## **Anniversaries**

John Desmond, Rigsdale. Eileen Connors, Belgooly. Joan Coyle, Rochestown. John Clarke, Rochestown. Tessie McCarthy, Timoleague. Sean O'Halloran, Rathfarnham. Walter Bermingham, Blackpool. Kathleen Bouse, Ballyguinnane. Nora O'Donovan, Condonstown, Watergrasshill. Padjum Doody, Ballygarvan & London.

Saturday 25th:- Vigil Ballyheada 7.00pm

Mass Intentions:-

Daniel O'Regan, Bawnleigh.

Sunday 26th:-

Ballygarvan 10.00am

Mass Intentions:-

Kit Bowen, Bowens Cross.

(Months Mind)

Phil Bowen, Killingley.

Goggins Hill 11.30am Mass Intentions:-

Finbarr Hurley, Corran.

### **Thought for Lent**

Instead of giving up something for Lent consider taking up something \*\*family prayer; \*\*call to the Church and pray the Stations of the Cross; \*\* do something for a family member, neighbour, someone in need.

## MASS TIMES Next Week:-

Wednesday 1st:-

Goggins Hill 9.30am

Thursday 2nd:-Ballyheada 9.30am

Friday 3rd:- First Friday Ballygarvan 9.30am

Fr. Danny & Rev. John will make the usual monthly visits to the housebound.

**Holy Hour** Ballyheada 7-8pm.

Saturday 4th:-

Ballvheada 7.00pm

Sunday 5th:-

Ballygarvan 10.00am Goggins Hill 11.30am

#### First Confession

Please remember in your prayers the children of the parish who will make their



First Confession this week. Wednesday 1st:-

Goggins Hill after 9.30am Mass Thursday 2nd:-

Ballyheada after 9.30am Mass Friday 3rd:-

Ballygarvan at 1.30pm.

## **Parish Assembly Meeting**

Monday February 27th at 7.30pm in the PAN Centre.

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# **Ballinhassig Parish** Newsletter



for Ballygarvan, Ballyheada and Goggins Hill

Vol. 31 No. 22 Sunday: February 26th, 2023 (First Sunday Of Lent )

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## **Lenten Prayer & Reflection**

During Lent, We should try the key to our heart's door, It may have gathered rust. If so, this is the time to oil it. In order that the heart's door May open more easily When the Lord Jesus Wants to enter at Easter time! Lord, oil the hinges of our heart's door That they may swing gently and easily To welcome your coming.



Let us pray that we will try harder to love you in all things that we say and do and in all the choices that we make during the season of Lent.

May we always be people of love and forgiveness. As we journey with you this Lent may we become closer to you, grow to know you more and learn to live a new way. As we remember your death, Jesus, we know that it was a sign of God's great love for us.



Live in our hearts this Lent and help us to share this love with our families, friends, and everyone that we meet. Amen.

#### Readings March 5th

Gn 12:1-4. Ps 32:4-5, 18-20, 22, R/ v 22. 2 Tm 1:8-10. Mt 17:1-9.

# **Springtime of the Spirit**

Each year the trees give us a lesson in renewal.

First they bud, then they blossom, and finally they shoot.

Spring dresses the trees in a new robe, and makes them young again.

But this is possible only because in autumn they let go of their old leaves, and in between endured a period of nakedness.

Lent is in the Springtime of the Spirit.

Lord, help us not to be afraid to let go of old habits, and to face our spiritual poverty, in order that you may renew us, and so at Easter we will feel young again in our discipleship.



## Womens World Day of Prayer March 3rd

On Friday March 3rd christian women across the world join together to lead the community in prayer. This is an international ecumenical christian laywomen's initiative and celebrated annually in over one hundred and seventy countries on the first Friday of March.

*"I have heard about your faith"* based on Ephesians 1:15-19 was prepared by the *women of Taiwan* 

Details www.worlddayof prayer.net

## **Lenten Talks on Prayer**

The theme for 2023:-

Wed. 7.30pm. Saint Finbarr's South Church.

## Social & Active Club

Ballinhassig Parish Social & Active
Retirement Club:-

Will hold their First Social of 2023 in the Marian Hall, Ballinhassig

on Thursday March 9th from 2.30pm-4.30pm.

Music, story, chat, cuppa and raffle.

All welcome.

## Carry on Regardless Show

Will take place in the Marian Hall, Ballinhassig from **March 16th-19th.** 

### **Host Family Wanted**

Accommodation wanted for refugee girl from Afghanistan. Details **021 4979807**.

#### **LENTEN PRAYER & REFLECTION**

In this season of Lent we need to turn our attention to our inner preparation for Easter.

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



During **Lent** we are encouraged 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. Join your fellow parishioners for prayer and reflection on our Lenten journey.

All welcome.



## **Sacred Space For Lent**

You are invited to create, if you have not already done so, your own Prayer/Sacred Space at home for Lent.
Use a purple cloth and any of the following if you have them.

Ashes to remind us of the passing nature of our lives.

A Cross – symbol of Love & Hope.

**Stones** –symbol of our inner Lenten journey

**Holy Water** - reminds us we are preparing to renew our baptismal promises.

**Candle -** reminds us that the Light of Christ is with us during our Lenten journey and we are preparing ourselves for the new fire that will be lit at the Easter Vigil.

*Open Bible* - reminds us of the central place of God's Word in our lives.

*Heart* – this can be cut out of paper or any material and reminds us that Lent affords us an opportunity to open our hearts to God.



#### Thank You

Sincere thanks to all who helped with the distribution of Ashes on *Ash Wednesday*, those who helped in church, schools and nursing home.

#### Matt Talbot Novena

Novena in honour of Matt Talbot will begin on Monday Feb. 27th at 7.30pm in The Way of the Cross, Church Togher and continue every Monday during Lent. Celebrant and preacher on opening night, Fr. Marius O'Reilly. All welcome.

Earthquake Appeal-Wanted non perishable food items & clothing for the Turkish & Syria Earthquake Appeal. Please hand in to:-COTTRELL'S GALA.

Cash donations also appreciated and can be handed in to the POST OFFICE in

Ballinhassig.

Cottrell's Gala,
Ballinhassig.
All donations greatly

All donations greatly appreciated no matter how small.

#### Ukraine

Continue to pray for and remember the people of Ukraine one year after the beginning of War.