## Mass Schedule for Christmas Period

NO MASS

Friday December 26th (St. Stephen's Day) NO MASS

Saturday December 27th Ballyheada 7.00pm

Sunday December 28th Ballygarvan 10 00am

Goggins Hill 11.30am

Wednesday December 31st NO MASS Thursday January 1st NO MASS January 2nd Friday NO MASS

January 7th

**Tuesday** January 6th Goggins Hill only 9.30am

Wednesday January 8th Ballyheada 9.30am Thursday Ballygarvan 9.30am Friday January 9th

#### **! Anniversaries**

! Pat Coakley, Ballinaboy. Eileen Crowley, Station Steps. John & Larry Tobin, Raheen. 'Michael O'Brien, Gortnaclough. Tim & Maureen O'Donovan, Ballea. Patrick & Mary O'Brien,

Kilmurriheen.

Mav Christ's comina l at Christmas be:-

A gift of Love:



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

William O'Sullivan, Coolatooder. Catherine O'Sullivan, Coolatooder. Patrick & Theresa Hennessy. Dunkereen and all our departed loved ones and those with no remaining family.

**We Remember at Christmas** 

Ballygarvan.

Christ

ourSaviour

Joan, Owen & Anna Moynihan,

Liam O'Halloran, Rigsdale.

Sean Casey, Gortnaclough.

John Hennessy, Waterfall.

Michael Finnerty, Tulligmore.

## Village Calendar 2026

Extra copies of Ballinhassig Village calendar 2026 will be available in the New Year. To reserve a copy contact **087 2688 174.** 

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## **Ballinhassig Parish** Christmas Newsletter 2025



for Ballygarvan, Ballyheada and Goggins Hill



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Mary O'H writes....

## God's Gift to us 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.

The Light of the Christmas Star to you; the warmth of home and hearth to you; the cheer and good will of friends to you; the love of the Son of God's peace to you.

Wishing you all a blessed, peaceful and happy Christmas and New Year 2026.



## 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.

forgotten loved one

Nor will vou ever be

As long as life and

We will remember

memory last

thee.

Margaret Creedon O'Shea, Gortnaclough. Finbarr Coleman, Goggins Hill. Frances Crowley, Ballinphellic. Liz Dunne, Farlestown. Elma Cronin, Corran.

Kay Belmajdoub, Ballinhassig. Josephine Cullinane, Ballynoe. John Cronin, Ballyleigh. Agnes Bowen, Ballea. John O'Hea, Ballygarvan. Trudy Brochie, Adamstown.



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



Breda Bouse, Ballygarvan. Pauline Brady, Ballea. Mary Crowley, Corran. John Madden, Gortnaglough.

Don Dennehy, Tulligmore. Mary O'Donovan, Kingsland. Baby Conan O'Leary, Knocklucy. Anne Crowley, Ballygarvan. Helen Coleman, Halfway. Noreen Looney, Farlistown. Terry Leggett, Ballynoe. Tim Savage, Ballygarvan &

New Zealand Mike Twohig, Goggins Hill & Boston. Damien O'Sullivan, Fivemile Bridge & Rathcormac

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

**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. Amen.

# Margaret Reid, Meadstown.

## **Newsletter Writes**

### Dear Newsletter Readers,

It is approaching the year end once again and this is the time of vear for saving 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 four 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

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 2026.

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

Next Newsletter January 4th, 2026





## **Thank You**

Sincere thanks to the proprietors, management and staff of

Gala Ballinhassig; Ballinhassig Post Office & Daybreak Ballygarvan for your help and commitment to the parish during 2025 by facilitating us with the use of your premises as collection and drop off centres for post, parcels and shoe boxes. Wishing you a Happy & Holy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year 2026.

## **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.

