

## Mass Schedule for Christmas Period

Tuesday December 26th Ballyheada 10.00am

No Mass Wednesday/Thursday/Friday December 27th/ 28th/29th

Saturday December 30th Ballyheada 7.30pm

Sunday December 31st Ballygarvan 10.30am  
Goggins Hill 12noon

Wednesday January 3rd Goggins Hill 9.30am

Thursday January 4th Ballyheada 9.30am

Friday January 5th Ballygarvan 7.30pm only

Saturday January 6th Ballyheada 7.30pm

### **Anniversaries**

Finbarr Lombard, Old Abbey.  
Pat Coakley, Ballinaboy.  
Bridie O'Connor, Halfway.  
Eileen Crowley, Station Steps.  
Patrick & John O'Brien, Ballea.  
Peter & Anna Cronin, Dromoureen.  
Tim & Maureen O'Donovan, Ballea.

### **SVP - Thanks**

Sincere thanks to all who supported the recent Christmas Church Gate Collection. *If you need support, do not hesitate to contact SVP Central Office 021/ 4270444 or www.svp.ie* Your continued support appreciated.

### **May Christ's coming at Christmas be:-**

A gift of Love;  
A blessing of Hope and;  
A promise of Peace for you.



### **We Remember at Christmas**

**Joan, Owen & Anna Moynihan**, Ballygarvan.  
**Liam O'Halloran**, Rigsdale.  
**Rose Burke**, Whites Cross.  
**Mary Drummy**, Whites Cross.  
**Edward McCarthy**, Kilmichael & California, all our departed loved ones and those with no remaining family.



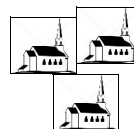
2023 Ballinhassig Parish Newsletter

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# Ballinhassig Parish

## Christmas Newsletter 2023

for Ballygarvan, Ballyheada and Goggins Hill



Vol. 32 No. 16 Monday: December 25th, 2023 (The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ)

Mary O'H writes....

### **God's Gift at Christmas**

Christmas, a time for giving and receiving, a time for sharing and caring, a time for family, a time for peace and goodwill. Let us not forget those for whom this Christmas will be a lonely and difficult time as they miss loved ones who have gone to God, or those who have emigrated and will not be at the family table for the first time this Christmas



The Child of Bethlehem is God's gift to us. Let us make sure that we don't get so caught up in the hustle and bustle that we forget that this, after all, is what Christmas is about - God's gift to us of light, life, hope and peace.

Let us remember to reach out to those who are alone and are feeling lost, to those who find this a challenging time, despite all the joy around.

As we celebrate God's gift of Jesus to us, may we know peace in our hearts, our home and our community.

*Wishing you all a blessed, peaceful and happy Christmas and New Year 2024.*



# Remembering At Christmas

As a Parish Community we remember and pray for our loved ones who have gone home to God since our newsletter publication last Christmas.

We have included all their names as we know them. We commend them all to the mercy of God. We also pray for all other parishioners who have been bereaved and are in sorrow at this time.

Catherine (Kit) Bowen, Ballygarvan.  
Thomas (Tom) Redmond, Tulligbeg.

Annie O'Brien, Halfway.  
Dermot O'Mahony, Goggins Hill.

Eileen Dullea, Fahanalooscane.  
Hannah (Nan) Burke, Coolcullitha.

Terence (Terry) Naidoo, Ballygarvan.  
Michael (Mick) Hennessy, Liberty Hill.



*In Our  
Thoughts  
and Prayers*

Michael Ring, Fivemile Bridge.  
Robert (Bobby) Wolfe, Halfway.  
David Fitzgibbon, Adamstown.  
Harry Naidoo, Ballygarvan.

Noreen (Nonie) Lombard, Adamstown.  
Anthony Porter, Adamstown.  
Dan O'Mahony, Goggins Hill.

Bill Davidson, Ballinhassig & Scotland.  
Isabel Baker, Ballinhassig.  
Frank (Frankie) Burke, Ballygarvan & Tipperary.

John Bernard, Meadstown.  
Noreen Lombard, Rearour.  
Mary Farrell, Ballyleigh.

*Pray especially for all the departed who have no families to remember and pray for them this Christmas season.*



*'The Lord is  
my Shepherd  
There is nothing  
I shall Want.'*

*You are not  
forgotten loved one  
Nor will you ever be  
As long as life and  
memory last  
We will remember  
thee.*

**Remember to Pray** for all our parishioners who are unwell at this time, especially those who are ill in hospital, those in nursing homes and those who are in their final days of this life. Also remember to pray for all carers, those caring for their own relatives and those caring for others. Remember those who are homeless who have nobody to care for them. We also remember all the bereaved and those suffering any loss at this time. **May your coming this Christmas be for them a time of peace and of love.**

# Newsletter Writes

*Dear Newsletter Readers,*

*It is approaching the year end once again and this is the time of year for saying thanks to everyone who is involved in collecting and submitting news. Thanks for the distribution of the newsletter to churches, shops etc.*

*It may look a small production but it takes effort and dedication to keep it going week after week, year after year.*

*The newsletter is produced, edited and printed in the P.A.N. Centre (Parish Office). It is thirty two years since the production of the first newsletter and it is hoped there will be many more in the future.*

*The newsletter is also available on line at:-*  
[www.ballinhassigparish.com](http://www.ballinhassigparish.com)



*It has been a difficult year for many due to continued economic circumstances, extreme weather related conditions, illness and loss of loved ones.*

*Hopefully you will have a peaceful, healthy and happy time with your family, friends and neighbours this Christmas.*

*In this edition we remember and pray for our deceased parishioners especially those who died during the past twelve months.*

*Having looked back over the Newsletters of the last year, I am aware that many other families have suffered bereavements and I offer my heartfelt sympathy.*

*I hope you will continue to enjoy and support the Parish Newsletter.*

*Wishing you and your families wherever they may be Peace, Happiness and Health in 2024.*

(Mary O'Halloran, Newsletter, P.A.N. Centre)

Next Newsletter January 7th, 2024



## Thank You

Sincere thanks to the proprietor and staff of **Cottrell's Gala, Ballinhassig & Daybreak Ballygarvan** for your help and commitment to the parish during 2023 by facilitating us once again with the use of your premises as collection and drop off centres.

*Wishing you a Happy & Holy Christmas and a healthy and safe 2024.*

## Christmas Gifts

*The best gifts in life will never be found under a Christmas tree, those gifts are friends, family and the ones you love.*

