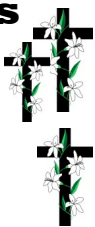


Anniversaries

Sean Hurley, Rigsdale.
Paddy O' Leary, Ovens.
Michael Collins, Rearour.
Neile Reardon, Ballinaboy.
Billy Cullinane, Milewater.
Christy Sheehan, Meadstown.
Annie Crowley, Ballyduhig.
Catherine Barry, Coolatooder,
Joan O'Sullivan, Goggins Hill.
John O'Sullivan, Goggins Hill.
Cain O'Mahony, Fivemile Bridge.
Alex and Lily Conboye, Montenotte.
Donie O'Callaghan, Ballygarvan Upper.
Billy O'Callaghan, Ballygarvan Upper.
Denis and Mary Whelton, Gortnaclogh.



We Remember

Fionnuala Crowley, Briar Hill;
Caroline O'Driscoll-Fitzpatrick,
Waterfall who died recently.
*We pray for their families, neighbours
and friends.*

Mass December 8th

This year **December 8th** is on a Sunday.

Usual Week End Masses:

Vigil Mass:-

Ballyheada:- Saturday 7.00pm

Sunday 8th:-

Ballygarvan: 10.00am
Goggins Hill 11.30am

MASS TIMES

Next Week

Monday 2nd:-
Ballygarvan 9.30am

Tuesday 3rd:-
Goggins Hill 9.30am

Thursday 5th:-
Ballyheada 10.00am

Friday 6th:-
Ballygarvan 9.30am
Ballyheada 8.00pm

*Friday is the **First Friday of December.**
Fr.Kieron and Sr. Josephine will make
the usual monthly visits
to the housebound on
Thursday & Friday.*



Stations

Gortnaclogh:-

Friday **November 29th** at 8.00pm
in the home of Barry and Bernie O'
Halloran.

Church Flower Collection

*Goggins Hill Church Flower Group
will hold a collection inside on this
Sunday **December 1st** to help defray
the cost of church flowers, particularly
for Christmas and Easter. Again we
thank you for your continued support.*

Ballinhassig Parish

Newsletter

for Ballygarvan, Ballyheada and Goggins Hill



Vol. 22 No. 12 Sunday: December 1st, 2013 (First Sunday of Advent)

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 a 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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*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*

Christmas Liturgy Meetings

These meetings are to organise *Christmas Liturgies* in the three churches as follows:



Ballyheada:

December 7th after 7.00pm Mass.

Ballygarvan:

December 8th after 10.00am Mass.

Goggins Hill:

December 8th after 11.30am Mass.

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.



Christmas Arrangments

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



St. Vincent de Paul

Please remember, next week-end **December 7th/8th** 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 once again to give generously for the less well off among us. Thanking You.
(*St. Joseph's Conference, Ballinhassig*)

Christmas Room

Brothers Of Charity, St. Patrick's Upton present *Casadh Area Christmas Room* at St. Patrick's Upton



(previously the Workshop area) decorated by **DJ Murphy** of Bandon Garden Centre, on **Friday December 13th** from **11.00am – 8.00pm**. Refreshments, raffle, all welcome.

All proceeds in aid of Marymount Hospice & St. Patrick's Upton.

Monster Bingo

Monster Bingo in aid of Marymount Hospice on Sunday **December 8th** at 3.00pm in the **City Hall**. *Admission:* Single Book 15Euro; Double 20Euro. Spot Prizes and Raffles. Doors open 1.00pm. Early Bird games at 2.00pm; 10,000 in prizes. All welcome.

Christmas Open House

DJ Murphy, Killumney:- OPEN HOUSE **November 30th and December 1st** from **12noon to 8.00pm**.

Admission 10Euro including refreshments. *Proceeds to Marymount Hospice & Our Lady of Good Counsel, Ballincollig.*



What we See depends mainly on what we Look for.

(Sir John Lubbock)

Village Tree Lighting

Ballinhassig Tidy Village Association will hold their annual **Christmas Tree Lighting ceremony in Ballinhassig Village** on Sunday **December 8th at 5.00pm**. 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.

AGM

Ballinhassig GAA Club AGM Friday **December 6th** at 7.30pm. All welcome

Scor Carrigdhoun AGM

Marian Hall, Ballinhassig on Tuesday **December 3rd** at 8.00pm. All clubs are requested to send a delegate.

Goggins Hill N.S. Choir

Goggins Hill N.S. childrens 'Choir Performance' in aid of the *Philippines Appeal* will be held in the Marian Hall, Ballinhassig on **December 14th** at 7.30pm. Music –will include a variety of lively songs from:- *'Hallelujah' Dublin performance.*



Christmas Market

Pavilion Garden Centre will host a **Christmas Market** on Saturday **November 30th** and Sunday **December 1st** from **11.00am-6.00pm** & Saturday/Sunday **December 7th/8th** from 11.00am-6.00pm. *Crafts and artisan food stands; santa; festive music and carol singing, live animal crib, childrens entertainment and christmas cookery theatre.* Further details www.thepavilion.ie or 4888134. All welcome.



Active Retirement Club

Annual Christmas Dinner

Ballinhassig Parish Social & Active Retirement Club annual Christmas

Dinner /Party in the:-

Carrigaline Court Hotel,

Saturday December 7th

Lunch at 1.00pm.



Tickets cost 28Euro and available from

Noreen 4888213; Mary 4885245

Breda 4885449; John 087/7546818

All welcome.

Bingo Night

Ballinhassig Camogie Club

BINGO NIGHT in the Marian Hall on this Saturday **November 30th at 8.00pm**.

Hampers and prizes galore. All welcome

Annual Christmas Bazaars

Ballyheada N.S. Parents Association annual Christmas Bazaar will be held in the School on this Sunday **December 1st at 12noon.** All welcome.

Ballinhassig GAA on Sunday **December 8th** from 5pm-8pm. **Santa** will arrive at 5.15pm; Spinner; Con's lucky dip- proceeds to school coaching. The Club would appreciate if members and parents of under-age players would donate items and baskets for hampers. Please bring these to the Club Rooms on Tuesday **December 3rd** and Thursday **December 5th** from 6.30pm-7.30pm. **Club Gear for Christmas also on sale on both nights.**

If you are interested in taking a stall for the Bazaar contact Theresa 087/6579925.

Ballygarvan Camogie Club

Annual Bazaar on Sunday **December 15th** in GAA Pavilion.

Santa will arrive at **2.00pm**.

Spinner, turkeys, hams. Carol singing. Great family afternoon!!! All welcome.

Goggins Hill School Sunday **December 15th** after 11.30am Mass