

Anniversaries

Frances Kenny, Goggins Hill.
Billy O'Brien, Rathroe.
Tim Hurley, Tulligbeg.
Maurice & Mary Healy, Ballinaboy.



Saturday 2nd:- Vigil
Ballyheada 7.30pm

Mass Intentions:-
John Reynolds, Bawnleigh.

Sunday 3rd:-
Ballygarvan 10.30am

Mass Intentions:-
Frank O'Herlihy, Ballinphellic.
Donie O'Callaghan, Ballygarvan.



Goggins Hill 12noon
Mass Intentions:-
Edward Bruton, Grattan St.

We Remember

Noreen Lombard (née Sexton)
Rearour, Ballinhassig who died
this week.

*We pray for her family
neighbours and friends.*



Christmas Mass Bouquets

All Mass cards including **Christmas Mass Bouquets** are now available in the PAN Centre (Parish Office).
Contact Mary **021 4885 062**.

You can do anything, but not everything.

MASS Times Next Week:-

Wednesday 6th:-
Goggins Hill 9.30am

Thursday 7th:-
Ballyheada 9.30am

Friday December 8th:-
Ballygarvan only 9.45am

Saturday 9th Vigil
Ballyheada:- 7.30pm

Sunday 10th
Ballygarvan 10.30am
Goggins Hill 12noon

Saint Nicholas Dec. 6th

December 6th is the Feast of **St. Nicholas**. **The Ballinhassig Parish Assembly** invite children to bring a toy to Mass on the second Sunday of Advent **December 9th/10th**.

Please put in a bag but do not wrap.

These will be placed at the altar and donated to **Saint Vincent**

De Paul for poorer children to ensure they all receive a toy for Christmas.

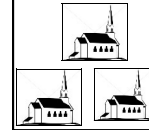


ALONE - Support for older people.
Helpline open seven days **0818 222 024**

Ballinhassig Parish

Newsletter

for Ballygarvan, Ballyheada and Goggins Hill



Vol. 32 No. 12 Sunday: December 3rd, 2023 (First Sunday Of Advent)

Mary O'H 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**.

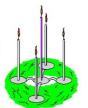
The **circular shape** symbolises God's love for us, a love that has no beginning or end. **The evergreens** represent the continuing and everlasting life that comes from God through Jesus. As we light the candles each week we are made aware of our journey through this season from Advent to Christmas.

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 Christmas.

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.



2023 Ballinhassig Parish Newsletter

Notices for inclusion should be received not later than 2.00pm on Wednesday
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St. Vincent de Paul ANNUAL APPEAL

Christmas Church Gate Collection December 9th/10th 2023

Sincere thanks to all who support the SVP Monthly Church Gate Collections and to those who fundraised and donated to SVP throughout the year.

Through your generosity, people who are struggling financially in our community are supported to ensure that their essential needs are met.



If you need support, please do not hesitate to contact SVP Cork

Central Office at 021 427 0444 or online at www.svp.ie

All central referrals are passed on to local volunteers who support people with absolute confidentiality and sensitivity.

PARISH FUNDRAISING CONCERT



Ballinhassig Parish
Presents

THE CELTIC TENORS

February 9th, 2024 at 8pm

Mary Mother of God, church Ballygarvan

Tickets cost 30Euro and available from the following:-

PARISH OFFICE 021 4885062;

086 3183 645; 086 8137 203;

086 2550 368; 089 4690 352;

eventbrite.ie

Cottrells, Ballinhassig &
Daybreak Ballygarvan.

All proceeds will go towards reducing the
PARISH DEBT.

Early booking advised as tickets will be limited.

Choir Practice Ballyheada Church

Mondays @ 8pm. All welcome.

Advent Prayer

Advent Week 1:- Hope

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

As trees lose 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)



Hope is faith holding out its
hand in the dark.

Readings December 10th

Is 40:1-5, 9-11.

Ps 84:9-14, R/ v 8.

2 Pt 3:8-14. Mk 1:1-8



Social & Active Retirement Club Ballinhassig Parish Social & Active Retirement Club

Christmas Dinner/Party in the
Marian Hall, Ballinhassig
Saturday December 9th



Lunch at 1.00pm
All seated by 12.45pm
Music, song and craic.

Tickets cost 35Euro.

Names and payment to:-

Irene 086 861 1275
Mairead 087 137 6023
Joan 087 968 5484
Kathleen 086 882 1642
Phil 087 290 1865
Mary 021 4885062 or
086 318 3645.



Names and payment by **Monday December 4th** as
final numbers required for catering etc.
All welcome!!!!

Christmas Flower Arranging:-
December 12th @ 8.00pm

(in the Main Hall of the Marian Hall)

Demonstration by Mary Coughlan

Cost 10Euro including refreshments and raffle tickets.
All welcome!!!!!!!!



Ballygarvan Bazaar

Ballygarvan Camogie Club Annual Bazaar on
December 10th at 2pm in Ballygarvan
School. All monies raised go towards the
upkeep of the club. Lots of fun and prizes,
visit from Santa etc. All welcome.

Ballinhassig Bazaar

Ballinhassig GAA Club Christmas Bazaar on
this Sunday December 3rd. Santa arrives at
5.15pm. Great spinner prizes, vouchers, cake
sale, book sale etc. All welcome.

Thank You

Sincere thanks to all who
contributed to the
collection for
Flowers in all
three churches
last week end.
Your continued
support and
generosity is
appreciated.



Church Cleaning

Church cleaning for
Christmas:-Ballygarvan
Saturday **December 2nd**
at 10.00am.

All welcome.

Memorial Cards

Please collect your
memorial cards,
bookmarks, wallet
cards, etc from
Ballyheada Church.
They are in a basket in
front of the altar.

Votive Lights

Sincere thanks to all
who donate to the votive
lights shrines in all
three churches.

Christmas Tree Bulbs

Ballinhassig Village Association
invite you to sponsor a bulb on
their Christmas Tree, available in
Cottrell's and cost 5Euro each.
Names will be displayed and
blessed before Christmas.

2024 Calendars also available in
Cottrell's cost 10Euro.

All monies will go towards the
upkeep of Ballinhassig Village.