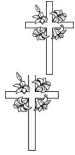


Anniversaries

Patrick O'Donovan, Coolatooder.
Mary O'Donovan, Coolatooder.
Margaret Forrest, Ballygarvan.
Michael Bouse, Ballyguinnane.
Kathleen Bouse, Ballyguinnane.



Saturday 17th:- Vigil

Ballyheada 7.30pm

Mass Intentions:-

Mary Murphy, Skehanagh.
Miah Buckley, Bishopstown.
John Walsh, Knocklucy.
Tim Walsh, Dublin & Knocklucy.
Matthew Kehoe Ahern, Dunmanway.



Sunday 18th:-

Ballygarvan 10.30am

Mass Intentions:-

John Hurley, Meadstown.
John Timmons, Cahergal.

Goggins Hill 12noon

Mass Intentions:-

Ann O'Neill, Goggins Hill.
(Months Mind)

Paddy & Hannah Coleman, Briar Hill.
Frank & Finola Rice, Goggins Hill.
Con Bohane, Briar Hill.
Cornelius Duggan, Goggins Hill.
Liam and Teresa Duggan, Bandon.

Ash Wednesday 14th

Thanks to those who distributed Ashes
at *Mass*, in the *Schools*, *Bishopscourt*
Nursing Home & brought to churches.

MASS TIMES Next Week:-

Wednesday 21st:-

Goggins Hill 9.30am

Thursday 22nd:-

Ballyheada 9.30am

Friday 23rd:-

Ballygarvan 9.30am

Saturday 24th:-

Ballyheada 7.30pm

Sunday 25th:-

Ballygarvan 10.30am

Goggins Hill 12noon

We Remember

May Downey (*née Collins*)

Doughcloyne who died recently.

We pray for her family
neighbours and friends.



Matt Talbot Novena

Mass and Novena Prayers in honour
of Matt Talbot will commence in
Way of The Cross Church, Togher
on Monday February 19th and will
continue each Monday of Lent. In our
Novena we pray for those suffering
from addictions and their families and
others suffering challenges. View at
www.churchservices.tv/togher

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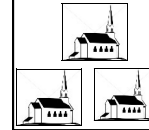
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Mary O'H
writes...

Symbols of Lent in our Homes

We need to choose to let our homes be a place full of the Holy things that help raise our minds and hearts to God. *As we journey through Lent perhaps we could begin to make ourselves more aware of the significance of the following symbols in our home.*



Crucifix:- We probably all have a crucifix in our home. If not, Lent might be a wonderful time to buy one and place it in a central place. Jesus' death can be a powerful reminder of God's love for us.

Water:- We can pray over a simple bowl of holy water, in a central place. "Lord, may this water remind us of our baptism and be a blessing for our home, where our dying and rising in you is lived each day. Bless us, as we sign ourselves with it each day."

Sand:- A bowl of sand can help us remember our journey. God led the people in their journey in the desert. Jesus re-enacted that journey to face his own temptations. The desert can be a place of retreat where there is freedom from distractions.

Candle:- Place a candle in a central place in your home and begin praying over it as we begin Lent. "Lord thank you for the gift of your Light in the midst of all darkness. Let this candle be a symbol of our faith in your presence among us." This will prepare us for the lighting of the New Fire at the Easter Vigil. Baptismal candles belong to our children, could also be lit, we can remember the words "Receive the light of Christ... Keep this flame burning brightly."



Bible:- The prominent presence of a *Bible* in our home can represent for us our desire for God's Word in our lives. Eventhough the story is the same we continuously find new meaning.

Springtime of the Spirit

Each year the trees give us a lesson in renewal.

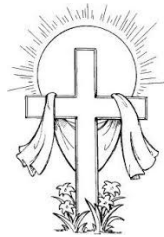
First they bud, then they blossom, and finally they shoot.

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.



Trócaire Event 2024.

You are invited to an event for Trócaire's Campaign 2024 with *Bishop Fintan Gavin* and *Salome Mumba* from Trócaire's office in Malawi.

SMA Parish Centre Wilton, Cork
Wednesday February 21st @7.30pm.
RSVP: corkcentre@trocaire.org
All welcome.

Thought for Lent

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



Finding Hope in a Hopeless World — Lent 2024

Seven week programme for Parish Groups or individuals available on the Diocesan website.

<https://corkandross.org/lent2024>.

A different aspect of hope will be explored each week. Resource available as a presentation, video, and podcast. All available online or download.

An Ciorcal Comhrá / Irish Conversation Group

Ballinhassig GAA Club.

Monday February 19th, 7.30pm-8.30pm

Daoine Fásta/Adults ; Déagóirí/Teenagers
fáilte roimh gach leibhéal / All welcome.

Níl aon costas/No charge.

Eolas / Information - 086 2578 698.

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.



LENTEN PRAYER

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

During Lent, on **Thursdays** *Jerry O'Sullivan* will lead the **Rosary after 9.30am Mass in Ballyheada. Adoration** on Fridays after **9.30am Mass in Ballygarvan.**

Join your fellow parishioners for prayer on our Lenten journey as we are challenged to learn once again what it means to be a follower of Jesus. All welcome.



History Society - Lecture on Education

Ballygarvan & District Local History Society will host Ger Murphy who will give a lecture on "*History of Education in Ireland*" on **February 28th @ 8pm** in Ballygarvan Community Association. (Old School) All welcome



Trócaire - Lent

Traditionally, during Lent we make a special effort of supporting our brothers and sisters in need. In Ireland, we have done that through the **Trócaire Lenten Campaign**. **Trócaire boxes** are available in all churches.

This year the focus is on **Malita** and her family in **Malawi**. Malita has four children and live in a country with extreme high levels of poverty. They now live with extremes of weather with floods and droughts in the same year. By donating to Trócaire, you can change the lives of families like Malita's. Your generosity as usual will be appreciated.

KYSS -Talk

Kinsale Youth Support Services. LGBTI+Support Talk "Being or supporting LGBTI + people" in **Actons Hotel, Kinsale on Thursday February 22nd at 8.00pm.** Over 16's all welcome. KYSS offers a wide range of free and confidential support and is supported by Mental Health Services HSE

Cork Regional Pioneer Council Meeting & AGM February 21st @ 8.00pm in Wilton Parish Centre. All welcome.