

## Anniversaries

Margaret O'Mahony, Goggins Hill.  
Mossie Power, Coolatooder.  
May Lyons, Tracton.  
John Fennell, Tracton.  
John Casey, Ballygarvan  
Mary Murphy, Skehanagh.  
John O'Keeffe, Kingsland.  
Molly Forde, Ballyhooleen.  
Michael Ryan, Turners Cross.  
Paddy Kelleher, Clougheenduan.  
Cornelius O'Mahony, Rosscarbery.  
Dominic Harrington, Shanagraigue.  
Madge O'Sullivan, Fivemile Bridge.



## We Remember

*Denis O'Reilly, Ballinspittle.*  
*Mary Casey, Rockchapel.*  
*John Barry, Midleton.*  
*Marie Parady, Mahon.*  
*Patricia Hickey, Carrigaline.*  
*Eileen Lyons, New Jersey & Ballinagree* who died recently.

*We pray for their families,  
neighbours and friends.*



## Sympathy

We offer our sympathy to **Jim O'Reilly**,  
Ballinphellic North on the death  
of his brother **Denis O'Reilly**,  
Ballinspittle.

**Dan O'Mahony**, Goggins Hill  
on the death of his sister **Mary Casey**,  
Rockchapel.

**Mark Barry**, Ballyhooleen on the death  
of his father **John Barry**, Midleton.



## Live Streamed

### MASS Next Week

MONDAY- FRIDAY 11.00am  
Ballinhassig Parish Facebook Page

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SUNDAY 11.00am  
Ballinhassig Parish Facebook Page

The churches in this parish  
are open Daily:- for  
**PERSONAL PRAYER**  
**LIGHTING OF CANDLES**



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

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

## Sympathy

We offer our sympathy to **Tara  
Lombard**, Rearour on the death  
of her mother **Marie Parady**, Mahon.  
**Teresa Dineen**, Ballinphellic on the  
death of her mother **Patricia Hickey**,  
Carrigaline.

**Anne O'Keeffe**, Kingsland on the  
death of her sister **Eileen Lyons**,  
New Jersey & Ballinagree.

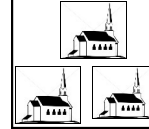
*In death life is changed not ended.*



# Ballinhassig Parish

## Newsletter

for Ballygarvan, Ballyheada and Goggins Hill



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## JESUS THE HEALER

In our Gospel this weekend, we read about Jesus' first healing in Mark's Gospel. Due to the purity laws of his time this scene would have been considered controversial. His first healing is of a woman and we are told that he touches her, raised her up; he completely restores her to health. Many of his actions here would have been considered inappropriate.

*The 'whole city' was crowded around the door as many people wanted to be healed. What a commotion! Jesus, very early on in his ministry is clearly a very popular and attractive figure. Another important aspect of this story is that Jesus does not remain comfortable in this house. He keeps moving, keeps going outward. This requires so much energy and an outpouring of love for those in need. Jesus shows in this Gospel story what it takes to stay energised for our various ministries: quiet time and space for real encounter with God. Even then, the people hunted for him, and said, 'Everyone is searching for you', and still today everyone is searching.*

We too are called to bring healing to others in any way that we can, to those who are seeking, those who are lost, those who are isolated. Jesus shows us that to do this we must be connected to that Divine Presence within us and in our world. Today we can ask ourselves, what do I need healing from? Bring this to Jesus in prayer. and also, how can I reach out, with a healing presence to others, especially during this time of pandemic?

'I ask God to prepare our hearts to encounter our brothers and sisters, so that we may overcome our differences rooted in political thinking, language, culture and religion. Let us ask him to anoint our whole being with the balm of his mercy, which heals the injuries caused by mistakes, misunderstandings, and disputes. And let us ask him for the grace to send us forth, in humility and meekness, along the demanding but enriching path of seeking peace. (Pope Francis, *Fratelli Tutti*, 254)

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## World Day of the Sick

On **February 11th in 1858**, Our Lady first appeared at Lourdes to 14 year old **Bernadette Soubirous**. Later Bernadette was to learn that the mysterious Lady was the Blessed Virgin and to hear from her lips, *'I am the Immaculate Conception.'*

In 1992 Pope John Paul 11 instituted the **World Day of the Sick** to be held each year on the commemoration of **Our Lady of Lourdes on February 11th**.

In his message for **World Day of the Sick, 2021** Pope Francis focuses on Jesus's words to the Apostles:

*"You have but one teacher and you are all brothers" (Mt 23:8)  
A trust based relationship to guide care for the sick.*

This World Day of the Sick day is an opportunity to devote special attention to the sick and to those who care for them within families, healthcare settings and communities. This year we especially remember those who have suffered, and continue to suffer, the effects of the worldwide coronavirus pandemic. In the theme from the Gospel passage Jesus criticises the hypocrisy of those who fail to practice what they preach (Mt. 23:1-12)

It has been our tradition to celebrate:-

**A Special Mass and Anointing of the Sick in Ballinhassig Parish in May organised by the Parish Assembly.**

This year adhering to Government & HSE restrictions our usual celebration will not be possible, however details of a celebration in some format will be published at a later date.



### We Pray & Remember

We pray for all who suffer,  
for all in the depths of depression,  
Those tortured by anxiety and guilt.  
Lord, in your love and mercy,  
Free them and raise them up.

Lord Jesus, who healed the sick,  
We pray for all who are not well.  
Be their help and strength  
And bless all who care for them.

**Amen.**



### Prayer In Recovery

*Lord, may I always remember  
to thank you.  
May I be a little better each day.  
Continue your healing power within me  
Bless all those who care for me.*

*Lord, you have known pain.  
I am hurting and a little scared.  
I have asked, but as yet I see no answer.  
Give strength and patience in my weakness  
as I join my suffering to yours.*

**Amen.**

## St. Gobnait

**St. Gobnait** is one of the best loved saints in West Cork but only traditions concerning her life survive. The main part of her life was spent in **Ballyvourney, Co. Cork** where there has always been a deep devotion to her, and which is a place of pilgrimage on **February 11th and on Pentecost**. Her gifts of caring for and curing the sick have been a significant part of her cult through the centuries. St. Gobnait's memorial coincides with the **World Day for the Sick on February 11th**.



### Readings February 14th

Lev 13:1-2, 44-46. Ps 31:1-2, 5,11,  
R/v 7. 1Cor 10:31-11:1. Mk 1: 40 -45.

### The Parish of Ballinhassig

Part 2 of a two part series on 'Where The Road Takes Me' on C103 on this Sunday **February 7th at 7.00pm**. Local historian **John L. O'Sullivan** accompanies John Green on their historical tour of the parish.



*Thought for the Week  
The smallest act of kindness  
is worth more than the  
grandest intention.*



## Spring Once Again

Spring awakens and enlivens us in a way no other season can.

We remember what new life looks like, we remember what possibilities are just around the corner, and we remember that beauty comes in small packages.



Spring is a great season for meditation and reflection and especially this year as we battle with Covid-19 here are five reflections on how our minds, hearts, and spirits are healed during the flowery months.

***New life and new beginnings are all around us.***

Each waking flower is a symbol for something new taking shape within us.

***Everything blooms in its own time.***

In our lives, just as in nature, patience forms the most beautiful things we experience.

***Colour and light are vital to life.***

Spring feels good because it reminds us how deeply we need variety and vividness in our surroundings.

***Great things beneath the surface.***

Only when the flowers bloom do we realise the potential that existed beneath our feet all this time.

***The important things are the simple things.*** Grass, rainfall, sunlight, a single flower– the smallest things matter still, because no one else can experience them for us.