

Anniversaries

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Saturday 28th:- Vigil

Ballyheada 7.00pm

Mass Intentions:-

Mamie Murphy, Rigsdale.

Eileen Hurley, Rigsdale.

Sunday 1st:-

Ballygarvan 10.00am

Mass Intentions:-

Paddy, Katie & William Coveney,
Ballygarvan.

John Twomey, Ballygarvan.



Goggins Hill 11.30am

Mass Intentions:-

Declan Madden, Ballinvoltig.

Margaret & William O'Mahony,
Skibbereen.



We Remember

Timothy Quirke, Tramore Rd, Cork;
Rebecca (Beck) Desmond (née Good)
Wexford & Nohoval who died recently.

*We pray for their families
neighbours and friends.*

Second Collection March 7th/8th

The second collection at all Masses
next week-end **March 7th/8th** is for
the *Irish Bishops Commissions*.

MASS TIMES Next Week:-

Wednesday 4th:-

Goggins Hill 9.30am

Thursday 5th:-

Ballyheada 9.30am

Rosary for Lent after 9.30am Mass

Friday 6th:- First Friday

Ballygarvan 9.30am

Adoration after 9.30am Mass

Saturday 7th:-

Ballyheada 7.00pm

**First Saturday Prayers 6.25pm
before 7.00pm Mass.**

Sunday 8th:-

Ballygarvan 10.00am

Goggins Hill 11.30am

Parish Pastoral Council

Parish Pastoral Council meeting on
Wednesday **March 4th** in the PAN
Centre (Parish Office) at 7.30pm.

Matt Talbot

Matt Talbot Mass & Novena:-

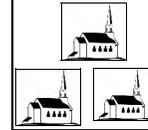
Monday March 2nd at 7.30pm in *The
Way of the Cross, Church, Togher.*

Celebrant:- Fr. Chris Byrne,
St. Patrick's Missionaries.

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Newsletter

for Ballygarvan, Ballyheada and Goggins Hill



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Mary O'H
writes...

Heart for Generosity

God of all Goodness,
Give me a heart for generosity.
Show me how to hold my possessions lightly,
Ever mindful of their temporary value.
Inspire me to share in full measure,
So that others are able to live without need or want.
Let me know the grace of a bountiful life,
One overflowing with gratitude for all that I have to give.
In the name of your generous Son, Jesus, we pray. Amen.



"It is not how much we give but how much we put into giving"

Lent is always an invitation to begin again. It is a season of reflection that leads us towards the three days of the Triduum, culminating with the celebration of Easter. This is a time above all to build a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. No matter what happens we are not alone. The light of Christ is brighter than any clouds of despair or uncertainty.

St. Paul reminds us, *"With God on our side who can be against us"*.



We're perhaps not really so sophisticated and so very different from people down the ages as we like to think we are. Much the same fears, desires, loves and hopes link humankind down through the centuries. It reminds us to sometimes pause a little and see what's really important in our lives.

Readings March 8th

Ex 17:3-7. Ps 94:1-2, 6-9, R/ v 8.

Rm 5:1-2, 5-8. Jn 4:5-42.



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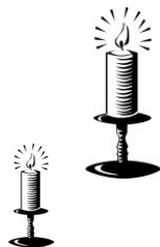
Springtime of the Spirit

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

On Friday **March 6th** Christian women across the globe will join together to lead the community in prayer. This is an international ecumenical Christian lay-women's initiative and celebrated annually in over one hundred and seventy countries on the first Friday of March.

The theme for 2026 is *"I will Give You Rest: Come"* and prepared by the women of Nigeria.

Details www.worlddayofprayer.net



First Confessions

Remember in your prayers the children of the parish making their **First Confession** and preparing for First Holy Communion in May, 2026.



World Book Day

Thursday **March 5th** is **World Book Day 2026**.

It is celebrated annually in more than one hundred countries on the first Thursday of March.

World Book Day 2026 continues to focus on reading for pleasure rather than a fixed theme.

Schools are encouraged to give children choice, time and space to enjoy books they genuinely want to read. Continue to encourage reading by giving a present of a book, particularly to children.



Thought for the Week

The early bird gets the worm, but the second mouse gets the cheese.

Tour/Pilgrimage

Few places remaining on our *Cultural Tour/Pilgrimage to Egypt* from **May 5th –14th**.

Spiritual Director:- Fr. John Newman

Group Leader:- Mícheál De Barra.

Highlights include the Pyramids of Giza, The Sphinx, the Grand Egyptian Museum, A Nile cruise from Aswan to Luxor and a stay in Hurghada. 5* accommodation.

Fr. John will celebrate Mass at biblical venues on the way.

Further information and booking:-

Mícheál [086 8337 681](tel:0868337681)

or email: michealdebarra3@gmail.com

Fátima & Algarve Pilgrimage

Donoughmore Group *Pilgrimage to Fátima & Vilamoura (Algarve)* on **July 2nd** for seven nights.

Spiritual Director:- Fr. Neilus O'Donnell.

*Direct return flights Cork –Faro.

*20kg checked bag.

*Transfers and tours by private coach.

*Four nights at Santa Amaro Hotel, Fatima, breakfast, lunch and dinner.

*Three nights at Vila Galé Vilamoura, half board.

*Full religious programme .

*Guided Tours.

Cost 1,685.00Euro per person sharing.

Details & Booking Pat **087 6798 810**.

All welcome.

Social Dance - Marian Hall

Social Dancing in the Marian Hall on

Friday:- **March 6th at 9.00pm.**

Music by **CHECKERS**

Admission 10.00Euro. Refreshments served.

Seachtain na Gaeilge

Seachtain na Gaeilge runs from March 1st-17th. It is the largest Irish language and cultural festival in Ireland. It aims to promote and celebrate the Irish language and culture.

Celebrate with the Cúpla focal.

Cork Scripture Group

Spring 2026 Bible:-

"Rejoice in the Lord always! Again, I say rejoice! (Phil. 4:4)

Monday nights for **four weeks** at Scala Centre, Blackrock from 7.30pm-9.30pm. All welcome.

Monday **March 2nd:-**

Lost in translation? Joy in Luke's Gospel. *Seán O'Sullivan*.

Monday **March 9th:-**

Restore to me the Joy of my salvation Psalm 51:12.

Pontianus Jafra Vitalis.

Monday **March 16th:-**

Joy in the Old Testament: The other side of sorrow? *Rosalie Moloney*.

Monday **March 23rd:-**

'So that your joy may be complete'. Joy in John's Gospel. *Phil Mortell*.

Bible Workshop March 21st from

10.00am -1.00pm in the Crypt, Dennehy's Cross Church.

Reflecting on the theme of joy in the Psalms with *Seán Goan*.

Cost for Module & Workshop is 50Euro, Workshop only 10Euro.

Booking essential at:

corkscripturegroup@gmail.com

Epilepsy - Purple Day

Epilepsy Awareness Day now called *Purple Day* will take place on

Thursday March 26th.

In Ireland today over 45,000 people live with Epilepsy.

Further details www.epilepsy.ie

Thought!!!

Genius is the ability to reduce the complicated to the simple.