Anniversaries

Thomas O'Sullivan, Ballygarvan Upper Phyllis O'Sullivan, Ballygarvan Upper. Paddy Forde, Tulligmore. James Forde, Tulligmore. Breeda Andrews, Ringaskiddy. Anthony Marshall, Meadstown. Michael Whelton, Buitlerstown. Margaret Whelton, Butlerstown. Maurice and Mary Healy, Ballinaboy. Peter and Anna Cronin, Dromoureen. John & Mary O'Neill, Dunmanway. Michael Doody, Ballygarvan & Mahon.

We Remember

Nora Keogh, (nee McCarthy) Rigsdale; Joan (Hannah) Moynihan (nee O'Shea) Ballvgarvan Upper who died during the week. We pray for their families, neighbours and friends.

Sympathy

We offer our sympathy to *Jim*, *Berna*dette and Tom Keogh, Rigsdale on the death of their mother Nora **Keogh**, Rigsdale;

We offer our sympathy to Mary O' Halloran, Rigsdale, James (Sam) Movnihan, Ballygarvan Upper, Jerry, Joni and Sheila Movnihan, on the death of their mother Joan (Hannah) *Moynihan*, Ballygarvan Upper.

Death is not extinguishing the light, but putting out the lamp because the Dawn has come.

MASS TIMES Next Week

Monday 14th:-

Ballygarvan 9.30am

Tuesday 15th:-

Goggins Hill 9.30am

Thursday 17th:-

Ballyheada 10.00am

Saturday 19th:-

Ballyheada 7.00pm

Sunday 20th:-

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.

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.

This hamper or hampers will go to Kinsale Community Hospital.

Your continued generosity year after year to this worthy cause is much appreciated.

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Notices for inclusion should be received not later than 2.00pm on Wednesday by Mary O'Halloran (4885257) Mary O'Donovan (4888268). PAN Centre/Parish Office (phone/fax 4885062)

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for Ballygarvan, Ballyheada and Goggins Hill

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Mary O'Halloran submits...

God's Christmas Gift

A Different Kind Of Christmas:-

Sometimes Christmas is just overwhelming, it seems, As we rush around buying up stuff.

We spend without end, and we rack up those bills, But it feels like it's never enough.

So this Christmas, let's all take a different approach:

Let's try to be more in accord

With God's Christmas gift, the best one of all--

Our sweet Jesus, our Savior, our Lord.

We'll be gentle and patient, and loving and kind, And we'll keep our priorities straight;

The gifts of the Spirit, the gifts of the heart

Are the ones that we'll all celebrate.

And our stress will decrease, and we'll feel more at peace,

As we decorate, package, and trim;

Our new Christmas will be a pure joy and delight,

As we try to be much more like Him. (Joanna Fuchs)

A religious Christmas poem like this one gives a different focus to the Christmas holiday season.











CHRISTMAS CEREMONIES 2015

Sacrament of Reconciliation & Forgiveness **Details of date next week**

Ballygarvan 7.00pm; Ballyheada 8.00pm



Other Reconciliation Services

Frankfield/Grange details next week Innishannon details next week Kinsale details next week Carrigaline Parish Church details next week



Confessions

Saturday **December 19th** as follows:

Ballygarvan 10.00am; Ballyheada 11.00am; Goggins Hill 12noon

Christmas Mass of the Nativity of Our Lord

Christmas Eve 24th Christmas Day 25th

Ballygarvan: 6.00pm 10.0.00am Ballygarvan: 10.30am Ballvheada: Ballvheada: 7.30pm Goggins Hill: Goggins Hill: 9.00pm 11.30am





Mass on St. Stephens Day (Saturday 26th)

Ballyheada: 10.00am 11.30am Ballvgarvan:



Saturday 26th Vigil Mass in Ballyheada 7.00pm



Sunday 27th Ballygarvan 10.00am; Goggins Hill 11.30am

St. Vincent de Paul

Please remember, this week-end **December 12th/13th** 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

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 and Ballyheada National Schools for their continued

support and dedication to the project.

Despite economic difficulties, unemployment etc. a total of Six Hundred and Eighteen Shoe Boxes were collected in the parish 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 2015 thanks to your continued support.!!!!

Bazaars

Ballygarvan Camogie Club

Annual Christmas Bazaar on this Sunday **December 13th** in GAA Pavilion. Santa will arrive at 2.00pm. Spinner, turkeys, hams. Carol singing. Great family afternoon!!! All welcome. Your support appreciated.

Goggins Hill N.S.

Goggins Hill Parents Association will hold their annual *Christmas Bazaar* in Goggins Hill School on Sunday December 20th after 11.30am

Mass. Come and visit the Student's Council's Winter Wonderland. Catch up with a cuppa and chat. Wonderful hampers and spot prizes. All welcome.

Ballyheada N.S.

Ballyheada N.S. Parents **Association** will hold their annual Christmas Bazaar in Ballyheada School on Saturday December 12th after 7.00pm Mass. All welcome.

Hosanna Rock

The children of Goggins Hill N.S. invite you to their concert "Hosanna Rock" on Wednesday **December 16th** at **1.45pm** and Thursday **December 17th** at **7.00pm** in Goggins Hill Church. Tickets: adults 5Euro; children 2.50Euro. Proceeds in aid of school playground improvements.

Ballinhassig GAA

Club Gear on sale for christmas on Tuesday 15th from 6.30pm -7.00pm in Club Rooms.

Gaudete Sunday

Third Sunday of Advent is known as Gaudete Sunday, Rose coloured vestments are worn to mark this day of rejoicing.