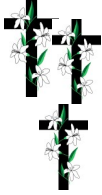


Anniversaries

Julia Spillane, Cork & Ballynaloughy.
Margaret O'Callaghan, Ballyhooleen.
Dan O'Callaghan, Ballyhooleen.
Haddie Ahern, Ballinphellic.
Julia Holland, Lisfehill.
Mary Holland, Liskillea.
Séamas Aherne, Barrett's Hill.
Catherine Hitchmough Aherne,
Barrett's Hill.
John Murphy, Old Abbey.
Mairead Murphy, Old Abbey.
Patrick Doody, Ballygarvan.
Mary Ryan O'Mahony, Ballygarvan.
Seamus & Kitty & Celsius O'Leary,
Pouladuff.



We Remember

Edwin Scragg, Dublin Hill;
Tom (Thomas) O'Mahony,
Carraig na bhFear & Douglas
who died recently.
We pray for their families,
neighbours and friends.



Sympathy

We offer our sympathy to *Eileen and Ted Dullea, Fahanalooiscane* on the death of their son **James and Mary, Michael, John (Sean) Dullea, Fahanalooiscane** on the death of their brother **James Dullea.**



Sympathy also to all other relatives, neighbours and friends.



MASS TIMES Next Week

Monday 21st:-
Ballygarvan 10.00am

Tuesday 22nd:-
Goggins Hill 10.00am

Thursday 24th:-
Ballyheada No Mass

CONFIRMATION

Thursday 24th:-
Ballyheada School in:-
Goggins Hill Church at 10.30am

Friday 25th:-
Ballygarvan School in:-
Ballygarvan Church at 10.30am

Saturday 26th:-
Ballyheada 7.00pm

Sunday 27th:-
Ballygarvan 10.00am
Goggins Hill 11.30am

Sympathy

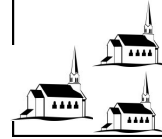
We offer our sympathy to **Patricia Ahern, Ballinaboy** on the death of her father **Tom (Thomas) O'Mahony, Carraig na bhFear & Douglas.**
Roy Scragg, Ballyhooleen on the death of his father **Edwin Scragg, Dublin Hill.** Sympathy also to all other relatives, neighbours and friends.



2022 Ballinhassig Parish Newsletter

Notices for inclusion should be received not later than 2.00pm on Wednesday
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Ballinhassig Parish



Newsletter

for Ballygarvan, Ballyheada and Goggins Hill

Vol. 30 No. 22 Sunday: March 20th, 2022 (Third Sunday Of Lent)

Nóirin Lynch, Director of the FCJ Spirituality House - Teach Spiorodálta, Spanish Point.

When God spoke to Moses in the first reading today though, he didn't bring Moses up a mountain or on a long journey. God met Moses where he was and told him that here - this place, this earth, this time - was holy. 'Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place where you stand is holy ground'. In that very ordinary moment, in that very ordinary time, God laid out for Moses a plan that would change the world.

Today's readings remind us that God is interested in the ordinary, not spectacular, that God meets us as we are, where we are. The psalmist sings 'The Lord is kind and merciful, redeems your life from destruction, crowns you with kindness and compassion.' If you've been struggling, I hope you can hear this love God has for you - just as you are now.

The image of the pruned fig tree can be frightening and make people feel judged or wronged. In fact, any gardener will tell you that a pruning of a tree is a kindness, to allow it to grow healthily and better next year. Much like a decision to get healthier, to declutter or to meet up with friends we haven't seen in a while, pruning is meant to encourage and bring out the best in us.

Here in this moment, is there one small thing you can do to help yourself have a healthier or happier life? A treat, a meditation, a visit to a friend? This Lent, is there one thing you can do to help yourself have a deeper, kinder friendship with your God?

As we think of Thandekile, Nomatter and Forward this week, we think of Moses pressing his face into the African soil and recognising God present with him. We remember that God wants every person created to have the ...

possibility of good health and a good life. There is some unique purpose for every person in Thandekiles community, state and country, and we are in a position to contribute to the pruning and upbuilding of these communities by supporting education, access to clean water and support of local enterprise. May we too take off our shoes and recognise that we stand on holy ground when we stand for the dignity and values of every person.

SPECIAL CHURCH COLLECTION UKRAINE WEEK END MARCH 26th & 27th.



The Irish Bishops have asked for a Special Collection to be taken up at Masses on the weekend of **March 26th & 27th** to support humanitarian efforts in **Ukraine** and especially the families and children who have had to flee their homeland in advance of the Russian invasion.

The proceeds of this **Special Collection** will be directed to **Caritas Internationalis**, which is the helping hand of the Church on the ground in the Ukraine and the surrounding region. All donations appreciated.

Readings March 27th (Laetare Sunday)

Jos 5:9 -12. Ps 33:2-7, R/v 9. 2 Cor 5:17-21. Lk 15:1-3, 11-32.

HOLY WATER NOW AVAILABLE IN ALL CHURCHES.

COLLECTION/OFFERTORY BASKET AT ENTRY DOOR

(For Envelopes, Notes and Coin.)

On week end of Second Collection —separate Basket.

MASS LEAFLETS & MASKS - Please take home and dispose of safely.

LENTEN PRAYER & REFLECTION

During Lent, on **Wednesdays** a short **Prayer Service /Reflection** will continue in **Ballygarvan Church** at **7.30pm** led by **Rev. John Guirey**.



Lent encourages us to **stop**, to take a **look** at our lives, to see where we are going. We are challenged to learn once again what it means to be a follower of Jesus. In this season of Lent we need to turn our attention to our **inner preparation** for Easter. **All welcome.**

Confirmation

Remember in your prayers the children of the parish who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation next week.

Ballyheada School
Thursday 24th in Goggins Hill Church & *Ballygarvan School*
on **Friday 25th.**

BCDA AGM March 22nd at 8pm

Ballinhassig Community Development Association are urgently seeking additional members so that we can maintain our commitment in the management of the Marian Hall.

Presently the BCDA Committee consists of seven volunteers and over the next few weeks Two of our longest serving members will be retiring. To this end we are looking for Additional members with new ideas etc. If you have a few hours to spare or can help in any way please come to our **Public Meeting/AGM on Tuesday March 22nd in the Marian Hall at 8.00pm.**

“Play your part for your Community”

Further details & info at

email: bcdamarian@yahoo.ie

Barry O'Halloran, Chairperson 087/4129315.

Daffodil Day Coffee Morning



A **Coffee Morning** will be held on **Daffodil Day, Friday March 25th** in the home of **John O'Callaghan, "Fuchsia" Rathroe, Ballinhassig** from **9.30am -5.30pm.** All proceeds in aid of the Irish Cancer Society. All welcome!!!!!!



A **Coffee Morning** will be held on **Daffodil Day, Friday March 25th** in Cottrells Gala, **Ballinhassig** from **9.30am-1.00pm.**

All proceeds in aid of the Irish Cancer Society.



Matt Talbot Novena

Way Of The Cross Church, Togher
Monday **March 21st at 7.30pm**
Preacher:- **Fr. Robert McCabe, National Spiritual Director of The Pioneers.**
Mass and Novena Prayers at 7.30pm.

Monday **March 28th at 7.30pm**
Celebrant & Preacher:-
Bishop Fintan Gavin.

Mass and Novena Prayers at 7.30pm.
You can place your petitions in the box at the Shrine of Matt Talbot in the church. All welcome. www.churchservices.tv/togher

Votive Lights

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



Thank You – Collectors

Thanks to those in the three churches who bring the Offertory Collection Basket to the Altar.

Groundsman Wanted

Ballinhassig AFC require a **Groundsman** that would qualify under the **Secad Scheme**. Any unemployed person aged between 18-66 who feel they may qualify for this scheme or require further details please contact Mark O'Connell at **087/2738456** or email moconnell@secad.ie.

Childminder Wanted

Childminder wanted for two or three children, two days a week in the **Ballygarvan area**. Immediate start. Further details contact **087/9426350.**

World Down Syndrome Day

World Down Syndrome Day will be celebrated on March 21st. Global theme is “**What Does Inclusion Mean?**”

MASK WEARING

Please continue to wear you mask in church, not now mandatory but still recommended. Also please continue to sanitise on entry and exit.