

Anniversaries

Timothy Reardon, Ballinaboy.
Johanna Reardon, Ballinaboy.
Neile Reardon, Ballinaboy
Jackie Drinan, Meadstown.
Tom Neary, Castlebar.
Sean Hurley, Rigsdale.
Jackie Murphy, Skehanagh.
Vincent Leggett, Ballynoe.
Tim O'Leary, Meadstown.
Michael Sheehan, Ballinaboy.
Marjorie O'Leary, Meadstown.
Donie O'Callaghan, Ballygarvan Upper.



We Remember

Ann O'Leary, Ballincollig who died recently. *We pray for her family, neighbours and friends.*

Sympathy

We offer our sympathy to *Sean Crowley, Briar Hill* on the death of his sister Ann O'Leary, Ballincollig.

Mass December 8th

Saturday **December 8th** is the Feast of the *Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary* and is a Holy Day of Obligation.

Vigil Mass:-

Ballyheada:- Friday 7.00pm

Saturday 8th:-

Ballygarvan: 10.00am

Goggins Hill 11.30am

MASS TIMES

Next Week

Monday 3rd:-
Ballygarvan 9.30am

Tuesday 4th:-
Goggins Hill 9.30am

Thursday 6th:-
Ballyheada 9.30am

Friday 7th:-
Ballygarvan 9.30am
Ballyheada 7.00pm

Saturday 8th:-
Ballygarvan 10.00am
Goggins Hill 11.30am
Ballyheada 7.00pm

Friday is the First Friday of December. Fr.Kieron will make the usual monthly visits on Thursday & Friday.

Stations

Gortnaclogh:-

Monday **December 3rd** at 8.00pm in the home of *Monica O'Regan*.

Church Flowers

Goggins Hill Church Flower Group will hold a collection inside on this Sunday December 2nd to help defray the cost of church flowers, particularly Christmas and Easter.



Ballinhassig Parish

Newsletter

for Ballygarvan, Ballyheada and Goggins Hill



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Mary O'Halloran submits....

Season of Advent

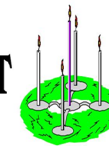
In the church calendar, the four weeks before Christmas are known as Advent; a time of waiting and preparation. This Sunday is the *First Sunday of Advent* and you will notice the *Advent Wreath* in the church. Sometimes in the hustle and bustle of the weeks leading up to Christmas it is easy to lose sight of what we are preparing for. As you get ready at this special time of the year, perhaps you and your family will make a conscious effort to be more aware of the true meaning of the celebration of Christmas—the birth of the Christ Child. We can use this time to make spiritual preparation for Christmas.

The custom of the Advent Wreath is an excellent way for families to keep the real meaning of Christmas in perspective. The Advent Wreath consists of a circle of evergreens and four candles. The circular shape symbolises God's love for us, a love that

has no beginning or end. The evergreens represent the continuing and everlasting life that comes from God through Jesus. As we light the candles each week we are made aware of our journey through this season from Advent to Christmas. The

four candles (three purple and one pink) mark four weeks of Advent and point to Jesus as the light of the world. The purple candles and ribbon show that Advent is a time of waiting and preparation. The pink candle lit on the third week reminds us we can rejoice as we draw near to Christmas. An Advent Wreath in the home can be a wonderful opportunity for family prayer. *As we light our first candle this week we pray for God's blessing of the Advent wreath, our homes and each of us.*

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2012 Ballinhassig Parish Newsletter

Notices for inclusion should be received not later than 2.00pm on Wednesday by Mary (4888268), Mary (4885257) PAN Centre/Parish Office (phone/fax 4885062) info@ballinhassigparish.com

Parish Website

The *Parish Website* is now up and running at:-

www.ballinhassigparish.com

Christmas Liturgy Meetings

Ballyheada:

December 8th after
7.00pm Mass.

Ballygarvan:

December 9th after
10.00am Mass.

Goggins Hill:

December 9th after 11.30am Mass.

The meetings are to organise *Christmas Liturgies* in the three churches. We invite co-ordinator or representative of Ministers of the Word and Eucharist; Choir; Sacristans; Flower Group; Crib; Altar Servers; Assembly Liturgy reps, Church cleaning groups etc. We also invite others who normally help in the church for Christmas and anyone else who would like to offer help. All welcome.

Church Cleaning Ballyheada

If you would like to volunteer to help clean *Ballyheada church* for Christmas, or to go on a rota for cleaning throughout the year, please contact the P.A.N. Centre (Parish Office) 4885062.



St. Vincent de Paul

Please remember, next week-end **December 8th/9th** is the **Christmas** collection for V.D.P. Times are getting even harder than before, for a lot more people. The people of the parish are very supportive of us, and we are calling on you again to give generously for the less well off among us. Thanking You.
(*St. Joseph's Conference, Ballinhassig*)

Youth 2000 Christmas Retreat

Youth 2000 Ireland will hold their annual Christmas Youth Retreat in Newbridge College, Co. Kildare from December 14th -16th. The week-end is for youth aged 16-35 and includes prayer, workshops, drama, music, games and chill out time. Free buses, donation only week-end. Details and booking www.youth2000.ie or 01/6753690; 0858289231. All welcome.

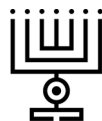
Carols By Candlelight

The Carrigaline Choral Group & St. James' Church Choir, Ballinora with guests *Dan Twomey* (tenor soloist) *Mac Tire* (trad group) in **St. James' Church, Ballinora on Sunday December 16th at 8.00pm.** Tickets 10Euro and available from *choir members*; or 087/2984838 or 087/9438055.

Christmas Arrangements

Christmas flower arrangements; wreaths; swags and table centres made to order. Details and orders contact *Breda Keohane* 087/9028416.

Also floral arrangements for Christmas, made to order, contact *Nora* 086/1517819.



Village Tree Lighting

Ballinhassig Tidy Village Association will hold their annual **Christmas Tree Lighting ceremony in Ballinhassig Village** on Friday **December 7th at 7.30pm.** Bulbs cost 5Euro each or donation and are available from:
Con Cottrell; Pat Aherne; Mary Rice; Mary O'Leary; Kit Jordan; Denny Finn & Sheila Coleman.



Christmas Cards

Christmas cards in aid of *Ronald McDonald House*(which is situated on the grounds of *Our Lady's Children's Hospital, Crumlin*) available in *Cottrell's Gala, Ballinhassig.*

AGM - GAA

Ballinhassig GAA Club A.G.M. in the Club House on **December 6th** at 7.00pm. New members welcome.

Community Alert

Ballinhassig Parish Community Alert meeting in the *Marian Hall* on Tuesday **December 11th at 9.00pm.** New members welcome.

Treatz At Abbeys

Now re-opened, in *Ballinhassig area*, six days a week. Booking 087/7740308.

Ballinhassig AFC

Disappointment for the *U14 Schoolgirls* as their *Munster Final v Carrigaline* was called off Sunday due to weather, it is hoped to reschedule for **December 8th.** Best of luck to the *U16 girls in the Munster Semi Final v Bruff* in *Gortnaclogh* on Saturday **December 1st**, kick off 2.00pm. *Last orders for Club Gear for Christmas Fri. December 7th, academy set 30Euro.*

Magical Christmas Concert

BCDA - 'Magical Christmas Concert'
Marian Hall, Ballinhassig
Sunday **December 9th** at 7.30pm.

Soprano: Serena Standley

Baritone: Rob Kennedy

Cork Garda Male Voice Choir

The Voices of Cork

The Carrigaline Singers

Compere: Kevin Goggin



Tickets 10Euro and available from:-
Cottrell's Gala, Ballinhassig; Centra Shop Crossbarry; The Gallery Restaurant, Wilton; Rumley's Open Farm (Viduct); The Pavilion, Ballygarvan; Kay Birmingham 087/2944637 or at the door on the night. All welcome.

Christmas Bazaars

Ballyheada Parents Association annual Christmas Bazaar in *Ballyheada N.S.* on Sunday **December 2nd** at 12.00noon.

Ballinhassig GAA annual Christmas Bazaar on Friday **December 7th.**

Santa arrives at 7.15pm sharp.

Entertainment for young and old.

Spinner prizes include hampers; hams; meat vouchers; wine & cash prizes.

Donations for hampers appreciated and can be handed in to the Club Rooms on Mon. & Tues. from 7.00pm-7.30pm. Great family night assured.

Cork Dog Action Welfare Group annual Christmas Bazaar in *SMA Hall, Wilton*, Sunday **December 2nd** 12.00noon - 6.00pm. Raffle; Cakes, Sweets, Treats; Toys; Books & Gift Ideas; DAWG Stall & many more. All proceeds CDAWG.