

Anniversaries

Maurice & Mary Healy, Knocklucy.
Tim Hurley, Tulligbeg.
Sean Hurley, Rigsdale.
Eileen O'Shea, Coachford.
Dan & Kathleen Kelleher, Riverstick.
Danny Walsh, Ballyphehane & Ballea.



Saturday 26th:- Vigil

Ballyheada 7.00pm

Mass Intentions:-

Christy Sheehan, Meadstown.
Neile Reardon, Ballinaboy.
Michael Sheehan, Ballinaboy.
Bridie Sheehan, Ballinaboy.

Sunday 27th:-

Ballygarvan 10.00am

Mass Intentions:-

Cain O'Mahony, Fivemile Bridge.

Goggins Hill 11.30am

Mass Intentions:-

John & Mary O'Neill, Dunmanway.
Michael Collins, Rearour.
Eily Lombard, Rearour.
Anna Sorensen, Rearour.
Con, Hannah & Dick Cullinane,
Rearour.



Christmas Mass Cards

All Mass cards including Christmas
Mass Bouquets are now available in
the PAN Centre (Parish Office). Con-
tact Mary 4885062. Christmas Mass
cards in the sacristy from next week.

MASS TIMES Next Week:-

Wednesday 30th:-

Goggins Hill 9.30am

Thursday 1st:-

Ballyheada 9.30am

Friday 2nd:- First Friday

Ballygarvan No Mass

Holy Hour Ballyheada 7.00pm

No Mass Ballyheada

*Deacon John Guirey will make
the First Friday calls to the
housebound for December.*

Saturday 3rd:- Vigil

Ballyheada 7.00pm

Sunday 4th:-

Ballygarvan 10.00am

Goggins Hill 11.30am

We Remember

*Gearóid Ahern, Farlestown &
Kinsale;*

*Marie Pollard, (née Farragher)
Galway & Mayo;*

*Betty O'Connor (née O'Mahony)
Rockchapel who died recently.*

*We pray for their families,
neighbours and friends.*



Ballinhassig Parish

Newsletter

for Ballygarvan, Ballyheada and Goggins Hill



Vol. 31 No. 10 Sunday: November 27th, 2022 (First Sunday Of Advent)

Mary O'Halloran
writes.....

Season of Advent

In the church calendar, the four weeks before Christmas are known as Advent; a time of waiting and preparation. This Sunday is the *First Sunday of Advent* and you will notice the *Advent Wreath* in the church.

Sometimes in the hustle and bustle of the weeks leading up to Christmas it is easy to lose sight of what we are preparing for. As you get ready at this special time of the year, perhaps you and your family will make a conscious effort to be more aware of the true meaning of the celebration of Christmas - the birth of the Christ Child.

We can use this time to make spiritual preparation for Christmas.



The custom of the Advent Wreath is an excellent way for families to keep the real meaning of Christmas in perspective.

The **Advent Wreath** consists of a *circle of evergreens and four candles*.

The *circular shape* symbolises God's love for us, a love that has no beginning or end. *The evergreens* represent the continuing and everlasting life that comes from God through Jesus. As we light the candles each week we are made aware of our journey through this season from Advent to Christmas.

The four candles (*three purple and a pink/rose colour*) mark four weeks of Advent and point to Jesus as the light of the world. *The purple candles* show that **Advent** is a time of waiting and preparation. *The pink/rose candle lit* on the third week (*Gaudete Sunday*) reminds us we can rejoice as we draw near to the coming of Jesus at Christmas.

ADVENT



An Advent Wreath in the home can be a wonderful opportunity for family prayer. *As we light our first candle this week we pray for God's blessing of the Advent wreath, our homes and each of us. Amen.*

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Notices for inclusion should be received not later than 2.00pm on Wednesday
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Prayer for Advent Week 1:- Hope

As we light this first candle of the Advent wreath together, Lord, grant us hope.

As trees loose leaves and temperatures drop, we feel that the new life of Spring is far away.

May the Advent candlelight shine like our commitment to one another, that we can find wisdom and strength in reaching out and holding one another's hope.

Like Mary and Joseph on the journey to Bethlehem, may we remain hope-filled through all of the challenges set before us on the way.

'I wait for the Lord, my whole being waits, and in his word I put my hope.' (Psalm 130:5)



Saint Nicholas -Toy Mass

December 6th is the Feast of *St. Nicholas*. Children are invited to bring a toy to Mass on the second week end of Advent, Saturday **December 3rd** & Sunday **December 4th**. **Please put in a bag but do not wrap.**

These will be placed in front of the altar and collected by Parish Assembly members for distribution by the *Saint Vincent De Paul* to poorer children to ensure they all receive a toy for Christmas. Your generosity much appreciated.



ALONE

Support for older people.
Helpline open seven days a week.
Contact **0818 222 024**.

ADVENT PRAYER & REFLECTION

Advent is a time for us to **prepare** to receive Jesus into our **hearts**, our **lives**, our **homes** & our **parish**.

We need to **invite** him.

In this season of Advent we need to turn our attention to our **inner preparation** for Christmas.

During Advent, on Wednesdays **Deacon John Guirey** will prepare and lead a short **Lay led Prayer Service** in **Ballygarvan Church** at **7.30pm**, continuing on Wednesday next **November 30th** in preparation for the **Second Sunday of Advent**.

Second Sunday
in Advent



Readings December 4th

Is. 11:1-10.

Ps 71:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17, R/cf
v 7. Rm 15:4-9. Mt 3:1-12.



Carry on Regardless

Carry on Regardless are searching for new adult cast for their 2023 Show which will run from **March 16th to 19th, 2023**. Rehearsals commence in January. Forward your name and preferred contact to **087 2688174**.

Boys Jerseys Wanted

A volunteer travelling to Kenya in early 2023 would appreciate good used or new jerseys for boys aged 7-10. These are for the *Ray of Sunshine Foundation in Kenya*. Contact **086 3184062** or hand in to *Cottrells* or *PAN Centre* (Parish Office **4885062**)

Active Retired

Ballinhassig Parish Social & Active Retirement Club annual Christmas

Dinner /Party in the:-

Marian Hall, Ballinhassig

Saturday December 10th.

Lunch at 1.00pm.

Note: **ALL SEATED 12.45pm.**



Christmas Flower Arranging:

Tuesday December 13th @8pm

(In the Main Hall of the Marian Hall)

Demo by **Mary Coughlan**.

Cost 10Euro including refreshments and raffle tickets.

All welcome!!!!!!!



Christmas Market

Ballygarvan Community Association

Christmas Market **December 18th.**

Details contact **089 4690352**.



Christmas Market

Ballyheada National School Parents

Association Christmas Market this

Sunday November 27th.

Bambinelli Sunday

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 on the week end of **December 10th/11th**. 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.



Fun Camogie Bingo

Ballinhassig Camogie Club annual Christmas Fun BINGO NIGHT in the

Marian Hall on Saturday

December 3rd at 8.00pm.

Hampers galore. Great fun night assured.

Baskets & any items for hampers appreciated.

14	29	38	52	74
4	18	33	46	62
7	16	★	60	71
9	27	44	51	67
12	23	35	47	73

Ballygarvan Bazaar

Ballygarvan Camogie Club Annual

Christmas Bazaar in Bal-

lygarvan National School

on Sunday **December 11th**

at **2.00pm.**

Lots of prizes, hampers to be won and visit to Santa.

All monies raised go to the upkeep

and running of the Camogie Club.

Family afternoon. All welcome.

Ballinhassig GAA Club

Ballinhassig GAA Club Annual

Christmas Bazaar in the Marian

Hall on Sunday **December 4th.**

Santa arrives at 5.15pm. Anyone

who wishes to take a stall please

contact **087 6579925**.

Baskets & any items for hampers appreciated, will be collected in the Club Rooms, Tuesday & Thursday **November 29th & December 1st from 6.30pm-7.00pm.**

FOR YOUR DIARY:-

PARISH FUNDRAISING

CONCERT

Friday February 3rd 2023.

More details next week.

CHOIR PRACTICE BALLYHEADA CHURCH

Every Wednesday @ 8pm. New Members Welcome.