# **Anniversaries**

Joan Moynihan, Ballygarvan Upper. Paddy & Jim Forde, Tulligmore. John Francis Hurley, Cork. Mary & Jude Hurley, Cork Imelda & Margo Hurley, Cork. Killian Hurley, Cork. Niall Thomkins, Cork. Danny Forde, Ballyhooleen. Batt Foley, Ballynaloughy. Finbarr Lombard, Old Abbev. Denis Twomey, Whitechurch. Tom O'Donoghue, Coolatooder. Cornelius Duggan, Goggins Hill. Margaret O'Connell, Coolatooder. John & Mary O'Neill, Dunmanway. Seamus & Joan O'Leary, Ballyhooleen. Michael & Bridie Sheehan, Ballinaboy. Michael Doody, Ballygarvan & Mahon.

# **Christmas Envelopes**

Christmas offering envelopes are available in the three churches.

## **Christmas Mass Bouquet**

Christmas Mass Bouquet Cards are available in *PAN Centre (Parish Office)* **4885062** or sacristy after Mass



## **Collection For Church Flowers**

This week end Saturday/Sunday **December 15th/16th** in all churches. This collection will help defray cost of Christmas, Easter, Confirmation Flowers etc. Your continued support appreciated.

# MASS TIMES Next Week

Monday 17th:-

Ballygarvan

9.30am

#### Sacrament of Reconciliation:-Goggins Hill only 7.30pm

Tuesday 18th:-

Goggins Hill

9.30am

Thursday 20th:-

Ballyheada

10.00am

7.00pm

Saturday 22nd:- Vigil

Ballyheada

Sunday 23rd:-

Ballygarvan Goggins Hill 10.00am 11.30am

## Monday 24th:- (Christmas Eve) No Morning Mass

Ballygarvan 6.00pm Ballyheada 7.30pm Goggins Hill 9.00pm

Tuesday 25th:- (Christmas Day)

Ballygarvan 10.00am Ballyheada 10.30am Goggins Hill 11.30am

#### **Communion to the Housebound**

Ministers of the Eucharist are invited to bring Holy Communion to the housebound on Christmas

Day Tuesday 25th.

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Notices for inclusion should be received not later than 2.00pm on Wednesday
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# Ballinhassig Parish Newsletter



for Ballygarvan, Ballyheada and Goggins Hill

Vol. 27 No. 14 Sunday: December 16th, 2018 (Third Sunday Of Advent)

Fr. Christy writes ....

## REJOICE

Monday begins the final week of Advent and our preparation for the Birthday of our Saviour. The name he was given is significant. "Jesus" literally means

'the one who saves'. What does he save us from? He saves us from ourselves. It might sound strange to read that, but when you think about it, he saves us from our self centredness, greed, anger, lies, selfishness. In other words, putting ourselves first, at the expense of others. Another word to explain this and this kind of behaviour is sin.

Jesus came to save us from our sins. He came that he might have life and have it to the full.

This **Monday at 7.30pm** I invite you to share in that love, healing and forgiveness of sins, in our parish penitential service.

Join us in *Goggin's Hill Church*. What better way could be prepare to celebrate the Lord's first coming among us, than by handing all over to him, allowing his healing to make us whole again and truly be as we are meant to be. Yes, this is the cause of our joy and the reason behind our rejoicing.

# **Christmas Hamper**

If you would like to donate any item/ 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*.

## Church Cleaning

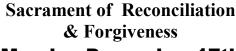
If you would like to volunteer to help clean *Ballyheada & Ballygarvan* church for Christmas come along on:-

Saturday December 22nd:-Ballyheada 10.00am

Ballygarvan 10.00am

**Handyman Available** Local man available to do work around house or garden (suppling his own tools) cleaning, painting, hanging decorations, setting up TV's etc. and all general handy work. Contact 087/9448885 for details.

# **CHRISTMAS CEREMONIES 2018**



# **Monday December 17th**

Goggins Hill 7.30pm



#### Other Reconciliation Services

December 17th Kinsale 7.30pm Carrigaline Parish Church December 17th 7.30pm



#### Confessions

Saturday **December 22nd** follows:

Ballyheada 6.30pm-7.00pm

# **Christmas Mass of the Nativity of Our Lord**

**Christmas Eve 24th Christmas Day 25th** 

Ballygarvan: 6.00pm Ballvheada: 7.30pm



Goggins Hill: 9.00pm

Ballygarvan: 10.00am Ballvheada: 10.30am Goggins Hill: 11.30am



Mass on St. Stephens Day (Wednesday 26th)

Ballygarvan:- 11.00am



Thursday 27th:- Ballyheada 11.00am



Saturday 29th Vigil Mass in Ballyheada 7.00pm



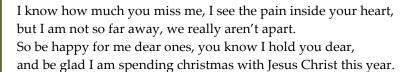
Sunday 30th Ballygarvan 10.00am; Goggins Hill 11.30am

# 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 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. (Mary O' Halloran submits.....)



#### Bazaar

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.



Goggins Hill N.S. Parents Association Monster 'Cake Sale & Raffle' in the school Hall on this Sunday December 16th after 11.30am Mass. Eight Hampers and vouchers eg, 100Euro one for all; 75Euro Dunnes; 50Euro Kirbys; Supervalu. etc. All welcome.

# **Community Alert**

**Ballinhassig Parish Community Alert** annual church gate col**lection** on Saturday/Sunday December 22nd/23rd. This collection helps to defray costs of personal alarms and other services for the elderly and vunerable in our community.

Your continued support appreciated.

Cleaner Wanted once a fortnight for Apartment in the Halfway. References essential Contact 087/6914664.