

Anniversaries

Joan (Hannah) Moynihan,
Ballygarvan Upper.

Nora Keogh, Rigsdale.
Eily Lombard, Rearour.

Joan O'Leary, Ballyhooleen.
Anthony Marshall, Meadstown.
Seamus O'Leary, Ballyhooleen.
Tom O'Donoghue, Coolatooder.
Tim and Ellen Hurley, Dunmanway.
Phyllis O'Sullivan, Ballygarvan Upper
Hannah, Con, Dick Cullinane, Rearour.

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



Tree of Remembrance

Rotary Tree of Remembrance commences this **Saturday 10th** on Patrick St. with a blessing at 12.30pm by **Fr. Pat McCarthy and Canon George Salter.**

People are invited to write messages remembering their loved ones onto yellow ribbons, which are provided, the ribbons are hoisted onto the tree.



No cost but donations welcome in aid of **Marymount Hospice & Enable Ireland.** Prayer Service in St. Peter and Pauls on **January 14th at 6pm** when all ribbons will be laid out on the altar and prayers said for those remembered. All welcome.

MASS TIMES Next Week

Monday 12th:-
Ballygarvan 9.30am

Tuesday 13th:-
Goggins Hill 9.30am

Thursday 15th:-
Ballyheada 10.00am

Saturday 17th:-
Ballyheada 7.00pm

Sunday 18th:-
Ballygarvan 10.00am
Goggins Hill 11.30am

Visit Santa

Pavilion Garden Centre, Ballygarvan this week end from **11.00am-5pm.** Lots of festive food, entertainment. Children's craft corner, profits from this to the **Hope Foundation.** All welcome.

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.



Ballinhassig Parish

Newsletter

for Ballygarvan, Ballyheada and Goggins Hill



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Fr. Christy writes....

GAUDETE REJOICE

The excitement is building, as the children are counting down the days in earnest. It's getting nearer. Preparations are in full swing.



This week we light the Rose or Pink coloured candle in our Advent wreath. Traditionally, this is called **Gaudete Sunday.** It means **rejoice.** So near is the great day, we are to be filled with warm hearts and a joy that doesn't come from anything that this world can give.

The beautiful poetry of Isaiah is most inspiring - he is painting a beautiful picture of a downtrodden people being redeemed, everything is and will be wonderful when this happens, and it is God alone who will bring this about.

The Lord is coming to save you. He is the source of our joy he will warm our hearts!

This is the season of expectation - Advent. It is when children and adults too, make lists of what they would like to receive for Christmas. But Advent means more than that to us. We anticipate and hope for renewal and deepening of our faith during this reflective time - we are looking for the coming of Jesus to set us free:

- to give us sight where we are blind
- to open our ears to what we have been ignoring
- to cleanse us of the past that weighs us down
- to make us good news to the poor who need us.



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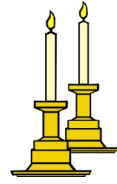
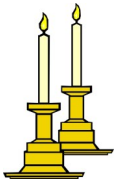
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CHRISTMAS CEREMONIES 2016

Sacrament of Reconciliation & Forgiveness

Tuesday December 20th

Ballygarvan 7.00pm; Goggins Hill 8.00pm



Other Reconciliation Services

Frankfield/Grange	December 13th	7.30pm
Innishannon	December 14th	7.30pm
Kinsale	December 19th	7.30pm
Carrigaline Parish Church	December 19th	7.30pm

Confessions

Saturday **December 17th** as follows:
Ballyheada 6.30pm-7.00pm



Christmas Mass of the Nativity of Our Lord

Christmas Eve 24th

Ballygarvan: 6.00pm
Ballyheada: 7.30pm
Goggins Hill: 9.00pm

Christmas Day 25th

Ballygarvan: 10.0.00am
Ballyheada: 10.30am
Goggins Hill: 11.30am



Mass on St. Stephens Day (Monday 26th)

Ballygarvan:- 11.00am

Tuesday 27th:- Goggins Hill 11.00am

Thursday 29th:- Ballyheada 11.00am

Saturday 31st
Vigil Mass in Ballyheada 7.00pm

Sunday 1st
Ballygarvan 10.00am; Goggins Hill 11.30am



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 *Seven Hundred and Fifteen 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. will 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 again by making their premises available as a collection point for shoe boxes.*

Thank You

We the family of the late *Joan (Hannah) Moynihan, Ballygarvan* wishes to acknowledge the many expressions of sympathy and gestures of kindness shown to us since the loss of our mother on December 11th last. Heartfelt thanks to our relatives, neighbours, parish community, friends, and well wishers who visited our home; attended the wake; rosary, removal, Requiem Mass and burial. Those who travelled long distances, telephoned, sent floral tributes, cards, and messages of condolences. To *Fr. Kieron O'Driscoll* for his home visits, support and celebration of a beautiful Requiem Mass. To *Ballygarvan church Choir* and members of the other two parish choirs for their enhancement of the liturgy; all those who participated in the Mass. To *Pat Daly and Jerry Bouse* of the Parish Funeral Ministry Team for their professional approach and kindness; to *Eamon Long* sacristan your help was much appreciated and *Fordes Funeral Directors* for their support and professionalism. To those who helped in any way your contribution was much appreciated.

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for your intentions.



Bazaar

Ballygarvan Camogie Club

Annual Christmas Bazaar on this Sunday

December 11th in GAA Pavilion.

Santa will arrive at **2.30pm**.

Spinner, turkeys, hams. Great family afternoon!!!

All welcome.

Your support appreciated.



St. Vincent de Paul

Please remember, this week-end

December 10th/11th is the annual **Christmas** collection for **V.D.P.** Your continued generosity appreciated.

Community Alert

Ballinhassig Parish Community Alert annual Church Gate collection on Saturday /Sunday **December 17th /18th** in *Ballyheada & Goggins Hill.*



We welcome *Garda John*

Stack who has been permanently appointed to *Ballinhassig Garda Station.* *Garda Declan Lynch,* Ballinhassig has worked tirelessly over the last few years to secure another permanent position for the Station.

Be Active! Be Alert!

New members always welcome.

Senior Help Line

Senior Help Line, Ireland's only national listening service for older people, will be open over Christmas and New Year from **10.00am-10.00pm.** Volunteers are trained older people who understand life and are happy to listen. All calls completely confidential at **1850 440 444** and will not cost more than 30cent. All welcome.



Village Tree Lighting

Ballinhassig Tidy Village Association apologise for the delay in the **Tree Lighting** due to unforeseen circumstances. Bulbs cost 5Euro or donation and available from *Con Cottrell; Pat Ahern; Mary Rice; and Sheila Coleman.*