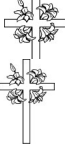








## Anniversaries

Christy Sheehan, Meadstown.   
Michael Whelton, Butlerstown.   
Margaret Whelton, Butlerstown.   
Sean Hurley, Rigsdale.  
John Duff, Pouladuff.  
Neile Reardon, Ballinaboy.  
Jackie Drinan, Meadstown.  
Jeremiah Coleman, Halfway.   
Catherine Barry, Coolatooder.  
Eileen O'Connell, Gortnaclogh.  
Cain O'Mahony, Fivemile Bridge.  
Con and Mai Bowen, Ballygarvan.  
Ellen Coleman, Ballynagrumbolia  
John & Joan O'Sullivan, Goggins Hill.  
Donie O'Callaghan, Ballygarvan Upper

## We Remember

We Remember the following who died during the week.   
**Alan Goggin, Carrigtwohill.**  
**Kathleen Kelleher, Riverstick.**  
*We pray for their families, neighbours and friends.*

## Sympathy

We offer our sympathy to **Denis and Kathleen Kiely**, Ballinabearna on the death of their son Alan; **Niall and Denise Kiely** on the death of their brother Alan, **Maura Kiely** on the death of her grandson Alan, uncles, aunts, cousins, relatives and friends on the death of Alan;  
**Violet Grainger**, Rigsdale on the death of her nephew Alan Goggin, Carrigtwohill.  

## MASS TIMES

### Week Days Next Week

Monday 1st:-   
**Ballygarvan 9.30am**

Tuesday 2nd:-  
**Goggins Hill 9.30am**

Thursday 4th:-  
**Ballyheada 10.00am**

Friday 5th:-  
**Ballygarvan 9.30am**  
**Ballyheada 8.00pm**

*Friday is the First Friday of December.*

*Fr. Kieron & Sr. Josephine will make the usual monthly visits.*

Saturday 6th:-  
**Ballyheada 7.00pm**

Sunday 7th:-  
**Ballygarvan 10.00am**  
**Goggins Hill 11.30am**

## Reflection for Advent

**Hearing, Happening, Hoping:**  
**Scripture Reflection for Advent on Tues. Dec. 2nd; 9th and 16th** at the Cork & Ross Pastoral Development Office, (located in the parochial house Ballyphehane) beginning with coffee, **10.30am – 11.30am.**  
All welcome.

# Ballinhassig Parish


## Newsletter


*for Ballygarvan, Ballyheada and Goggins Hill*

**Vol. 23 No. 12 Sunday: November 30th, 2014 (First Sunday of Advent)**

*Mary O'Halloran submits...*

## The Advent Wreath

Most churches and families have an Advent Wreath. The custom wasn't always an Irish one. Wreaths were popular in Germany, Austria and Northern Europe. As people began to travel to these countries they saw the attractive wreaths and brought the idea home. As you see we have one here in the Church. It is a symbol of what Advent means. The circle represents "eternity" and the "faithfulness" of God, it never ends. The evergreen foliage is a reminder that Jesus is ready to renew our relationship with Him.   
The **Four Candles** represent the **four weeks of Advent** and each Sunday one is lit. Three **purple** candles and one **rose** colour. Purple is the traditional colour for Advent meaning "**Penance**" and the Rose colour is lit on the third Sunday which is **Gaudete** Sunday, or a day of **Rejoicing** that the coming of Jesus is near.

So Advent is a time for us to **prepare** to receive Jesus into **our hearts, our lives, our homes and our parish.** We need to **invite** Him. A very short traditional prayer for Advent is simply "**COME LORD JESUS**" 

We can say this at any time, travelling, in the house or when we pass a Church or Grotto. Having the Advent Wreath in the house it could be said with children round the wreath, maybe at bedtime or before a meal.

Remember when we invite Jesus into our lives **He will never come empty handed.** He will come to you with **some special gift or blessing**, something He knows you need. But you have to be **READY** and **WAITING.** So "**Stay awake**" "**Be ready**" so that He Knows you're expecting Him. **STAY AWAKE! COME LORD JESUS.**

### 2014 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 www.ballinhassigparish.com*

## Christmas Liturgy Meetings

Meetings to organise *Christmas Liturgies* in the three churches will be held as follows:



### Ballyheada:

December 6th after 7.00pm Mass.

### Ballygarvan:

December 7th after 10.00am Mass.

### Goggins Hill:

December 7th 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.

## Ballygarvan Church Flowers

If you would like to volunteer to help with the *Christmas Flower Arranging/Decorating of*



*Ballygarvan Church* please contact the P.A.N. Centre (Parish Office) at 4885062.

We would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank **Mary McCrum** who has given her time and talents in decorating the Altar and Church in Ballygarvan for Christmas on her own for many years. The flowers and decorations always looked wonderful adding to the spirituality of the festive season.

*Mary will continue to do the Altar Flowers but has requested help this year.*

## Fun Run/Walk

The inaugural *Sean Hurley Fun Run/Walk*

5.6kms will be held on: Saturday **November 29th** Starting at New GAA pitch

**Time:-2.00pm**

Registration in Marian Hall from 1pm

Cost:- 10Euro, Family 30Euro.

*All proceeds in aid of CRY (cardiac risk in the young) All welcome.*



## Christmas Room

*"A special Christmas Room event" will be held at* Brothers Of Charity, St. Patrick's Upton, Innishannon *on Friday December 12th.* The specially decorated room supported by **DJ Murphy** of Bandon Garden Centre, will be open for visitors from **10.30am – 8.00pm.**

Seasonal Refreshments;

Admission free; donations accepted for *St.*

*Vincent de Paul* (local branch) & *St. Patrick's Upton.* A display and sale of some of the large and varied collection of craft materials from the former Craft Centre at St. Patrick's Upton will also take place on the day. All welcome.



## Table Quiz

*First Responder Team, Ballygarvan* will hold a **Fundraising Table Quiz**

in **Bridgies Bar, Ballygarvan** on **Friday November 28th at 8.30pm.**

Table of 4, 40Euro. All funds raised will go towards the *Purchase of Equipment and Training of First Responder Team.*

This will operate with local contacts being linked to HSE Services.

Official Launch will take place in January 2015. Details after Christmas.



## Ballinhassig GAA

### Christmas Bazaar:-

Annual Christmas Bazaar in **Marain Hall, Ballinhassig** on Sunday **December 7th** from 5pm onwards. **Santa** will arrive at **5.15pm.**



Great family evening. All welcome.

If anyone wishes to take a stall at the Bazaar contact Theresa **087/6579925.**

To help defray costs club members, families and anybody else who would like to donate items for the hampers/bazaar are asked to hand them in to the Club Rooms on Tuesday **December 2nd** & Thursday **December 4th** from **7.30pm-8.00pm.**

Baskets for the hampers would also be greatly appreciated.



### AGM

AGM in Club Rooms on Thursday **December 11th at 7.30pm.**

New Members welcome.

## Village Tree Lighting

*Ballinhassig Tidy Village Association* will hold their annual **Christmas Tree**

**Lighting ceremony in Ballinhassig Village** on Sunday **December 7th 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.*



## Tidy Village Collection

*Ballinhassig Tidy Village Association* will hold their annual Church Gate Collection in *Ballyheada and Goggins Hill* this week end Saturday/Sunday **November 29th/30th.**

## Active Retirement Club



*Ballinhassig Parish Social & Active Retirement Club* annual **Christmas Flower Arranging** in the **Marian Hall** by **Mary McCrum** on Tuesday **December 2nd at 7.30pm.** All welcome.

## Coffee Morning

**Coffee /Tea Morning** in aid of the *Mercy Miracle Appeal* will be held in the **Marian Hall, Ballinhassig** on Wednesday **December 3rd from 10.00am-3.00pm.**

All funds raised will go towards the Stroke & Heart units of the *Mercy University Hospital.*

All welcome.



## Christmas Bingo Night

*Reminder:- Ballinhassig Camogie Club:- Will hold their annual Christmas*

**BINGO NIGHT** in the **Marian Hall** on Saturday **November 29th at 8.00pm.**

Hampers and prizes galore.

Great fun night assured. All welcome.



## Christmas Bazaars

**Ballyheada Parents Association** will hold their annual **Christmas Bazaar** in **Ballyheada School** on Sunday **December 14th at 12.00noon.** All welcome.



**Goggins Hill Parents Association** will hold their annual **Christmas Bazaar** in **Goggins Hill School** on Sunday **December 14th after 11.30am Mass.** All welcome.

## Ballygarvan Camogie Club

Annual **Christmas Bazaar** in **GAA Pavilion** on Sunday **December 14th.** Santa will arrive at 2.00pm. Spinner, turkeys, hams. Carol singing. Great family afternoon!!!!.