

Anniversaries

Liam O'Halloran, Rigsdale.
Daniel Desmond, Rigsdale.
Anna Deasy, Bawnleigh.
Mary Murphy, Skehanagh.
Cathy Connolly, Tulligmore.
Mary Twomey, Ballygarvan.
Pa & Mary O'Leary, Ballea.
Elizabeth O'Leary, Killarney.
John Kimmons, Ballyhooley Rd.
Joe & Eileen Bowen, Killingley.
Maisie O'Sullivan, Ballyhooleen.
Marion McCarthy, Goggins Hill.
Maureen Coughlan, Adamstown.
Cornelius Hurley, Ballyguinnane.
Danny & Lily O'Leary, Meadstown.
Liam Dineen, Glanmire & Grenagh.
Timothy Murphy, Ballyhooleen & Bandon Rd.



We Remember

Michael Hanaway, Rearour who died recently. *We pray for his family, neighbours and friends.*



Blessing of Throats

Thursday February 3rd:

Feast of St. Blaise, Bishop & Martyr.

THIS YEAR NO BLESSING OF THROATS AS THERE IS NO MASS IN THE PARISH on Thursday 3rd.



CRIBS

Will be removed after January 31st.

MASS TIMES Next Week

Monday 31st:-
Ballygarvan NO MASS

Tuesday 1st:-
Goggins Hill NO MASS

Thursday 3rd:-
Ballyheada NO MASS

Friday 4th:- FIRST FRIDAY
Ballyheada NO MASS

Saturday 5th:-
Ballyheada 7.00pm

Sunday 6th:-
Ballygarvan 10.00am
Goggins Hill 11.30am

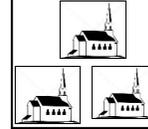
FIRST FRIDAY February 4th

HOLY HOUR in Ballyheada
from 7pm - 8.00pm.

No mass this month at 8.00pm.

The churches will be open Daily:-
BALLYGARVAN:- 9.30am – 5pm
BALLYHEADA:- 9.30am – 5pm
GOGGINS HILL:- 9.30am – 5pm
Please wear a mask, sanitise on entry and exit.

Ballinhassig Parish



Newsletter

for Ballygarvan, Ballyheada and Goggins Hill

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Fr. Christy.....

THE PROPHET

Being a prophet isn't always popular. The Prophet will have to challenge, question, criticise and raise the spirits of the people. He will have to speak up and speak out particularly when something needs to be said. His message won't always be well received, even if he God's messenger and spokesperson.

Jesus is The Prophet. He is God's Word, literally. He's still in his hometown and they are amazed, astonished and in awe almost of what he is saying. But when his message goes on to remind them of how God's own didn't always listen and how it was foreigners like the widow at Zarephath, a Sidonian town and Naaman the Syrian who was a Leper, that accepted faith and made a faith response and they were favoured because of it, this was a step too far for them and they sought to get rid of him and throw off the cliff their town was built on.

Jesus constantly had to battle against prejudice and disbelief because they questioned how someone as lowly as he could know so much and dare to challenge them. His message didn't always go down well with those listening. It ultimately cost him his life in crucifixion.

In our own time too, the Prophet is important in our lives. Supporting us when we need it but also challenging us to do better in so many different ways. At times we will resent this message, even though it's for our own good. We will criticise and maybe belittle too the person, just as Jesus was. But maybe, for us, the important challenge facing us today is to recognise the prophets around us and listen more carefully to what they are saying.

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Notices for inclusion should be received not later than 2.00pm on Wednesday
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Lá Fhéile Bríde February 1st

St. Brigid. *'The Mary of the Gaels'* 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 chose 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.*



Readings February 6th

Is 6:1-8.
Ps 137:1-5, 7-8, R/v 1.
1 Cor 15:1-11
Lk 5:1-11.



Mass Leaflets

Please continue to take your Mass Leaflets home for safe disposal.

Clothing Collection

Ballinhassig Community Development Association - Clothing Collection continues in the Marian Hall, until February 5th on Tuesday & Thursdays from 6.30pm -7.45pm & Saturdays from 2.30pm-4.00pm.

Collection in aid of Funds for the Marian Hall Car Park.

NO Blessing of Candles

Wednesday 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. On this day candles are blessed for use throughout the year.

THIS YEAR NO BLESSING AS THERE IS NO MASS IN THE PARISH on 2nd.



Social Dancing - BCDA

Social Dancing in the Marian Hall on Friday February 4th from 9.30pm-12.30am.

Music by Dermot Ring.

Admission 10Euro including Teas.

Easing Covid Restrictions

This week at our meeting of the **Ballinhassig Parish Assembly**, being mindful of vulnerable and anxious people in our community who felt many restrictions were lifted too swiftly we decided to proceed on a phased basis with the lifting of our church restrictions.

.. Continue to **sanitise, entry & exit.**
.. **Mask** wearing maintained.

..**STEWADING** has now ceased, **SIT** where you wish, being mindful of others as seating markers have been removed.

CHORDS/ROPES removed from some seats this week end and will continue until the end of February.
DOORS remain open for Ventilation.

HOLY COMMUNION TO REMAIN as is in Ballyheada & Goggins Hill; Ballygarvan to return to receiving at the ALTAR.

In **Ballyheada WEDDING PARTIES & FUNERAL CORTEGE** to enter and exit by the side door.

SANITISING OF CHURCHES to continue after Mass.

LIVE STREAMING on Sunday to be discontinued for the present.

Collection Basket, Mass Leaflets (please take home) and **Newsletters** at the Door.

Sign Of Peace - Continue to bow/nod **Churches OPEN DAILY** for Personal Prayer & Lighting of Votive Lights.

We will continue to monitor and make changes as it is safe to do so.

Stay safe and mindful of others.

(Mary O'Halloran, Chairperson, Ballinhassig Parish Assembly)

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..

