

Anniversaries

John Pío O'Sullivan, Skehanagh.
Jimmy Butler, Barrett's Hill.
Eileen O'Leary, Knocklucy.
Dan O'Neill, Dunmanway.
Julia Spillane, Cork.
Ian Cahill, Ballygarvan.
Mary O'Keeffe, Rearour.
Patrick Doody, Ballygarvan.
Vera Madden, Goggins Hill.
William O'Mahony, Skibbereen.
Margaret O'Mahony, Skibbereen.
Whelton & Nash Family, Bandon.
Mary Ryan O'Mahony, Ballygarvan.



LENTEN PRAYER

Lenten prayer continues as follows:-

Wednesdays a short *Prayer Service / Reflection* will be *Live Streamed* from *Ballyheada Church* at **8.30pm** and led by **Rev. John Guirey**.



Next week March 17th

You are invited to log in to:-

ballinhassig parish facebook page.

And Thursday March 18th @12noon

You are invited to log in to:-

kinsaleparish.org for the ceremony

Readings March 21st

Jer 31:31-34.
Ps 50: 3-4, 12-15, R/v12.
Heb 5:7-9.
Jn 12:20 -30.



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Live Streamed

MASS Next Week

MONDAY- FRIDAY 11.00am
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SUNDAY 11.00am

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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.

LENTEN PRAYER

Our Stations of the Cross for Lent continue as follows:- on **Fridays** the **Stations of the Cross** will be *Live Streamed* from *Ballyheada Church* at **8.30pm** and led by **Jerry O'Sullivan**.



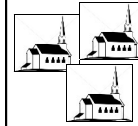
Next Week March 19th

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Notices for inclusion should be received not later than 2.00pm on Wednesday by Mary O'Halloran (4885062,4885257) Mary O'Donovan (4888268), PAN Centre/Parish Office (phone/fax 4885062) ballinhassigparish@gmail.com www.ballinhassigparish.com Parish Priest:- Fr. Christy Fitzgerald Telephone: 4885104 or 087/9439666

Ballinhassig Parish



Newsletter

for Ballygarvan, Ballyheada and Goggins Hill

Vol. 29 No. 22 Sunday March 14, 2021 (Fourth Sunday of Lent)

From Trócaire

IT'S NOT JUST

It is right and just. We use this line in response to the celebrant's call to prayer as we enter the preface and the Liturgy of The Eucharist. "Let us give thanks to the Lord our God", he says, and the response finds its voice; "It is right and just." Right is the opposite to wrong and just the opposite to unjust. Clearly in using both, we are veering towards the appropriate way to live life and make a difference.

Trócaire uses as part of their advertising campaign, the slogan "It's not just" and, like most slogans there is a depth to it that asks us to think, as some like to call it, "outside the box" –maybe we might look at one of the Trócaire messages today: "Sarah looks at her dry, barren land and asks where her son's next meal is coming from. Sami clutches his favourite teddy as he looks at the rubble of what was once his home. Mya sees the boys in her village go to school and wonders why her daughter can't receive an education too."

"It's not just" the campaign tells us "that the rains don't come, that Sami's home was destroyed or that the little girl is denied an education just because she is a girl." –it's not just. It's not just everything has consequences. Were justice and equality a reality in some of the poorest regions of our world, a little girl would not be deprived of education.

Trócaire's campaign then, linked with the Lenten Trócaire Box is calling us to a place of recognition that all stories have consequences and that the world has lessons to learn and a contribution to make. It's not just

Mothers Day Prayer

Sunday March 14th, 2021

We now celebrate Mothers Day on the fourth Sunday of Lent. Loving God, we thank you for the love of the mothers you have given us, whose love is so precious that it can never be measured, whose patience seems to have no end.



We pray for new mothers, coming to terms with new responsibilities;
for expectant mothers, wondering and waiting;
for those who are tired, stressed or depressed;
for those who struggle to balance the task of work and family;
for those unable to feed their children due to poverty;
for those whose children have physical, mental or emotional disabilities;
for those who raise children on their own;
for those who have lost a child;
for those who care for the children of others;
for those whose children have left home;
for those whose desire to be a mother has not been fulfilled.



We also pray for those who are grieving the loss of their mother;
those who never knew their biological mother, and now yearn for her;
those who experienced the wonder of an adopted mother's love and families separated by war or conflict.

Wishing all Mothers; Grandmothers; Great Grandmothers; Godmothers;
Stepmothers; Foster mothers etc. of the parish, and Mothers everywhere a very Happy Mother's Day this Sunday.

We also remember and pray for those who have left their earthly homes and returned home to God. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.

Happy Mothers Day

A Mother's Love

There are times when only a Mother's love can understand our tears, can soothe our disappointments, and calm all of our fears.

There are times when only a Mother's love, can share the joy we feel when something we've dreamed about, quite suddenly is real.

There are times when only a Mother's faith, can help us on life's way and inspire in us the confidence, we need from day to day.

For a Mother's heart and a Mother's faith and a Mother's steadfast love Were fashioned by the Angels And sent from God above...

(author unknown)

St. Patrick Patron of Ireland March 17th

It can be difficult to separate fact from fiction in the life of *St. Patrick*, not unusual when he was probably born more than 1,600 years ago. His life is a wonderful example of how God brings good out of evil. He tells us in his "confessions" how he was brought to Ireland to work as a slave at the age of sixteen, until that time he had little knowledge of God.

In his loneliness and isolation he discovered the Lord, praying as many as 1000 prayers by day and the same by night as he tended the sheep on Sliabh Migh. Finally escaping, probably to France, he could not forget the needs of the pagans in Ireland.

He was consecrated bishop at the age of forty three. In a dream it seemed the people of Ireland were calling on him to return. Patrick took this as a call from God and lit a flame on the hill of *Tara* on *Holy Saturday* night which has never since been extinguished.

During this time he converted many, ordained priests, divided the country into dioceses, held church councils, founded several monasteries for both sisters and brothers, throughout the country. *Patrick* is the *Patron Saint* and credited with bringing Christianity to Ireland.



The "Breastplate" of *Saint Patrick* gives us a good example of his spirituality.

Christ with me,
Christ before me,
Christ behind me,
Christ in me,
Christ beneath me,
Christ above me,
Christ on my right,
Christ on my left,
Christ when I lie down,
Christ when I arise,



Christ in the heart of every person who thinks of me,
Christ in the mouth who speaks of me,
Christ in the eye that sees me, and Christ in the ear that hears me. Amen.

Easter Ceremonies 2021

Next week we will publish our *Schedule of LIVE STREAMED Easter Ceremonies 2021*. Unfortunately for the second year we are under Level 5 Restrictions for Covid 19. **Under Level 5 Restrictions No Public Celebration of Mass is allowed.**

Childminder Wanted

To mind 2 children aged 3 & 1, four days a week. Drop offs and collection to/from playschool. Details contact **085/1929953**.

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.

