of St. Blaise, Bishop & Martyr.*

This year **Blessing of throats will take place virtually at the 11.00 am Mass on Wednesday.**



Saint Blaise died around 315. He was Bishop of Sebaste, martyred in Armenia. Tradition states he was a physician before becoming a Bishop. *Since the eight century St. Blaise has been venerated as the Patron for sore throats and sick cattle.*



*Normally using two crossed and unlighted candles, the priest touches the throat of each person saying: Through the intercession of St. Blaise, bishop & martyr, may God deliver you from all ailments of the throat and from every other illness. In the name of the Father ..... Amen.*

## Helplines:-

ALONE	0818 222 024
SAMARITANS	1850 609 090
PIETA HOUSE	1800 247 247
	021/4395333
LISHEENS HOUSE	023 888 8888
AWARE	1800 80 48 48
CHILDLINE	1800 66 6666
EDEL HOUSE	021/427 42 40
HSE LIVE	1850 24 1850
Parish Office	021/4885062
Parish Help & Support Group	087/2688174.

## Thought for the Week -

*Speak in a way that others love listening to you and Listen in a way that others love speaking to you..*

