

We Remember

Breda Andrews, Ringaskiddy who died during the week. *We pray for her family, neighbours and friends*.

Pope Francis

"There is no prayer in which Jesus does not inspire us to do something." Welcome a stranger; Mend a quarrel; Go to Church; Listen; Be kind and gentle: Try to understand; Encourage youth; Love. MASS TIMES Next Week Monday 22nd:-**Ballygarvan** 9.30am Tuesday 23rd:-**Goggins Hill** 9.30am Wednesday 24th:- (Christmas Eve) Ballygarvan 6.00pm **Goggins Hill** 7.30pm **Ballyheada** 9.00pm Thursday 25th:- (Christmas Day) **Ballygarvan** 10.00am Ballvheada 10.30am Goggins Hill 11.30am Friday 26th (St. Stephen's Day):-Goggins Hill 10.00am Ballygarvan 11.30am

Saturday 27th:-Ballyheada 7.00pm Sunday 28th:-Ballygarvan 10.00am Goggins Hill 11.30am

Communion to the Housebound *Ministers of the Eucharist* are invited to bring Holy Communion to the housebound on Christmas Day.

Pray For

Please remember to pray for all our parishioners and all others who are unwell in any way at this time. *You are in our thoughts and prayers.*

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

Ballinhassig Parish

Newsletter

for Ballygarvan, Ballyheada and Goggins Hill

Vol. 23 No. 15 Sunday: December 21st, 2014 (Fourth Sunday of Advent)

My First Christmas in Heaven

I see the countless christmas trees around the world below, with tiny lights like heaven's stars, reflecting on the snow. The sight is so spectacular, please wipe away the tear, for I am spending christmas with Jesus Christ this year.



I hear the many christmas songs that people hold so dear, but the sound of music can't compare with the christmas choir here.

I have no words to tell you, the joy their voices bring, for it is beyond description to hear the angels sing.



I know how much you miss me, I see the pain inside your heart, but I am not so far away, we really aren't apart. So be happy for me dear ones, you know I hold you dear, and be glad I am spending christmas with Jesus Christ this year.

I send you each a special gift, from my heavenly home above, I send you each a memory of my undying love. After all, love is the gift, more precious than pure gold, it was always most important in the stories Jesus told.



Please love and keep each other, as my father said to do, for I can't count the love or blessings he has for each of you. So have a merry christmas and wipe away the tear, *remember, I am spending christmas with Jesus Christ this year.* (author unknown)



CHRISTMAS CEREMONIES 2014

Sacrament of Reconciliation & Forgiveness



TUESDAY DECEMBER 23rd Ballygarvan 7.00pm; Ballyheada 8.00pm Kinsale:- Mon. Dec. 22nd 7.30pm

Carrigaline:- Mon. Dec. 22nd 7.00pm

Confessions





Saturday **December 20th** as follows: Ballygarvan 10.00am; Ballyheada 11.00am; GogginsHill 12noon



Christmas Mass of the Nativity of Our Lord

Christmas Eve 24th Ballygarvan: 6.00pm Goggins Hill: 7.30pm Ballyheada: 9.00pm

Christmas Day 25th Ballygarvan: Ballvheada:

Goggins Hill:





Mass on St. Stephens Day (Friday 26th)

Goggins Hill: 10.00am Ballygarvan: 11.30am





Saturday 27th Vigil Mass in Ballyheada 7.00pm



Sunday 28th Ballygarvan 10.00am; Goggins Hill 11.30am

Thank You

Diarmuid Movnihan, Ballygarvan would like to sincerely thank all those who supported the recent **fundraising 'Confined** Draw' in aid of his trip to Calcutta with The HOPE foundation.

E HOPE FOUNDATION

Draw took place in Cottrell's Gala, Ballinhassig on December 13th.

Results were as Follows:-

1st:- Clodagh Cashman, Killingley 2nd:- Kevin O'Regan, Goggins Hill 3rd:- Oisin Feeney, Conna 4th:- Dave Neary, Killanully 5th:- Gillian O'Driscoll, Ballygarvan 6th:- Catherine O'Regan, Tallow 7th:- Alan Hosford, Togher 8th:- Mary Barrett, Blackhill 9th:- Paddy Ashman, Ballygarvan 10th:- Frank Burke, Ballygarvan 11th:- Paric Brown, Ballinreesig 12th:- Derry O'Sullivan, Ballygarvan 13th:- Charlotte O'Driscoll, Ballygarvan 14th:- Siobhan Doolev, Castlelyons.

Thanks to all who helped with **HPF** the organisation and selling of the tickets and special thanks to all who supported in any way. Your support was greatly appreciated.

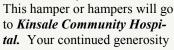
Thank You

Cottrell's Gala would like to sincerely thank everybody who supported their 'Movember collection' in aid of mens cancer research etc. Thanks to T.J. Reardon: Victor Twohig; Jerry, Barry, Con and Cormac who took part by growing a beard during the month of November. A total of 1795Euro was collected .

Christmas Hamper

If you would like to donate items for the Christmas hamper in Ballyheada Church

please hand in same to the sacristy after Mass from now until Christmas Day.



Thank You - Shoe Box

Mary O'Halloran would like to sincerely thank all parishioners and friends from outside who took part in *Team Hope Shoe Box* Appeal again this year.

Special thanks to the children and staff of Ballygarvan, Ballyheada and Goggins Hill National Schools for their continued support and dedication to the project.

Despite economic difficulties, unemployment etc. a total of *Five* Hundred and Thirty Seven Shoe Boxes were collected in the par-



ish this year. This year truck loads of boxes from Ireland went to Eastern Europe and parts of Africa. It is nice to know that on Christmas morning when the children of the parish are opening their presents that the unfortunate children in orphanages; street children etc. in Eastern Europe and Africa also have presents to open thanks to your generosity and kindness.

A special thanks to the proprietor and staff of Cottrell's Shop, Ballinhassig who facilitated by making their premises available as a collection point for shoe boxes. Shoe Box Appeal was a huge success again in 2014.

ELDERLY NEIGHBOURS - This time of year, especially in this cold spell when the days are short, nights can be long and lonely for the elderly, especially those living alone. Make an effort to phone or call in person to your elderly neighbours and those living alone, a quick hello or chat would mean a lot. Be vigilent of strangers or suspicious



vehicles in your area. If in doubt contact the Gardai with registration numbers or descriptions.

