

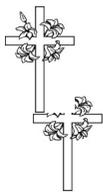
Anniversaries

Imelda Hurley; Margo Hurley, Cork.
 Mary Hurley; Jude Hurley, Cork.
 John Francis Hurley, Cork.
 Killian Hurley, Cork.
 Niall Thomkins, Cork.
 Bridie Kennefick, Killingley.
 Michael Kennefick, Killingley.
 Donal O'Halloran, Templemartin.
 Margaret O'Connell, Coolatooder.
 Con, Hannah, Richie Cullinane,
 & Eily Lombard, Rearour.
 Tim & Eleanor Hurley, Dunmanway.
 Seamus & Joan O'Leary, Ballyhooleen.
 Michael Doody, Ballygarvan & Mahon.



Sympathy

We offer our sympathy to
Denis O'Leary, Ballygarvan
 Upper on the death of his
 brother **Timothy O'Leary,**
 Macroom/Inchigeela; also to
Margaret (née O'Donovan) on the
 death of her husband Timothy &
Gerard and Martina on the death of
 their father Timothy O'Leary.



Church Flower Collection

Goggins Hill Church Flower Group will
 hold their annual collection for flowers
 this Sunday **December 17th.**

Thought For The Week

*The thoughts you have thought,
 and the decisions and choices
 you have made, have brought you
 to where you are now.*

MASS TIMES Next Week

Monday 18th:-
Ballygarvan 9.30am



Tuesday 19th:-
Goggins Hill 9.30am

Sacrament of Reconciliation:-
Ballygarvan 7.30pm

Thursday 21st:-
Ballyheada 10.00am

Saturday 24th:- Vigil
Ballyheada 7.00pm

Sunday 24th:- (Christmas Eve)
Ballygarvan 10.00am
Goggins Hill 11.30am

Ballygarvan 6.00pm
Goggins Hill 7.30pm
Ballyheada 9.00pm

Monday 25th:- (Christmas Day)
Ballygarvan 10.00am
Ballyheada 10.30am
Goggins Hill 11.30am

Communion to the Housebound

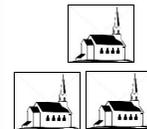
Ministers of the Eucharist are invited
 to bring **Holy Communion** to
 the housebound on **Christmas**
Day Monday 25th.



Ballinhassig Parish

Newsletter

for Ballygarvan, Ballyheada and Goggins Hill



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Fr. Christy writes....

Cause of our Joy



There is a real excitement building around the parish. The lighting displays are adding beautifully to the area. The children are counting how many sleeps are left until Christmas. We're trying to sort out those final gifts and as Christmas cards come through our letterbox we realise, oh, I forgot to send them one.

The prophet Isaiah again is almost at fever pitch as he paints a word picture of what the coming of the Promised One will mean and how things will be so different as a result. John the Baptist again cries out to us to straighten up our lives and make a straight path into our hearts for the coming of the Lord.

With all our preparations, let us not forget the reason for the season, the person who is responsible for all our celebrations. As we bless the crib figure of the Infant Jesus and return them wrapped up under the Christmas Tree to be the first gift opened up on Christmas morning, let us take a little time this week to stop, think and pray.

I invite you to join me and the other priests who are coming to help, at our **Parish Penitential Service on Tuesday night in Ballygarvan Church at 7.30pm.** Let us truly empty ourselves before the Lord, welcome his healing mercy and forgiveness and so truly prepare our hearts and our lives for the Cause of Our Joy.

Pray for one Another

Please remember to pray for all our parishioners and all others who are ill in any way; those facing their final days before they begin their new journey to eternal life, those who are grieving, lonely, anxious or dealing with difficulties in their daily lives, and for the intentions of those who cannot pray themselves at this time.

Christmas Envelopes

Christmas offering envelopes are available in the three churches.



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CHRISTMAS CEREMONIES 2017

Sacrament of Reconciliation & Forgiveness

Tuesday December 19th

Ballygarvan 7.30pm



Other Reconciliation Services

Kinsale December 18th 7.30pm
Carrigaline Parish Church December 18th 7.30pm

Confessions

Saturday **December 23rd** as follows:

Ballyheada 6.30pm-7.00pm



Christmas Mass of the Nativity of Our Lord

Christmas Eve 24th

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

Christmas Day 25th

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



Mass on St. Stephens Day (Tuesday 26th)

Goggins Hill:- 11.00am

Thursday 28th:- Ballyheada 11.00am



Saturday 30th

Vigil Mass in Ballyheada 7.00pm

Sunday 31st

Ballygarvan 10.00am; Goggins Hill 11.30am

My First Christmas in Heaven

I see the countless christmas trees around the world below,
with tiny lights like heaven's stars, reflecting on the snow.
The sight is so spectacular, please wipe away the tear,
for I am spending christmas with Jesus Christ this year.



I hear the many christmas songs that people hold so dear,
but the sound of music can't compare with the christmas choir here.
I have no words to tell you, the joy their voices bring,
for it is beyond description to hear the angels sing.



I know how much you miss me, I see the pain inside your heart,
but I am not so far away, we really aren't apart.
So be happy for me dear ones, you know I hold you dear,
and be glad I am spending christmas with Jesus Christ this year.

I send you each a special gift, from my heavenly home above,
I send you each a memory of my undying love.
After all, love is the gift, more precious than pure gold,
it was always most important in the stories Jesus told.



Please love and keep each other, as my father said to do,
for I can't count the love or blessings he has for each of you.
So have a merry christmas and wipe away the tear,
remember, I am spending christmas with Jesus Christ this year.
(Mary O' Halloran submits.....)



Bazaar

Ballygarvan Camogie Club
annual christmas 'Bazaar' on
Sunday **December 17th**. Santa
arrives at 2.00pm. Spinners, lots
of fun and prizes.....Great after-
noon assured. All welcome.



Church Cleaning

If you would like to volunteer
to help clean the Ballyheada
church for Christmas come along on:-



Wednesday December 20th:-

Ballyheada church 10.30am

Thank You

Paul Donnelly, Liberty Hill would like to
thank all those who contributed to his recent
fundraising Camino trip for the **Guide
Dogs**. A total of **3675 Euro** was raised.

Ballinhassig GAA Club would like to
sincerely thank everyone who supported
their recent Bazaar.

A great fun evening was had by all.
Club Gear will be on sale in the Club
Rooms on Monday & Tuesday **18th/19th**
from 6.00pm-7.00pm.
Further details Theresa **087/6579925**.