

Anniversaries

Eileen O'Connell, Gortnaglough.
Sheila Tuthill, Ballinaboy.
Neile Reardon, Ballinaboy.
Senan McCarthy, Farlistown.
Fr. Willie McCarthy.
Eily Lombard, Rearour.
Mai Cronin, Bermingham.
Eileen O'Shea, Coachford.
Paddy O'Leary, Knocklucy.
Brid Andrews, Ringaskiddy.
Christy Sheehan, Meadstown.
Anthony Marshall, Meadstown.
Con & Mai Bowen, Ballygarvan.
Fionnuala Crowley, Briar Hill.
Con, Hannah & Dick Cullinane, Rearour
Donie O'Callaghan, Ballygarvan Upper
Billy O'Callaghan, Ballygarvan Upper.
Deceased members Ballygarvan GAA.



We Remember

Donal (DJ) Kiely, Ballyfeard,
who was buried during the week.
We pray for his family, neighbours and friends.



Sympathy

We offer our Sympathy to:-
Noreen Spillane, Meadstown on
the death of her brother **Tim Joe
McCarthy, Clonakilty;**



Michael Finnerty, Tulligmore
on the death of his brother **Jim
Finnerty, Co. Mayo.**



MASS TIMES Next Week

Monday 3rd:-
Ballygarvan 9.30am

Tuesday 4th:-
Goggins Hill 9.30am

Thursday 6th:-
Ballyheada 10.00am

Friday 7th:-
First Friday: Ballygarvan 9.30am
Vigil for 8th: Ballyheada 7.00pm

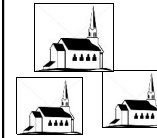
Saturday 8th:- Holy Day Morning
Ballygarvan only 10.00am
Ballyheada Vigil 7.00pm

Sunday 9th:-
Ballygarvan 10.00am
Goggins Hill 11.30am

Sympathy

We offer our Sympathy to:-
Mary Frances, Eugene, Patrick, Emma and John McCarthy, Bawnleigh
on the death of their mother **Ellen
(Nellie) McCarthy, Bawnleigh;**
Family of Thomas (Tommy) Whelton,
Ballincollig & Gortnaglough;
Kit Lane, Myrtle Hill on the death of
her sister **Hannah (Anna) Lyons,**
Riverstick;
Michael O'Shea, Kingsland on the
death of his brother **John, Glanmire.**

Ballinhassig Parish



Newsletter

for Ballygarvan, Ballyheada and Goggins Hill

Vol. 27 No. 12 Sunday: December 2nd, 2018 (First Sunday Of Advent)

*Fr. Christy
writes...*

LET THE LITTLE CHILDREN COME TO ME

The words of Jesus are so important in the life of a Christian, none more so than these words; "Let the little children come to me. Do not stop them. For it is to such as these that the Kingdom of God belongs." As a community of faith we need to help parents in nurturing faith. These little ones are part of our faith family too, a faith family into which they have also been baptised.

It is to this end, that this weekend, the first Sunday of the Church's New Liturgical Year, we are beginning to try and facilitate the little ones. In Goggin's Hill, as part of the 11.30 Mass every Sunday the children's chapel will now be used. It is on the side aisle and has a special partition to allow children, be children. There are glass panels for the altar to be seen and there is a speaker so that Mass can still be heard. It is for children up to First Class as the children in Second Class are attending Mass as part of their journey to First Holy Communion.

There are sheets of paper with an outline of a religious theme for colouring in and plenty of colouring pencils and crayons as well as paper for them to draw other things as well. This is how we are beginning to welcome them, to encourage them and to let them and their parents know we want them to attend. It's a simple beginning but hopefully something that in time will grow.

2018 Ballinhassig Parish Newsletter

Notices for inclusion should be received not later than 2.00pm on Wednesday
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Church Cleaning

If you would like to volunteer to help clean the churches
for Christmas come along on:-

Saturday December 22nd :-

Ballygarvan church 10.00am
Ballyheada church 10.00am



Church Flowers

**Church Flower
Groups** will hold a
collection for Church
Flowers on week end
December 15th/16th.

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 this week end. It is a symbol of what Advent means.

ADVENT



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.

Carry On Regardless

Show dates for Carry on Regardless 2019 are:-
March 14th-17th.

Due to increased interest there are a limited number of places available for **NEW** children to join the current cast. In the interest of fairness the committee have set the following criteria:-
Any child born in **2010 & 2011 ONLY** are eligible to register.



REGISTRATION NIGHT Wednesday **December 5th** in **Ballinhassig GAA Rooms** at **8.15pm**.

We ask that **ONLY** parents who's child meet the criteria come in person to this meeting.

In the interest of fairness an Open Draw will be held on the night.

Afternoon Social

Bishopscourt Residential Care Monthly Social on Thursday **December 6th from 2.30pm-4.30pm**. Chat, Cuppa, Music etc. This is open to all parishioners.

All welcome.



Social Dancing

BCDA (Ballinhassig Community Development Association) Social Dancing in the Marian Hall on December 7th at 9.45pm. Music - Peter Burke. Teas etc. All welcome.

St. Vincent de Paul

Please remember, next week-end **December 8th/9th** 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 throughout the year 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 Liturgy Meetings

Meetings to organise *Christmas Liturgies* in the churches as follows:

Ballyheada:

December 8th after 7.00pm Mass.

Ballygarvan:

December 9th after 10.00am Mass.

Goggins Hill:

December 9th 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 in any way. All welcome.



Ballinhassig Village Association Christmas Tree Bulbs.

If you would like to buy a bulb on our *Village Christmas Tree* in memory of a family member or friend they cost 5Euro each and available at *Cottrell's Gala*, Ballinhassig or from *any member of the Village Association.*



Bazaars

Ballinhassig GAA Club:-

Annual Christmas ‘**Bazaar**’ on Sunday **December 9th**. Santa arrives at 5.00pm. Great Spinner prizes, turkey vouchers, cash prizes etc. Cake sale, book sale, bits & bobs and Con's lucky Dip. Anyone wishing to take a **STALL** please contact **087/6579925**.

Baskets and items for hampers collected in the Club Rooms on **December 4th & 5th from 7.00pm – 8.00pm**. Spots appreciated.

Club Gear

New gear available to order. See *Ballinhassig Club* facebook for details.

AGM:- Club Rooms

December 6th at 7.30pm.

New members welcome.

Ballyheada N.S. Parents Association Christmas

‘**Bazaar**’ in the school Hall on Saturday **December 8th** at 7.30pm. Cakes, light refreshments, childrens activities, crafts & books. Hampers and Super prizes. *All welcome.*

Goggins Hill N.S. Parents Association Monster ‘**Cake Sale & Raffle**’ in the school Hall on Sunday

December 16th after 11.30am Mass.

All welcome.

Ballygarvan Camogie Club

Annual Christmas ‘**Bazaar**’ on Sunday **December 16th** at **2.00pm** in the **GAA Hall, Ballygarvan**. Santa, Hampers, Great Spinner prizes.

All welcome.