Anniversaries

Christy Connolly, Ballynaloughy. Vincent Reardon, Ballinaboy. William O'Sullivan, Coolatooder. Catherine O'Sullivan, Coolatooder. Norma O'Loughlin, Ballinabearna.

We Remember

Deirdre Sheehan, (née O'Halloran) Lehenaghamore, Togher. We pray for her family, neighbours and friends.

Short Prayer for Exam Students

As a parish community intentions of students of all ages will be remembered and we ask you also to light your own candle at home for their intentions.

Dear Lord, Give me the spirit of calm to prepare well.

Give me the spirit of wisdom to choose the right questions.

Give me the spirit of reason to answer to the best of my ability.

Allow me do myself justice. Help me be a source of encouragement

for my classmates and friends. Guide me through the days ahead and keep me always in vour care.

May Your love be upon us, O Lord, As we place all our trust in you. Amen.



MASS Next Week

Tuesday & Thursday <u>10.00am</u> Ballinhassig Parish Facebook Page

Live Streamed

SUNDAY 23rd 10.00am Ballinhassig Parish Facebook Page

The churches in this parish **will be** 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 this Week end May 15th/16th. Details inside page.

Readings May 23rd Acts 2:1-11.

Ps 103:1, 24, 29-31, 34, R/cf.v 30. John 15:26-27, 16:12-15.

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Newsletter

for Ballygarvan, Ballyheada and Goggins Hill

Vol. 29 No. 29 Sunday: May 16th, 2021 (The Ascension Of The Lord)

BACK HOME!

Jesus has gone home. That's really what we celebrate in this Feast of the Ascension of the Lord. He has completed his work and he is returning to his Father, from whom he came. He has shown the fullness, the complete love of his Father, he has lived his and died and risen to bring all people with him. The goal of all our life's journey is to join him At Home, in Heaven because where he is gone we hope to follow.

For us this weekend is full of joy. We gather together, even though our numbers are limited to 50, for the first time since Christmas Day.

We have missed being together and celebrating Mass together and especially not being able to receive Holy Communion.

For us, we can say we're Back Home! We have longed for it these past 25 weeks. We thank God for his blessings, for bringing us to this point in our faith journey and we renew our commitment to him and the life he invites us all to share with him.

We take this opportunity also to thank all the volunteers who have helped to keep our churches, our places of worship, safe for us to visit during the restrictions. To all who helped with our livestreaming, especially those who shared their ministry with us and who helped in anyway. We are very grateful to all those volunteers who continue to give of their time as stewards, people who open and close our churches ministers of the Word, Eucharist, Music, Sacristans, those who clean and sanitise our churches.

With full hearts we truly pray: 'I rejoiced when I heard them say, let us go to God's house' Psalm 121.

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.



Gal 5:16-25.

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

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

MASS TIMES

Ballyheada Saturday 7.00pm 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.



Church feasts celebrating the mother-tongue of God's love

The month of May celebrate the great feasts of *Ascension*, *Pentecost* and *The Holy Trinity*. Here we can celebrate our new life in the Risen Christ. We are called as God's people.

We are guided by the Holy Spirit who will teach us everything, to usher in a new era for our world and our Church.

Whatever wilderness the Spirit has brought you to:



Walk in boldness, as a beloved child of God;

Walk in peace under the protective presence of God's love;

Walk in faith, hope and love, knowing that Christ walks with you. (courtesy Intercom)