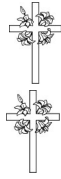


Anniversaries

Dan Coomey, Briar Hill.
Joan Desmond, Ballyheada.
Martin Griffin, Skehanagh.
Annie Crowley, Ballyduhig.
Bridie Lynch, Newcestown.
Jeremiah Galvin, Newcestown.



Saturday 4th Vigil

Ballyheada 7.30pm

No Mass Intentions:-

Sunday 5th:-

Ballygarvan 10.30am

No Mass Intentions:-

Goggins Hill 12noon

No Mass Intentions:-

We Remember

Tadg Manning, Crookstown & Newcestown.

Denis O'Sullivan, Tralee.

Bill Davidson, Ballinhassig & Scotland

Anthony Porter, Adamstown.

Con Casey, Magazine Rd. & Cullen.

Majella O'Leary (née Shannon)

Riverstick & Bandon who died recently.

*We pray for their families
neighbours and friends.*



Second Collection

Special collection next week end

Saturday/Sunday **November 11th/12th**
is for *Marriage Support*.

MASS Times

Novena will continue in **Ballyheada**
on **Monday November 6th to Friday**
November 10th at 7.00pm.

Saturday 11th Vigil

Ballyheada:- 7.30pm

Sunday 12th:-

Ballygarvan 10.30am

Goggins Hill 12noon

Graveyard Prayers

November

The **Annual Prayers & Blessing of the Graves** in the parish graveyards will take place on:- This Sunday **November 5th** as follows:

Killingley: After 10.30am Mass in Ballygarvan

Liscleary: After Killingley (12.30pm approx.)

Goggins Hill: After 12noon Mass

Ballyheada: 2.15pm

Ballinaboy: 3.00pm

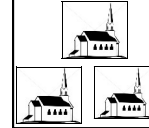
Village Stories Day

Sunday **November 12th** Marian Hall at **3.00pm**. Lots of old photos on display, talk on railways, history of the Village. Also some history of Goggins Hill N.S to mark 140th. Cuppa and chat. All welcome.

Ballinhassig Parish

Newsletter

for *Ballygarvan, Ballyheada and Goggins Hill*



Vol. 32 No. 8 Sunday: November 5th, 2023 (Thirty First Sunday In Ordinary Time)

Finance Committee
writes.....

Expressing Our Gratitude and Thanks

The Financial Report for 2023 will be the final Report of the present Finance Committee already on an extended term. It is now an appropriate opportunity to update our Parishioners on the present financial position, also to express our deep gratitude and thanks to all who helped us to reach it.

In **August 2019** our **Parish Debt** was **226,000Euro**.

A target date of **August 31st 2024** was set to have this debt cleared, while this might have appeared optimistic at the time, we can now state with confidence that the debt which now stands at 12,000E (when we transfer 10,000 from the current account) will be eliminated by February 2024 (4 1/2 years) Considering that this was done during Covid years when all parishes suffered serious loss of income was a tremendous achievement by the people of the Parish.

We celebrated the *Bicentenaries of our three churches 2021, 2022 and 2023*.

All churches were externally power washed and painted, trees cut and removed in *Ballygarvan and Ballyheada*. Works carried out at *Ballyheada* church grounds and graveyard included re-standing old headstones, re-erecting Mass Path Cross, removal of overgrowth and planting of flowers. In addition **Church Bells** at *Ballygarvan and Ballyheada* were restored. (*Goggins Hill planned for 2024*).

The Parish was not in a position to finance these works independently. Through the excellent spirit of volunteerism, private donations and contributions in other ways we were able to get the works done at minimum costs to the Parish.

Our Parish has had to deal with a serious burden of debt for a long number of years and to reach our current position is most certainly welcome.

We would like to express our appreciation to the following:-

1. All previous Finance Committees for their hard work.
2. Various Parish & Community Groups for their fundraising ventures down through the years.



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2023 Ballinhassig Parish Newsletter

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

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3. Each and everyone that gave of their time and talents in helping the Parish. Professional people in many different aspects, skilled and unskilled workers, those who continuously maintain all our graveyards and ladies and gents who ensured our churches were always clean and welcoming.

4. The various community groups in Ballygarvan and particularly the Community Association for their co-operation in the successful sale of the Old School Site in 2020 for 106,000Euro which reduced our debt considerably.

5. To all our former Parish Priests, Curates and our ex Deacon John Guirey for their work, help and assistance.

6. Finally thanks to all Parishioners who by your weekly contributions and those who made individual contributions in any way down through the years have helped us reach our target to eliminate the debt.

The **Final Fund Raising** event of this Committee will be in **Ballygarvan Church** in Spring 2024 when due to popular demand the **Celtic Tenors** will be returning for the second year in a row. Tickets will be available shortly and can be pre booked as **numbers will be limited to 250. (Parish Office 021/4885062)**

The Parish Accounts for 2022 are also published this week.



The Parish Finance Committee :-

Patsy Galvin (Chairperson); Eileen Donohoe (Treasurer); John McCann (Secretary); Fr. Danny Pyburn Co-PP; Denis Keohane & Mary O'Halloran.

Reflection

On this Sunday when we gather for prayers in the cemeteries of the parish, you may like to reflect on the following:



Lord, we come here today
To revere the memory of those
Whom you have called from this life,
We come to the place where their
Remains were returned to the earth
In the way of all flesh;
Earth to earth and dust to dust.

Here is where they were entrusted
Into your hands, into your love.
Here is where they were given
The final farewell, and prayers
For a safe journey into your keeping.

Here is where we especially ask you
To bestow on them the joy of your
peace,
So that together with you
In your eternal home,
Where this world of dust and ashes
And the fragility of this life
No longer hold sway,
They will find eternal rest.

Amen. (Christy Kenneally)



An Ciorcal Comhrá / Irish Conversation Group

Gach Luain / Every Monday @ Ballinhassig GAA Club fáilte roimh gach leibhéal / All levels welcome 7.30pm - 8.30pm. Níl aon costas/No charge. Info. - 086 2578698.

**Ballinhassig Parish
Financial Statement for 2022**

Receipts:

Offertory Collection	56493
Donations/Bequests	20846
Shrines Boxes	4609
Books/Magazines	816
Tax Refund	9265
Graves	4000
Other - Grant	4000
Fundraising	4400
Insurance Claim - Covid Loss	13632
Trocaire	200
Donate Button	470
Bell Ballygarvan	2070
Crib Collection	540
Total Receipts:	<u>121,341</u>

Payments:

Insurance	13647
Light/Heat	11424
Rent/Rates/Service Charges	406
Wages/Sacristans/Stipends	22080
Phone/Post/Stationery	5662
Church Requisites	3966
Books/Magazines	2489
Church Reps/Maint.	15837
Presbytery Reps/Maint.	3795
Removal Charges	4806
Other	474
Priests Supply	1500
Property Tax	532
Gifts/Donations	450
Fees	1417
Bank Interest/Charges	1438
Diocesan Contribution 10%	—
Benevolent Fund 8%	6176
Special Events	1513
Other Reimbursement	4191
Loan Repayment	<u>20485</u>
Total Payments	<u>122,288</u>

Deficit for the year 2022 947

Year End Balances:-

Current Account	13,339
Loan Account	48,262

Shoe Box Appeal - You can still participate in this project by contacting **Mary** at the **P.A.N. Centre (Parish Office)** at **021 4885062**. Get involved and make a difference to a needy child this Christmas. Closing date approaching fast!!!!!!!

Active Retired Club

Ballinhassig Parish Social & Active Retirement Club monthly social in the Marian Hall on **Thursday November 9th.**

Special Guest:-

Community Garda who will give a talk on various aspects of home and personal security etc.

Cuppa, chat

All welcome.

Upcoming events:-

Christmas Party:- December 9th
Christmas Flower Arranging:-
December 12th

Ballinhassig Fiber Artists

Knit & Natter, Crochet & Chat, Sew and Socialise!

Venue:-Marian Hall

Dates:- Friday November 10th

Time:- 10.00am -11.00am

Fun Family Bingo

Ballinhassig Camogie Club
Monster Christmas Bingo on **Saturday November 25th** in the Marian Hall at 8.00pm.

Thank You – Coffee Morning

Sincere thanks to all who contributed so generously to the recent Coffee Morning in aid of **Ballinhassig Community First Responders**. A total of **1100.00Euro** was raised on the day. Funds will go to **Part Funding Life Saving Equipment**.

