Anniversaries

Donal O'Halloran, Templemartin.
Anthony Marshall, Meadstown.
Danny Forde, Ballyhooleen.
Catherine Lane, Myrtle Hill.
Eily Lombard, Rearour.
Nora Keogh, Rigsdale Upper.
John & Mary O'Neill, Dunmanway.
Michael & Margaret Lane, Myrtle Hill.
Phyllis O'Sullivan, Ballygarvan Upper.
Thomas O'Sullivan, Ballygarvan Upper.
Seamus & Joan O'Leary, Ballyhooleen.
Con, Hannah & Dick Cullinane, Rearour.

We Remember

John Reynolds, Bawnleigh; Sheila O'Riordan (née O'Brien) Lower Pouladuff Road; Patrick (Scotty) Dineen, Grenagh; Jason O'Donovan, Clonakilty who died recently. We pray for their families, neighbours and friends.

Sympathy

We offer our sympathy to Sheila Reynolds, Bawnleigh on the death of her husband John Reynolds, also to James and Jack on the death of their father John Reynolds, Bawnleigh, and Neilus, Jim, Denis, Willie, Gerard and Nora on the death of their brother John Reynolds, Bawnleigh.

Sympathy also to all other relatives, friends and neighbours.

In Death Life has changed not Ended.

MASS TIMES Next Week

Monday 13th:-

Ballygarvan 10.00am

Tuesday 14th:-

Goggins Hill 10.00am

Thursday 16th:-

Ballyheada 10.00am

Saturday 18th:-

Ballyheada 7.00pm

Sunday 19th:-

Ballygarvan 10.00am Goggins Hill 11.30am

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.

Christmas Offering Envelopes

Christmas Offering Envelopes are now available in the three churches and from Parish Office 021/4885062.

Mass Cards - all Mass cards including Christmas Mass bouquets available in the *PAN Centre (Parish Office)*Contact Mary at **021/4885062**.

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

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for Ballygarvan, Ballyheada and Goggins Hill

Vol. 30 No. 11 Sunday: December 12th, 2021 (Third Sunday Of Advent)

Fr. Christy

THE LORD IS OUR HAPPINESS

Rejoice, happiness, sing and shout for joy, exult, ... these are all words and phrases that we hear constantly through our readings this weekend. For many there may not seem to be a reason to be so happy and for others this time of year is a lonely and empty time.

This Third Sunday of Advent, is called 'Gaudete Sunday' or rejoicing Sunday. The nearness of the Lord is the reason for that rejoicing. Even St. Paul, who is writing to the people of Philippi, is seeking the happiness of the people, even though he is writing to them from prison.

The people were in great need of hope and consolation when the prophet Zephaniah was writing. He speaks of the Lord being in their midst and it is the Lord who will 'exult over them'.

Yes, we have and are still going through very tough times because of this endless pandemic. Yet, the reason for season, as the saying goes, is the Lord who will come among us again and who is already with us. No matter how heavy or empty your heart, know that the Lord is near, He loves you and comes to give you his strength, his hope and his consolation. This is the reason for our joy.

Irish Catholic Paper

Please continue to collect your Irish Catholic newspaper in *Ballygarvan Church* at the exit door.

Baptisms

To arrange or re-arrange a Baptism please contact the PAN Centre (Parish Office) at **021/4885062**.

Christmas Mass Schedule 2021

Sacrament of Reconciliation & Forgiveness Monday December 20th Ballyheada 7.30pm



Confessions:-

Saturday **December 18th** as follows:

Ballyheada 6.30pm -7.00pm

Christmas Eve December 24th

5.30pm Ballygarvan 7.00pm Ballyheada Goggins Hill 8.30pm



Christmas Day December 25th

10.00am Ballygarvan Live Streamed

10.30am Ballvheada 11.30am Goggins Hill



10.00am Ballygarvan 11.30am Goggins Hill





Saturday	January 1st	7.00pm	Ballyheada
Sunday	January 2nd	10.00am	Ballygarvan
-	-	11.30am	Goggins Hill

Monday	January 3rd	No Mass	Ballygarvan
Tuesday	January 4th	11.00am	Goggins Hill
Wednesda	y January 5th	7.00pm	Ballyheada (Vigil)
Thursday	January 6th	11.00am	Ballygarvan

ADVENT PRAYER

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.

Next 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 welcome to attend as the church will be open.

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

Christmas Hamper

If you would like to donate any item/items for the Christmas Hamper in Ballyheada **Church** please leave in the church porch before Mass from now until Christmas, or hand in to the PAN Centre (Parish Office) This hamper or hampers will go to Kinsale Community Hospital.

Collection For Church Flowers

Special collection in all three churches next week end Saturday/Sunday December 18th/19th for Church Flowers. This collection will help defray cost of Christmas, Easter, Confirmation Flowers etc. Your continued support is much appreciated.

Readings December 19th

Mic 5:1-4. Ps 79:2-3, 15-16, 18-19, R/v 4. Heb 10:5-10 Luke 1:39-44.

Village

Ballinhassig Village Association have the following on sale in Cottrell's Gala, Ballinhassig, Village. Calendar 10Euro; **Christmas Cards** pack of 8 for 7Euro. Christmas Tree Remembrance Bulbs 5Euro. Contact Ann at **087/2400801** or committee membes. Wishing all our volunteers and supporters a very Happy Christmas & New Year.



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

Though for this week.

Never cut what can be untied.