

## Mass Schedule for Christmas Period

### Christmas Mass of the Nativity of Our Lord

#### Christmas Eve 24th

Ballygarvan: 6.00pm  
 Ballyheada: 7.30pm  
 Goggins Hill: 9.00pm

#### Christmas Day 25th

Ballygarvan: 10.00am  
 Ballyheada: 10.30am  
 Goggins Hill: 11.30am



### Mass on St. Stephens Day (Saturday 26th)

Ballyheada 10.00am  
 Ballygarvan: 11.30am



**Saturday 26th**  
 Vigil Mass in Ballyheada 7.00pm



#### Sunday 27th

Ballygarvan 10.00am; Goggins Hill 11.30am



**HAPPY CHRISTMAS EVERYONE**

### We Remember

**Bridie Sheehan**, Ballinaboy, whose 1st Anniversary occurs today; **John Rice**, Ovens & Goggins Hill; **Joan, Owen & Anna Moynihan**, Ballygarvan Upper; **Michael Finnerty**, Tulligmore and all our own departed loved ones.

**May They Rest In Peace.**

**Please Remember to Pray** for all our parishioners who are unwell at this time, especially those who are ill in hospital, those who are in their final days of this life and those in nursing homes.

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.*



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# Ballinhassig Parish

## Newsletter

for Ballygarvan, Ballyheada and Goggins



Vol. 24 No. 16 Friday: December 25th, 2015 (The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ)

Mary O'Halloran submits....

### Wrapped with love at Christmas

Once upon a time, there was a man who worked very hard just to keep food on the table for his family. This particular year a few days before Christmas, he punished his little five year old daughter after learning that she had used up the family's only roll of expensive gold wrapping paper.

As money was tight, he became even more upset when on Christmas Eve he saw that the child had used all of the expensive gold paper to decorate one shoebox she had put under the Christmas tree. He was also concerned about where she got the money to buy what was in the shoebox.

Nevertheless, the next morning the little girl, filled with excitement, brought the gift box to her father and said "This is for you, Daddy!"

As he opened the box, the father was embarrassed by his earlier over reaction, now regretting how he had punished her. But when he opened the shoebox, he found it was empty and again his anger flared.

"Don't you know, young lady," he said harshly, "when you give someone a present, there's supposed to be something inside the package."

The little girl looked up at him with sad tears rolling from her eyes and whispered: "Daddy, it's not empty. I blew kisses into it until it was full."

The father was crushed. He fell on his knees and put his arms around his precious little girl. He begged her to forgive him for his unnecessary anger.

A short time later the little girl died in an accident. The father kept the little gold box beside his bed all the years of his life. Whenever he was discouraged or faced difficult problems, he would open the box, take out an imaginary kiss, and remember the love of this beautiful child who had put it there.

***In a very real sense, each of us has been given an invisible golden box filled with unconditional love and kisses from our children, family, friends and God. There is no more precious possession anyone could hold. Happy Christmas everyone!!!***



## Remembering At Christmas

As a parish Community we remember and pray for those who have gone home to God since 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.

Bridie Sheehan, Ballinaboy.  
Finbarr Holland, Lisfehill.  
Kathy Twomey, Adamstown.

James (Jim) Dwyer, Fivemile Bridge.  
Kevin Spillane, Ballinhassig.  
Christy Connolly, Ballinaloughy.  
Maureen MacCarthy, Coolatuder.  
Gussie (Michael) O'Mahony, Ballygarvan.

Ray O'Brien, Lios Cross, Ballygarvan.  
Brenda O'Sullivan, Briar Hill.  
Barry O'Brien, Raheen.  
Anne Frances (Nancy) O'Sullivan,  
Rigsdale Upper.

Michael Cullinane, Bandon Rd. &  
Ballinhassig.  
Ann O'Mahony, Bishopstown &  
Ballinhassig.

Betty McConnon, New Jersey &  
Ballinhassig.  
Bridie Murphy, Ballyphehane & Halfway.  
Laurence O'Daly, Bantry & Ballyheada.



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



## GOD'S GENEROUS LOVE

Thomas (Tom) Keogh, Rigsdale Upper  
Seamus Butler, Meadstown.  
Sean Spillane, Ballinphelic.  
John Bowen, Ballyduhig.  
Sheila Corcoran, Farmers Cross.

Tadhg O'Connell, Killeagh &  
Rathmacullig.  
Maura Forde, Carraig na bhFear &  
Meadstown.  
Timothy (Timmy) O'Sullivan, Douglas  
& Fivemile Bridge.

Margaret Theresa Curtin, Turners  
Cross & Ballinhassig.  
Mary Maher, Tipperary &  
Ballygarvan.

Sandie Coleman, Carrigaline &  
Ballygarvan.  
Michael O'Callaghan, Rigsdale Upper.  
Peter O'Neill, Goggins Hill.  
Nellie McCarthy, Halfway.  
Mary McCarthy, Goggins Hill.  
John Dineen, Old Abbey.  
Micheal O'Leary, Ballygarvan.

Nora Keogh, Rigsdale Upper.  
Joan (Hannah) Moynihan  
Ballygarvan Upper.

**May Christ's coming this Christmas be** A Gift of Love;  
A blessing of Hope and; A promise of Peace for you. *Pray especially for all the departed who have no families to remember them this Christmas season.*



## 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 news, and the remaining few who distribute the Ballinhassig Parish Newsletter to station areas. Thanks also to those who distribute 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 twenty four years since the production of the first newsletter and it is hoped there will be many more in the future.*

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

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

*Hopefully you will have a peaceful 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 had bereavements and I offer my heartfelt sympathy.*

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

*Wishing you Peace, Happiness and Health in 2016.*

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



## God Cares

*O Lord, you search me and you know me; you know my resting and my rising; I thank you for the wonder of my being, for the wonders of all your creation.*

*(Psalm 138)*

## Christmas Wishes

**Fr. Kieron** wish you and your families where ever they may be a Happy and Peaceful Christmas and every Blessing for the New Year 2016.

*Christ our Saviour is Born*

