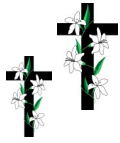


Anniversaries

John Reynolds, Ballynaloughy.
Maureen Crowley, Corran.
Maisie Roche, Halfway.
Peg Murphy, Windsor.
Alice Marshall, Meadstown.
Michael Finnerty, Tulligmore.
John & Anne Forde, Knockpogue.



Votive Lights

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



Your generosity is much appreciated.

Late John Bernard Prendergast

To our neighbours and friends of Ballinhassig Parish.

A note to say thank you for your kindness and support which you have shown to me and my family. We are so grateful to those who lent a helping hand on the days leading up to John's funeral and were deeply touched by the guard of honour on the day. Thank You for your messages, tributes and memories of John. It has been uplifting to see the impact he had on people throughout his life. *(Iris Anderson Prendergast and Family.)*



In death life is changed not Ended.

Live Streamed

MASS Next Week

MONDAY- FRIDAY 10.00am
Ballinhassig Parish Facebook Page

Live Streamed

SUNDAY 16th 10.00am
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.

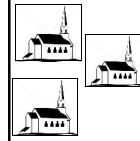
OPENING FOR PUBLIC WORSHIP in our parish next Week end May 15th/16th.
Details inside page.

Readings May 16th

Acts 1:1-11.
Ps 46:2-3, 6-9, R/v6.
Eph 1:17-23 or shorter Eph 4:1-13.
Mk 16:15-20.



Ballinhassig Parish



Newsletter

for Ballygarvan, Ballyheada and Goggins Hill

Vol. 29 No. 28 Sunday: May 9th, 2021 (Sixth Sunday of Easter)

CELEBRATING MASS TOGETHER AGAIN

Thank God! We can return to the public celebration of Mass together for the first time since Christmas Day. We can do so again thanks to the commitment of a great team of volunteers as stewards who along with the Parish Assembly and the Parish Covid Committee, working together, to ensure we can gather in a safe way according to HSE and Government guidelines. We begin next weekend May 15th/16th.

It has been a difficult time and many sacrifices have been made by everyone. Now, with our return to public Masses, we have to implement certain procedures to help keep us all safe. These procedures, we know, can be frustrating, but we need to continue to be careful and take care of each other, which is why we are asked to wear a mask, **vaccinated or not.**

We might not be able to sit in the seat we have always sat in, because of seats being closed off and having to maintain 2 metre physical distancing, this will be a challenge for many people, which we totally respect.

Also, because of adhering to the guidelines, Holy Communion may only be received in the hand for the foreseeable future.

Because our churches will be limited in the numbers we can have and to help and support people stewards will be there to help, advise and give directions. Seating will be from the top of the church. Once 50 people have entered, a sign will be placed outside to indicate we have reached our capacity. Because we cannot operate a one way system for Holy Communion in Ballygarvan, Holy Communion will be distributed to people in their seats with the priest and minister wearing a facemask, using the empty seat in front of you. In Ballyheada and Goggins Hill we will operate a one way system.

We are all in this together and we also need to individually accept responsibility to ensure we all follow the advice to keep each other safe. So please, co-operate with the stewards at all times. They are there for your safety as well as everyone else. People are encouraged, to avail of the 3 weekdays as well as of Sunday to ensure we can maximise our numbers.

SUNDAY OBLIGATION IS NOT RESTORED.

2021 Ballinhassig Parish Newsletter

Notices for inclusion should be received not later than 2.00pm on Wednesday by Mary O'Halloran (4885062,4885257)

PAN Centre/Parish Office (phone/fax 4885062)

ballinhassigparish@gmail.com www.ballinhassigparish.com

Parish Priest:- Fr. Christy Fitzgerald Telephone: 4885104 or 087/9439666

We will return to Public Masses from Saturday next May 15th.

Please arrive a little earlier to facilitate the implementation of all safety procedures. Because we have to use a one way system **ENTRY THROUGH MAIN DOORS ONLY.** Exit will be through the **Side Doors only in all churches.**

MASS TIMES

Saturday 7.00pm Ballyheada
Sunday 10.00am Ballygarvan
11.30am Goggins Hill



Monday 10.00am Ballygarvan
Tuesday 10.00am Goggins Hill
Thursday 10.00am Ballyheada

When waiting to enter & exit we need to continue to be mindful of the **2 metre physical distancing.**

If you have been wearing gloves coming into the church they must be removed, and disposable ones placed in the bin before sanitising your hands

Holy Water Fonts will have to remain empty until the advice on this changes.

Handshake for the Sign of Peace is suspended

No entry to the Sacristy before Mass.

No lighting of candles before Mass. It will, be possible afterwards.

No Stations of the Cross before Mass. It will, be possible afterwards.

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

When you enter the church **STEWARDS** will

Invite you to sanitise your hands.

Guide you towards an available seat as seating will begin from the top of the church.

People living in the same household may share a pew.

In Ballyheada & Goggins Hill guide you in rotation to Holy Communion using a one way system.

Guide you in rotation for exiting the church and inviting you to sanitise your hands before leaving.

For the safety and wellbeing of everyone, Parishioners are asked not to congregate in groups outside the church doors.



As we cannot have the traditional offertory collection by passing baskets around, baskets will be provided at the main door each day to facilitate people to leave their offering on any day of the week.

Unfortunately, **Fr. Christy & Rev. John** will not be able to greet people at the door at the end of Mass.

Choirs aren't possible for the foreseeable future, due to current health advice. **Altar Servers** aren't permitted for the time being also.

Adhering to HSE and Government Guidelines at the moment **we are limited in our capacity.**

OUR CAPACITY IN EACH CHURCH IS 50 PEOPLE



(Fr. Christy; Rev. John, Parish Covid Committee; Parish Assembly & Parish Secretary writes.....)

Rosary for Month of May

You are invited to join Jerry for the Rosary for the Month of May on Monday, Wednesday & Friday at **8.00pm** live streamed from one of our Churches.



SCHOOL CLEANING

Goggin's Hill National School is currently in the process of recruiting a Cleaner for the School Calendar year.

Previous experience in a cleaning role is desirable but not essential.

The successful candidate will be required to work 25 hours per week, 5 days a week (afternoons/evenings only) from 3.30pm.

If interested contact the school at

021/4885241 or

info@gogginshillschool.com for details.

Thank You

The Parish Assembly sincerely thank all those who participated in the *Live Streamed Mass of the Sick, Healing & Light* last Tuesday night from Ballygarvan church.

We had representatives from the three church areas. Thanks to **Fr. Christy** and **Rev. John**; Ministers of the Word: *Bernie, Ena & Mary*; Cantors: *Frank and Jerry* accompanied by musician *Tom*; Sacristan; *Eamon*, and to all of you who joined us on the Live Stream on the night or viewed later.

Hopefully we will be back in the Marian Hall in 2022.