

Anniversaries

Mary Hickey, Clougheenduan.
Patricia (Pat) O'Connor, Corran.
Dan Joe Sheehan, Ballyheada.
Tom Buttimer, Kilmurriheen.
Edmond Burke, Goggins Hill.
John Joe Spillane, Meadstown.
Stephen Irwin, Ladysbridge.
Finn Family, Ballinphellic.
Dan Looney, Ballygarvan.
Donie Deasy, Riverstick.
John Casey, Ballygarvan.
Tony Jeffers, Rigsdale.
Larry Tobin, Raheen.
Denny Finn, Fivemile Bridge.
Christina O'Callaghan, Ballea.
Christopher O'Callaghan, Ballea.
Denis O'Leary, Ballygarvan Upper.
Sandie O'Leary, Ballygarvan Upper.
Sr. Ellen Mary Aherne &
Fr. Wilfrid Aherne, Ballygarvan West.
Noreen Comerford Aherne, Dublin.
Willie Sheehan, Bandon & Ballinaboy.

We Remember

*Noelle Hurley-Maher, Douglas
& Ballinhassig;*
*Arthur Cambridge, Pouladuff
Road, Cork;*
Eleanor McCarthy, Dungarvan;
*Mary Bowen (née O'Mahony),
Myrtle Hill, Ballygarvan;*
*Larry O'Brien, Carrigaline &
Ballydehob who died recently.*

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

Mass Times

Next Week

Monday 25th:-

Ballygarvan 10.00am

Tuesday 26th:-

Goggins Hill 10.00am

Thursday 28th:-

Ballyheada 10.00am

Saturday 30th:-

Ballyheada 7.00pm

Sunday 1st:-

Ballygarvan 10.00am

Goggins Hill 11.30am

Parkinsons Mass

Cork Parkinsons Annual Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Fintan Gavin at *St. Patrick's Church, Rochestown* at *7.00pm on Wednesday April 27th*. Mass will include Anointing of the Sick and singing by the Cork Parkinsons choir. Light refreshments served afterwards. All welcome.

Thank You

Sincere thanks to all who returned Easter Offering envelopes and Easter Sunday collection. The Easter collection is Fr. Christy's personal income and not parish income.

Ballinhassig Parish

Newsletter

for Ballygarvan, Ballyheada and Goggins Hill

Vol. 30 No. 27 Sunday: April 24th, 2022 (Second Sunday Of Easter) Divine Mercy Sunday

Fr. Christy writes....

MY LORD AND MY GOD

Thomas doubting, Jesus Risen and brings the gift of peace. He also brought a mission to the disciples to 'forgive sins'. Today, Divine Mercy Sunday, after the penance of Lent and the journey to the renewal of our baptismal promises we are reminded that we are all sinners in need of God's mercy and forgiveness.

Jesus came to bring life and life to the full. It was made possible not just by his life but only through his life, death and resurrection. In the resurrection we celebrate the gift of new and abundant life through Jesus, a gift for us all. A gift out of love.

Divine Mercy Sunday focuses on the gift of mercy and love given through Christ's passion, death, and resurrection. As Pope Saint John Paul II stated, "Divine Mercy reaches human beings through the heart of Christ crucified."

On the Second Sunday of Easter of the Jubilee Year 2000, at the Mass for the Canonization of St. Faustina Kowalska, Pope Saint John Paul II declared the Sunday after Easter be called "Divine Mercy Sunday." As we celebrate it today, in the brilliant light of Easter and the Risen Lord, we recognise the generous love of God and his mercy poured out for all of us in the person of His Son Jesus. Because it is in Jesus only we truly find wholeness and healing.

Diocesan Needs – Quarterly Collection

The faith community is most present in parishes. Some elements of the ministry, services and mission of the local church are organised at diocesan level. These include our Safeguarding Office, Diocesan Education Office, Mission and Ministry, GDPR compliance, communication costs, professional fees, staff and administrative costs. This broad range of diocesan supports and services is funded from the Diocesan Needs Quarterly Collection.

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St. Faustina - Divine Mercy

Saint Faustina was born Helena Kowalska in a small village west of Lodz, Poland on August 25, 1905. She was the third of ten children. When she was almost twenty, she entered the *Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy*, whose members devote themselves to the care and education of troubled young women. The following year she received her religious habit and was given the name *Sister Maria Faustina*, to which she added, "of the **Most Blessed Sacrament**" as was permitted by her congregation's custom.

In the 1930's, *Sister Faustina* received from the Lord a message of mercy that she was told to spread throughout the world. She was asked to become the apostle of God's mercy, a model of how to be merciful to others. Her entire life, was to be a sacrifice - a life lived for others. At the Divine Lord's request, she willingly offered her personal sufferings in union with Him to atone for the sins of others; in her daily life she was to become a doer of mercy, bringing joy and peace to others, and by writing about God's mercy, she was to encourage others to trust in Him and prepare the world for His coming again.



Her special devotion to Mary Immaculate and to the sacraments of Eucharist and Reconciliation gave her the strength to bear all her sufferings as an offering to God on behalf of the Church and those in special need, especially great sinners and the dying. She wrote and suffered in secret, with only her spiritual director and some of her superiors aware that anything special was taking place in her life.

After her death from tuberculosis in 1938, even her closest associates were amazed as they began to discover what great sufferings and deep mystical experiences had been given to this Sister of theirs, who had always been so cheerful and humble. The message of mercy that *Sister Faustina* received is now spread throughout the world; her diary, **Divine Mercy** in my Soul, has become the handbook for devotion to the Divine Mercy.



Divine Mercy

Christ asked *Saint Faustina* to recite *The Divine Mercy Novena* starting on **Good Friday** and ending on **Divine Mercy Sunday**, the Octave of Easter (the Sunday after **Easter Sunday**).

Thought for the week

Not everything that is faced can be changed.
But nothing can be changed until it is faced. (James Baldwin)



Ballygarvan Church Bicentenary

This year we celebrate the Bicentenary of "Mary Mother of God" Ballygarvan known locally as 'Ballygarvan Church' This is the second of a trio of Bicentenary of our churches. Ballygarvan 2022, Ballyheada in 2023. (Goggins Hill 2021)



On Sunday **May 29th Bishop Fintan Gavin** will celebrate the Bicentenary Mass in Ballygarvan at 10.00am.

On that week end we will celebrate the usual Mass on:-
Saturday 28th at 7.00pm in Ballyheada;
Sunday 29th at 11.30am in Goggins Hill and the
Bicentenary Mass at 10.00am in Ballygarvan.

Many parishioners have already given their time, talents and help over recent weeks and preparations are well underway with church maintenance and cleaning.

Unfortunately due to continued financial restraints & Loan Repayments *The Parish Finance Committee & Parish Assembly* prioritised a number of areas requiring maintenance and renewal.

1. **Tree cutting** around the church; 2. **Power washing** outside walls; 3. **Attention to paint** on inside ceiling and 4. **Commerative Plaque** have already been attended to. 5. **Painting** of the **outside** will also take place and 6. **Restoration of the Church Bell.**

Any donations to help defray the cost of *The Church Bell* would be greatly appreciated as it will cost **3500Euro** to restore including labour & vat. All donations treated confidentially and can be handed in to the *PAN Centre (Parish Office)* at **021/4885062**.

Parish Assembly along with many others are involved in preparing all areas of the Liturgy. Sincere thanks to all who have helped in any way, those who have yet to do so with preparations, and those who will help on the week end.

We are blessed to live in a parish where your generosity and continued support make our parish occasions truly memorable. This will be a special and joyous celebration of 200 years of faith for both our Parish Community and your families. (More details later)

Daffodil Day Thanks

John O'Callaghan would like to sincerely thank all those who contributed so generously to the recent **Coffee Morning for Daffodil Day**. A total of **1215Euro** was raised, also **1800Euro** was raised at *Cottrell's Gala* from their **Coffee Morning for Daffodil Day**. All proceeds have been lodged in aid of the Irish Cancer Society.

Thanks Ukraine Collection

Cottrell's Gala sincerely thank all who contributed to the Ukraine collection. A total of **800Euro & Food donations**.

Ballinhassig Parish Social & Active Retirement Club Annual Outing Wednesday **May 25th**. More details later.