Anniversaries Sean McKechnie, Ballincollig. John Joe Spillane, Meadstown. Catherine Spillane, Meadstown. Joe Ryan, Lisinisky. Eddie Jordan, Rigsdale. John Walsh, Meadstown. Sheila Foley, Ballygarvan. Eileen Kelleher, Knocklucy. Anthony Kelleher, Knocklucy. Denis Reynolds, Ballynaloughy. Annie Reynolds, Ballynaloughy. We Remember Jim (James)O'Connell, Gortnaglough & Kilbrittian. Marie Kelly (née McCarthy) Limerick & Ballinhassig. Teresa Healy (née Hurley) Clonakilty & Dunmanway who died recently. We pray for their families, neighbours and friends. **Sympathy** We offer our sympathy to *Bernie McCarthy*, *Toureen* on the death of her brother Tadgh Sheehan, Toureen. Ann, Helen, and Maria O'Connell, on the death of their brother **Jim (James) O'Connell**, Gortnaglough. Sympathy also to all other relatives, neighbours and friends of the above.

Deacon:-

MASK WEARING church, not now mandatory but still recommended. Also please continue to sanitise on entry and exit. MASS LEAFLETS & MASKS Please take home and dispose of safely. 2022 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 Rev. John Guirey Telephone 087/1266257

MASS TIMES Next Week Monday 28th:-Ballygarvan 10.00am Tuesday 29th:-Goggins Hill 10.00am Thursday 31st:-**Ballyheada** 10.00am **Friday 1st:- First Friday Ballyheada** 8.00pm Adoration Ballyheada 7pm-8pm Friday is the **First Friday of April** Fr. Christy & Rev. John will make the usual monthly visits to the Housebound. Saturday 2nd:-Ballvheada 7.00pm Sunday 3rd:-Ballygarvan 10.00am Goggins Hill 11.30am Please continue to wear you mask in

Ballinhassig Parish



for Ballygarvan, Ballyheada and Goggins Hill

Newsletter

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SLAVA UKRAINI

The Irish Bishops have asked that a Special Collection for Ukraine be taken up in parishes on this weekend of March 26th & 27th.

Responding to the great concern expressed by many people in the parishes and Dioceses of Ireland, the Bishops decided to offer people another opportunity to support financially the families and children of the Ukraine who have had to flee their homeland in advance of and during the Russian invasion.

Bishops said, "Already millions of people have been forced to flee their homes as refugees. It is a source of inspiration that people all over Ireland are responding with customary generosity to support humanitarian efforts in this crisis. Many parish communities have already established links with charitable projects to support refugees and those remaining in Ukraine. Recognising these urgent needs, the bishops are asking that a special collection be taken up at all Masses on the weekend of Saturday & Sunday March 26th/27th.

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 surrounding areas. Caritas is the international equivalent of Trócaire, our own Irish Church development agency.

A special basket with 'Ukraine Appeal' will be at the church doors this weekend.

COLLECTION/OFFERTORY BASKET AT ENTRY DOOR (For Envelopes, Notes and Coin.) On week end of Second Collection -second separate Basket.

Mothers Day Prayer

Sunday March 27th, 2022

We now celebrate Mothers Day on the fourth Sunday of Lent. Loving God, we thank you for the love of the mothers you have given us, whose love is so precious that it can never be measured, whose patience seems to have no end.



e pray for new mothers, coming to terms with new responsibilities; for expectant mothers, wondering and waiting; for those who are tired, stressed or depressed; for those who struggle to balance the task of work and family; for those unable to feed their children due to poverty; for those whose children have physical, mental or emotional disabilities; for those who raise children on their own; for those who have lost a child; for those who care for the children of others; for those whose children have left home; for those whose desire to be a mother has not been fulfilled.

We also pray for those who are grieving the loss of their mother; those who never knew their biological mother, and now yearn for her; those who experienced the wonder of an adopted mother's love and families separated by war or conflict.

Wishing all Mothers; Grandmothers; Great Grandmothers; Godmothers; Stepmothers; Foster mothers etc. of the parish, and Mothers everywhere a very Happy Mother's Day this Sunday.



We also remember and pray for those who have left their earthly homes and returned home to God. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.

A Mother's Love

There are times when only a Mother's love can understand our tears, can soothe our disappointments, and calm all of our fears.

There are times when only a Mother's love, can share the joy we feel when something we've dreamed about, quite suddenly is real.

There are times when only a Mother's faith, can help us on life's way and inspire in us the confidence, we need from day to day.

For a Mother's heart and a Mother's faith and a Mother's steadfast love Were fashioned by the Angels, and sent from God above... (author unknown)



LENTEN PRAYER & REFLECTION

During Lent, on **Wednesdays** we continue a short *Prayer Service /Reflection* in *Ballygarvan Church* at **7.30pm**. Next week **March 30th** 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.**

BCDA Public Meeting/AGM Rescheduled for Tuesday April 5th at 8pm in the Marian Hall.

BCDA advertised a public meeting for Tuesday 22nd March 2022 in the Marian Hall.

LENTEN SERVICE

It was extremely disappointing to find only one person attended this meeting which had to be adjourned. The use of the Marian Hall is vital to all the community and it cannot function without the help of volunteers from our community. Two of our members are retiring and we need 2 -3 people to replace them.

We are asking people to please attend our next meeting on Tuesday April 5th at 8 pm in the Marian Hall.

Our Community has hundreds of talented people. We are looking for 3 at most. Our Community Hall is for the benefit of all including our young people and it also has to clear existing loans on it, this requires people to arrange the organisation of the events etc. to help keep it running successfully. Without support from the parishioners, the directors and committee members of BCDA will have to consider their options re maintaining the hall and its availability.

Please give serious consideration to this and give an hour of your time to hear what is involved. Barry O'Halloran, Chairperson BCDA, 087/4129315, bcdamarian@yahoo.ie

BCDA social dancing in the Marian Hall on Friday **April 1s**t from 9.30pm-12.30am. Music by *Declan Aungier*, special guest *Tim Coughlan of C103*. Teas served.

Thank You

The Cottrell family would like to sincerely thank all those who attended the unveiling of the **Fr. Con Cottrell memorial** in the *Halfway* recently. Special thanks to Rev. *John Guirey* for the Prayer & Blessing. *John L. O'Sullivan* for his historical presentation; *Public representatives* and all others who attended; and *Mary Barry*, Ramble Inn who provided the refreshments afterwards.

Matt Talbot Novena

Way Of The Cross Church, Togher Monday March 28th at 7.30pm Celebrant & Preacher:-Bishop Fintan Gavin.

HOLY LAND

We intend bringing a pilgrimage to the Holy Land this year and everyone is most welcome. As always, we are going from Cork Airport. This makes a great difference to young and old especially on the return part of our journey. Further information, please don't hesitate to give me a call at any time. Jim Keogh Phone: 353 21 4885371 Mobile: 353 87 2678793 Email: jimckeogh@gmail.com

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