

## Anniversaries

John Cullinane, Rearour.  
John O'Keeffe, Kingsland.  
Michael Foley, Ballygarvan.



**Saturday 8th:- Vigil**  
**Ballyheada 7.30pm**

*Mass Intentions:-*  
Mossie Power, Coolatooder.

**Sunday 9th:-**  
**Ballygarvan 10.30am**

*Mass Intentions:-*  
Madge & Dan O'Sullivan, Fivemile,  
Bridge.  
John Hurley, Meadstown.

**Goggins Hill 12noon**

*Mass Intentions:-*  
John Cussen, Old Abbey.



## Maranatha

**Come, Lord Jesus**

Young people from parishes attending  
our secondary schools across the  
Diocese of Cork and Ross gather for a  
faith-based, high energy music event.  
Thursday **March 6th, Cork City Hall.**  
Start time 7.30pm, doors open at  
7.00pm. Tickets 15Euro and available  
on [eventbrite.ie](http://eventbrite.ie), [search Maranatha](http://search Maranatha).

## Parish Confirmation

February 14th:- Ballygarvan  
February 27th:- Goggins Hill.

## MASS TIMES Next Week:-

**Wednesday 12th:-**  
**Goggins Hill 9.30am**

**Thursday 13th:-**  
**Ballyheada 9.30am**

**Friday 14th:-**  
**Ballygarvan 10.30am**  
**Confirmation Mass.**  
**(No Mass at 9.30am)**

**Saturday 15th:-**  
**Ballyheada 7.30pm**

**Sunday 16th:-**  
**Ballygarvan 10.30am**  
**Goggins Hill 12noon**

## Jubilee of Youth

### Pilgrimage to Rome 2025

Young people from all over the world  
will gather with Pope Francis to  
celebrate the **Jubilee Year from**  
**July 28th to August 4th, 2025.**

Young Adults (18-30) Cost 550Euro  
plus fundraising.

Price includes:- 7 nights half board;  
Travel Insurance; 20kg bag; Jubilee  
Pilgrimage Package- bag, tshirt etc.  
Further information **021 430 1717**

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# Ballinhassig Parish



## Newsletter

*for Ballygarvan, Ballyheada and Goggins Hill*

**Vol. 33 No. 23 Sunday: February 9th, 2025 (Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time)**

Mary O'H  
writes...

## We Are The Church Together

Various "Rules" on how to live a good life have been handed  
down to us by pious people from times long gone by. One that  
caught the eye recently was included in the "Rule of Saint Benedict."

On the subject of how to run a monastery Benedict wrote,  
"The Abbot should arrange everything so that the strong have  
something to strive for and the weak should not be disheartened."



Given that each of us will be strong and weak at different times  
in our lives, that would seem to be advice worth taking out from  
behind the monastery walls and sharing in our parish, schools, homes,  
and the wider community.

## Prayer for World Day Of the Sick

*We remember and pray for all who are sick in mind or body on February 11th.*

- .. Bring **strength** to those of us who walk with the sick.
- .. Bring **hope** to all for whom the path to **healing** is long or may not end.
- .. Let us never forget your special care for the sick, that they may also know  
they are precious and loved.

*That God will touch you with his healing hand, give you the comfort and peace  
you need to get through the day and the night. Amen.*

## Readings February 16th

Jer 17:5-8. Ps 1:1-4, 6, R/ Ps 39:5. 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20.

Lk 6:17, 20-26.

## 33rd World Day of the Sick

On **February 11th in 1858**, Our Lady first appeared at Lourdes to 14 year old **Bernadette Soubirous**. Later Bernadette was to learn that the mysterious Lady was the Blessed Virgin and to hear from her lips, *'I am the Immaculate Conception.'*

In 1992 Pope John Paul II instituted the **World Day of the Sick** to be held each year on the commemoration of **Our Lady of Lourdes on February 11th**.

In his message for **World Day of the Sick, 2025** Pope Francis focuses on **"Pilgrims of Hope"**

Pope Francis says God remains close to those who *suffer, through encounter, gift and sharing*. We are celebrating the 33rd World Day of the Sick in the Jubilee Year 2025 in which the church invites us to become **"Pilgrims of Hope"**

This World Day of the Sick is an opportunity to devote special attention to the sick and to those who care for them within families, healthcare settings and communities.

This year the word of God accompanies us and offers us, in the words of Saint Paul, an encouraging message:

**"Hope does not disappoint" (Rom5:5);  
but strengthens us in times of trial.**



### We Pray & Remember

We pray for all who suffer,  
for all in the depths of depression,  
Those tortured by anxiety and guilt.  
Lord, in your love and mercy,  
Free them and raise them up.

Lord Jesus, who healed the sick,  
We pray for all who are not well.  
Be their help and strength  
And bless all who care for them.

**Amen.**



### Prayer In Recovery

*Lord, may I always remember  
to thank you.*

*May I be a little better each day.  
Continue your healing power within me  
Bless all those who care for me.*

*Lord, you have known pain.  
I am hurting and a little scared.  
I have asked, but as yet I see no answer.  
Give strength and patience in my  
weakness as I join my suffering  
to yours.*

**Amen.**



**Saturday February 8th**

**International Day of Prayer and Awareness against Human Trafficking**

## St. Gobnait

**St. Gobnait** is one of the best loved saints in West Cork but only traditions concerning her life survive. The main part of her life was spent in **Ballyvourney, Co. Cork** where there has always been a deep devotion to her, and which is a place of pilgrimage on **February 11th and on Pentecost**. Her gifts of caring for and curing the sick have been a significant part of her cult through the centuries. St. Gobnait's memorial coincides with the **World Day for the Sick on February 11th**.



### Social & Active

**Ballinhassig Parish Social & Active Retirement Club** First monthly social of 2025 on **Thursday February 13th** in the **Marian Hall**, Ballinhassig from **2.30pm-4.30pm**. Guest *singer & musician chat and cuppa*. All welcome.

*(Socials are held on the second Thursday of each month)*

**Meeting on Monday February 10th @11am.**

### An Ciorcal Comhrá

**An Ciorcal Comhrá /Irish Conversation Group** resumes Monday next **February 10th** @ **Ballinhassig GAA Club 7.00pm-8.00pm**. All levels welcome / Fáilte roimh gach leibhéal. Níl aon costas/No charge. Eolas / Info. - **086 257 8698**.

### History Society

**Ballygarvan History Society** presents a lecture by **Richard Beamish** on *"Cheating at cards an account of a dispute between Richard Beamish, of Brewing fame, and Joseph Pike of Banking and Political Stock."* **Wednesday February 26th** at 8.00pm in the Community Center (Old National School) Admission 5Euro. All welcome.

*Thought for the Week*  
You have to have **hope** in your heart, but you have to nurture it too. It's like **love**, you just can't take it all for granted.  
*No, you have to work at it.*

## February 14th Feast Day of St. Valentine

**Patron Saint of :- Love, marriages, engagements, young people, greetings, travellers, etc**

**Saint Valentine** was a Catholic priest who had also worked as a doctor. He lived in Italy during the third century AD and served as a priest in Rome. Historians don't know much about **Valentine's** early life, they pick up his story after he began working as a priest. Valentine became famous for

marrying couples who were in love but couldn't get legally married in Rome during the reign of Emperor Claudius II, who outlawed **weddings**. **Saint Valentine** sent a farewell note to a young blind girl named Julia before he was martyred for his faith in Jesus Christ and signed it

**"From your Valentine,"** which led to the tradition of sending loving messages on his feast day, **Valentine's Day**.

