

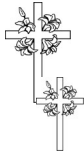
## Anniversaries

Con (Nelius) Bohane, Briar Hill.  
John Hennessy, Ballinphellic.  
Mossie Power, Coolatooder.  
John Hurley, Meadstown.  
John Cussen, Old Abbey.  
Mary Murphy, Skehanagh.  
Biddy O'Meara, Ballyleigh.  
Molly Forde, Ballyhooleen.  
Dan O'Sullivan, Fivemile Bridge.  
Madge O'Sullivan, Fivemile Bridge.

## We Remember

*Denis Bernard, Meadstown;*  
*Catherine Fox, Athlone* who died recently.

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



## Sympathy

We offer our sympathy to *John, Catherine Curtin and Ellen Lucey, Meadstown* on the death of their father *Denis Bernard, Meadstown;* *Kathleen Crean* on the death of her brother *Denis Bernard, Meadstown.*

*Anthony Fox, Ballynoe* on the death of his mother *Catherine Fox, Athlone.*  
*Sympathy also to all other relatives, friends, neighbours and carers of the above.*



***In death Life is changed not Ended.***

## MASS TIMES Next Week

**Monday 14th:-**  
*Ballygarvan* NO MASS

**Tuesday 15th:-**  
*Goggins Hill* NO MASS

**Thursday 17th:-**  
*Ballyheada* NO MASS

**Saturday 19th:-**  
*Ballyheada* 7.00pm

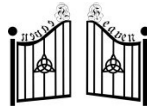
**Sunday 20th:-**  
*Ballygarvan* 10.00am  
*Goggins Hill* 11.30am

## Death is a Gateway

*Death is a Gateway* we all must pass through to reach the Fair Land where the soul's born anew.

For we are born to die, and our journey on earth is a short span of years beginning with birth...

And like pilgrims we wander until death takes our hand and we start on our journey to God's Promised Land.



## Lourdes Invalid Fund

Due to Covid the *Diocesan Lourdes sick/assisted pilgrimage* **will not take place in 2022.** Collection for same will not be held this February

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

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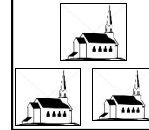
*Parish Priest:- Fr. Christy Fitzgerald Telephone: 4885104 or 087/9439666*

*Deacon:- Rev. John Guirey Telephone 087/1266257*

# Ballinhassig Parish

## Newsletter

*for Ballygarvan, Ballyheada and Goggins Hill*



Vol. 30 No. 17 Sunday: February 13th, 2022 (Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time)

## The Beatitude Life



**The Poor in Spirit** - Embracing our need for God.

**The Mourners** - Experiencing God's comfort in our pain.

**The Meek** - Choosing humble submissiveness over ambition and authority.

**The Hungry For Righteousness** - Longing for God to make all things new.

**The Merciful** - Extending God's incredible compassion and mercy.

**The Pure in Heart** - Making our hearts fully God's, in all we think, say and do.

**The Peacemakers** - Bringing healing, togetherness and fullness to our world.

**The Persecuted** - Following Jesus no matter what the cost.

### Dear Lord

encompass us with your  
example of compassion,  
kindness, love for all humanity,  
no matter what  
walk of live we are living,  
we need our connection with you,  
so we can give your example to mankind.  
May your Love and Light abide in us.  
Amen.

(Mary O'H submits)



# February 14th Feast Day of St. Valentine



**Patron Saint of :- Love, marriages, engagements,**

**young people, greetings, travellers, etc.**

**Saint Valentine** was a Catholic priest who had also worked as a doctor. He lived in Italy during the third century AD and served as a priest in Rome. Historians don't know much about Valentine's early life, they pick up his story after he began working as a priest. Valentine became famous for marrying couples who were in love but couldn't get legally married in Rome during the reign of Emperor Claudius II, who outlawed **weddings**. When Emperor Claudius discovered that Valentine was performing weddings, he sent Valentine to jail.



The most famous miracle attributed to *Saint Valentine* involved a note that he sent to a young blind girl named Julia who Valentine had befriended. Shortly before he was martyred for his faith in Jesus Christ, Valentine wrote Julia a farewell note. Believers say that God miraculously cured Julia of her blindness so that she

could personally read Valentine's note, rather than just have someone else read it to her. Valentine signed Julia's note "*From your Valentine,*" and that loving note, combined with the memory of Valentine's support of engaged and married couples in his work as a priest, led to the tradition of sending loving messages on his feast day, *Valentine's Day*.



Throughout the years since Valentine died, people have prayed for him to intercede for them before God in heaven about their romantic lives.

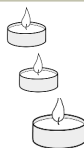
## Readings February 20th

1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23.  
Ps 102:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13, R/ v  
8. 1Cor 15:45-49. Lk 6:27-38.



## Votive Lights

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



## Mass Leaflets

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

## Baptisms & Weddings

Please contact the **P.A.N. Centre** (Parish Office) **021/4885062** for dates, details and booking requirements.

## SACREMENTS 2022

### Confirmation:-

Thursday **March 24th**  
**Ballyheada School in Goggins Hill Church at 10.30am.**



Friday **March 25th** **Ballygarvan School in Ballygarvan Church at 10.30am.**

### First Confession:-

Monday **March 7th** Ballygarvan 7pm  
Tuesday **March 8th** Ballyheada 7pm  
Wednesday **March 9th**  
Goggins Hill 7pm.

### First Holy Communion

Saturday **May 7th** Ballyheada **11.00am**  
Saturday **May 14th** Ballygarvan **10.30am**  
Saturday **May 21st** Goggins Hill **11.00am.**



## Childminders Wanted

Childminder wanted from **September** for *one year old boy* in the **Ballygarvan area**.

**Teachers hours & Term** time. Details contact **086/1958938.**



Childminder wanted for *two children* aged four and one, **four days a week**. Playschool drops/collection. Details contact **085/1929953.**

Childminder wanted **two or three days a week** for *one ten month old*, commencing in mid April. Details contact **087/9670417.**

## Helplines:-

ALONE **0818 222 024**  
SAMARITANS **1850 609 090**  
PIETA HOUSE **1800 247 247,**  
**021/4395333**  
LISHEENS HOUSE  
**023 888 8888**  
AWARE **1800 80 48 48**  
CHILDLINE **1800 66 6666**  
EDEL HOUSE **021/427 42 40**



## Bridge

Open supervised Bridge Tournament for Novices and B Players in the Marian Hall, Ballinhassig on Mondays, commencing on **February 21st at 7.15pm.** Masks wearing essential. Details contact Bernie **087/2575689.**

## Ballinhassig Bridge Club

Bridge Club will return to Live Bridge in the Marian Hall, Ballinhassig on Thursdays, commencing on **February 24th at 7.15pm.** New members welcome. Masks wearing essential. Details contact Bernie **087/257568**

## Be Seen, Light up!!!

When out walking, jogging, cycling etc. please **wear a high vis vest or jacket**, particularly in the evenings. **Cyclists please light up.** All drivers & pedestrians be aware of others on the roads both day and night. **Be Seen, Be Safe.**



## Thought for the Week

*Time decides who you meet in your life. Your heart decides who you want in your life. Your attitude decides who remains in your life.*