

Anniversaries

Eileen Kelleher, Knocklucy.

Saturday 14th:- Vigil

Ballyheada 7.00pm

Mass Intentions:-

Liam & Teresa Duggan, Bandon &
Goggins Hill.

Cornelius Duggan, Goggins Hill.

John Walsh, Knocklucy.

Tim Walsh, Dublin & Knocklucy.

Sunday 15th:-

Ballygarvan 10.00am

Mass Intentions:-

John Hurley, Meadstown.

William & Julia Daly, Ballygarvan.

Goggins Hill 11.30am

Mass Intentions:-

Ellen & Christopher O'Leary, Corran.

We Remember

Liam (Frank) Deasy, Ballinhassig.

Oliver Corkery, Belgooly.

Ronnie McGinn, Douglas who died recently.

*We pray for their families
neighbours and friends.*



Matt Talbot Novena begins Monday Feb. 23rd at 7.30pm in The Way of the Cross, church, Togher.

Cork Pioneer Council AGM February 18th at 8.00pm in SMA, Wilton.

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Notices for inclusion should be received not later than 2.00pm on Wednesday

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MASS TIMES Next Week:-

Wednesday 18th:-

Ash Wednesday

Goggins Hill only 9.30am

Thursday 19th:-

Ballyheada 9.30am

Friday 20th:-

Ballygarvan 9.30am

Saturday 21st:-

Ballyheada 7.00pm

Sunday 22nd:-

Ballygarvan 10.00am

Goggins Hill 11.30am

Temperance Sunday

This Sunday February 15th is **Day of Prayer for Temperance**.

We remember and pray for all those suffering with addiction, and also pray for their families and friends.

Fasting & Abstinence

*Ash Wednesday February 18th is to be observed as a day of penance in the whole Church, one of both **abstinence and fasting** for those aged 18-59.*



Ballinhassig Parish

Newsletter

for Ballygarvan, Ballyheada and Goggins Hill

Vol. 34 No. 23 Sunday: February 15th, 2026 (Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time)

Fr. Danny
writes...

Spring Dues 2026

Spring Dues 2026 envelopes are available at all doors of the three churches. Alternatively, if you are using the boxed set of offertory envelopes, a Spring Dues envelope is included for next Sunday, February 22nd. All Spring Dues envelopes can be placed in the collection baskets during offertory collections at Masses in the coming weeks. Sincere thanks for your generous support to Father Danny in this and other contributions throughout the year.

Ash Wednesday February 18th - Distribution Of Ashes

Ashes will be available in Goggins Hill at 9.30am Mass.

Ashes will be available in:-

Ballyheada & Ballygarvan churches after 9.30am Mass in Goggins Hill. (11.00am approx.) **NOTE MASS in Goggins Hill only.**
Ashes will also be brought to the schools and Nursing Home by lay ministers.

Readings February 22nd

Gn 2:7-9, 3:1-7.

Ps 50:3-6, 12-14, 17. R/ cf. v 3.

Rm 5:12-19.

Mt 4:1-11.



Prayers for Ash Wednesday February 18th

O Jesus you place on my forehead
the sign of Your saving Cross
“Turn from sin and be faithful
to the Gospel.”

How can I turn from sin
unless I turn to You?

You speak,
You raise Your hand
You touch my mind and call
“Turn to the Lord your God.”

These days of Your favour
leave a blessing as You pass
on me and all Your people.
Turn to us, Lord God.



Ash Wednesday

O Jesus you place on my forehead
the sign of my sister Death
“Remember you are dust and to
dust you shall return.”

One day my life on Earth
will end;
the limits of my years are set,
though I know not the day
nor the hour Shall I be ready
to meet you?

Let this **Holy Season** be a time of
grace for me and all this world.
“Teach us to number our days
aright, that we may gain wisdom of
heart.” **Amen.**

As the season of Lent Begins...

Merciful God, through your prophet, Joel you reminded us of the true
meaning of penitence.

As the holy season of Lent begins, turn my heart towards you.
Let the mark of ashes remind me throughout the season of
this call to conversion.

May my repentance be truthful and sincere.
May my prayer be open to your guidance and grace.
May my almsgiving be generous and without strings or restrictions.
In the name of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, I pray. Amen.



Trócaire – Lent

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



Day of Prayer for Victims of Abuse

Friday February 20th, 2026 is a *Day of Prayer for Victims of Abuse*.



In Ireland this day is marked each year on the Friday following Ash Wednesday.
It is a day not only for victims and survivors who have been severely injured inside
our church, but also for their families and communities affected by the pain and
grief of their loved ones.

St. Valentine February 14th

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**.

The most famous miracle attributed to Saint Valentine involved a note he sent to a
young blind girl named Julia who he had befriended shortly before he was martyred
for his faith in Jesus Christ, **Valentine** wrote Julia a farewell note. Believers say that
God miraculously cured Julia of her blindness so that she could personally
read Valentine's note, rather than just have someone else read it to her.
Valentine signed Julia's note **“From your Valentine,”** and that loving
note, combined with the memory of Valentine's support of engaged and
married couples in his work as a priest, led to the tradition of sending loving messages
on February 14th, his feast day, **Valentine's Day**.

Throughout the years since Valentine died, people have prayed for him to intercede
for them before God about their romantic lives. **St. Valentine is Patron Saint of :-**
Love, marriages, engagements, young people, greetings, travellers, etc

Cultural Tour/Pilgrimage

To Egypt

**A Cultural Tour/Pilgrimage to Egypt
from May 5th -14th, 2026** with *Group
Leader, Mícheál De Barra and Spiritual
Director, Fr. John Newman.*

Highlights include visits to **Pyramids at
Giza, the Sphinx, The Grand Egyptian
Museum, Nile cruise from Aswan to
Luxor and a stay in Hurghada.**

5* accommodation.

Fr. John will celebrate Mass for the group
at biblical venues along the way.

Further information and booking:-
086 8337 681 or email
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Maranatha

Come, Lord Jesus

Young people attending secondary
schools across the Diocese of Cork
and Ross, from parishes gather for a
faith-based, high energy music event.
**Thursday February 26th, Cork City
Hall.** Start time 7.30pm, doors open
at 7.00pm. Tickets cost 15.00 Euro
on [eventbrite.ie](https://www.eventbrite.ie), search **Maranatha**.
All welcome.

Play – Marian Hall

Hunters Moon Theatre presents
“Never Going Back There” a new
Irish Play written and directed by
Philip O’Byrne, in the **Marian Hall**,
Ballinhassig, Friday **February 20th**
at 8.00pm. Cast includes Elaine
Lombard and Noreen O’Mahony.
Booking **089 9730 635**. Play just
finished in the Everyman Theatre.

Thought for the week

*How many days does one have in one's life?
What a pity if you do not act today. Don't
say you can put things off till tomorrow.
For tomorrow you'll have other things to do.*