

## Anniversaries

Frank O'Herlihy, Ballinphellic.  
Christy Sheehan, Meadstown.  
John O'Leary, Tulligmore.  
Neile Reardon, Ballinaboy.  
Edward Bruton, Grattan St.  
Ted & Julia Mulcahy, Corran.  
Lena & Val Crowley, Carrigaline.  
Donie O'Callaghan, Ballygarvan Upper.



## We Remember

*Callie O'Connell, England* who died recently. *We pray for her family, neighbours and friends.*



## Sympathy

We offer our sympathy to *Dolly Keohane, Coolatooder* on the death of her sister *Callie O'Connell, England.*



## Mass Cards

All Mass Cards including Christmas Mass bouquets available in the *PAN Centre (Parish Office).*

Contact Mary at 021/4885062.

**"Amanda Neri, "Ireland's Bella Voce"** will perform at *Ballygarvan Community Centre* on Saturday **December 11th.**

Mulled wine and minced pie reception at 7.30pm, followed by Christmas concert- **"O Night Divine"**. Tickets 20Euro, numbers limited, available from **089/4690352** or **087/2951063.**

Covid guidelines observed.

## MASS TIMES Next Week

**Monday 6th:-**  
*Ballygarvan 10.00am*

**Tuesday 7th:-**  
*Goggins Hill 10.00am*  
*(Vigil 8th) Ballyheada 7.00pm*

**Wednesday 8th:-**  
(Immaculate Conception)  
*Ballygarvan only 10.00am*

**Thursday 9th:-**  
*Ballyheada 10.00am*

**Saturday 11th:-**  
*Ballyheada 7.00pm*

**Sunday 12th:-**  
*Ballygarvan 10.00am*  
*Goggins Hill 11.30am*

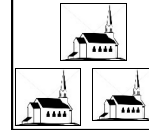
## Toy Mass

*Ballinhassig Parish Assembly* will **not hold the Toy Mass this year** as *St. Vincent De Paul* cannot accept the Toys due to Covid restrictions.

## Communion For Housebound

If you are housebound and would like Communion for Christmas please contact the *PAN Centre (Parish Office)* on **4885062** and we will arrange same.

# Ballinhassig Parish



## Newsletter

*for Ballygarvan, Ballyheada and Goggins Hill*

**Vol. 30 No. 10 Sunday: December 5th, 2021 (Second Sunday Of Advent)**

*Fr. Christy ....*

## PREPARE A WAY FOR THE LORD

The shops are really busy. Deliveries of our online orders have moved on a pace. Letters to Santa are being considered and written. Christmas cards being written and gifts secured for the important people in our lives. All of these things are important and go to helping for the celebration of a wonderful Christmas.

John the Baptist has another important message for us also. He invites us to 'Prepare a Way for the Lord'. The challenge for us is to discover during this season of Advent, what do I need to do and what can I do to prepare myself, my heart and my own life to celebrate the Lord's coming at Christmas?

As I said last weekend at Mass, we are busy people and always trying to get to our destination quickly and will happily take a short cut to get there. Doing that will mean Advent will pass us by and we could have missed a wonderful opportunity to do something for ourselves.

So, let us press the pause button, take a breath and find a little time each day to prepare our hearts for the Lord's coming. Just 5 minutes each day of quiet and prayer can open us up, prepare our hearts and help us to be better prepared ourselves for the wonderful gift that awaits at Christmas, the gift of Jesus himself.

2021 Ballinhassig Parish Newsletter

*Notices for inclusion should be received not later than 2.00pm on Wednesday by Mary O'Halloran (4885062, 4885257)*

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## The Pope's Intentions – December 2021

*For catechists*

We pray for the catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

# Christmas Thoughts



"It's sharing your gifts, not purchasing gifts;  
 It's not wrapping presents, its being present with the ones you love;  
 It's not getting Christmas cards out on time,  
 It's sending any card, anytime, at the right time;  
 It's not having the biggest and best Christmas light display,  
 It's displaying the Christ light that comes from your heart;  
 It's not Santa coming down the chimney,  
 It's Jesus coming down from heaven,  
 and giving us the gift of eternal life."



## Special Gifts:-

*Here are a few suggestions for special gifts:*

a firm nod to a shaky soul,  
 a kind word to a lonely person,  
 a warm smile to the disheartened,  
 a sincere concern for someone troubled,  
 a feeling of compassion for the neglected,  
 a comforting thought for the bereaved,  
 a respect for the dignity of others,  
 a defense of the rights of individuals,  
 a word of witness to help a seeking soul,  
 a Merry Christmas to all.



## SVP Christmas Collection

**SVP Blue Boxes will be at the entrance doors of Churches on Saturday/Sunday December 11th/12th.**

As Christmas approaches, we are very aware of the financial pressures people are experiencing in meeting their basic needs. Please do not hesitate to pick up the phone and contact the SVP Office, Tuckey St., Cork 021/4270444 (Monday – Friday 10.00am-12.30pm & 2.00pm-3.30pm) All requests for support are passed on to the local SVP Volunteers and are treated with the utmost confidentiality.

## Christmas Market– Ballygarvan

**Ballygarvan Outdoor Christmas Market** on the grounds of the Community Centre (Old School) on **December 12th from 11.00am-3.00pm.** Local traders.  
 All welcome, please observe Covid guidelines.



## ADVENT PRAYER

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## REFLECTION



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.

We continue our **inner preparation** for Christmas as the Advent season progresses.

On Thursday **December 16th** *Rev. John Guirey* will lead a short **Live-streamed Prayer Service** for **ADVENT** from Ballygarvan church at **7.30pm.** (*Third Week of Advent*)

You are invited to log in to:- **ballinhassig parish facebook page.**



**Christmas Market– Ballyheada**  
**Ballyheada National School Parents Association** will hold a Christmas Market on **December 12th from 1.30pm-4.00pm** at **Ballyheada N.S.** playground. Monster Raffle on the day. Crafts, bake sale and fun.

## A Christmas Tree blessing for Home

*Lord Jesus  
 Encircle this tree with your blessing.  
 May its twinkling lights remind us  
 Of the hope and promise of your coming  
 May the light and cheer it gives,  
 Be a sign of the joy that fills our hearts  
 May the presents we place beneath it  
 Give rise to an appreciation for the gift of your presence among us.  
 We ask this through Christ our Lord.....Amen.*



**Readings**  
**December 12th**  
 Zeph 3: 14-18.  
 Ps Is 12:2-6, R /v 6.  
 Phil 4:4 –7  
 Luke 3:10-18.  
 (*Gaudete Sunday*)

## Bambinelli

**Bambinelli Sunday** is the **3rd Sunday of Advent**. We invite families to bring the figure of the Christ child they will use in their family CRIBS THIS YEAR TO BE BLESSED AT MASS **next week end**. Take it home and wrap it, place under the Christmas tree ready to be the first gift opened on Christmas morning and then placed in the crib.



## Ballygarvan Camogie Club Christmas Draw

**Ballygarvan Camogie Club Annual Christmas Draw On Line.**

All monies go to the running & upkeep of the club.

Prizes include:-

1. Apple IPAD 2021 64GB MK2K3BA
2. 300Euro Supervalu voucher,
3. Air Pods (2nd generation) and many more good prizes. (17 in total)

**Draw December 12th.** Purchase your tickets on:-

**[https://member.clubforce.com/tickets\\_m.asp?LL\\_ID=1378](https://member.clubforce.com/tickets_m.asp?LL_ID=1378)**