

## Anniversaries

Joan Moynihan, Ballygarvan Upper.  
Paddy & Jim Forde, Tulligmore.  
Danny Forde, Ballyhooleen.  
John Francis Hurley, Cork.  
Mary & Jude Hurley, Cork  
Killian Hurley, Cork.  
Niall Thomkins, Cork.  
Imelda & Margo Hurley, Cork.  
Catherine Lane, Myrtle Hill.  
Mary Ahern, Grenagh.  
John Cullinane, Dunderrow.  
Denis & Bina Murphy, Ballinaboy.  
John & Philomena Timmons, Cork.  
John Joe Buckley, Templemartin.  
Cornelius Duggan, Goggins Hill.  
John & Mary O'Neill, Dunmanway.  
Billy & Hannie Cronin, Ballinphellic.  
Michael & Margaret Lane, Myrtle Hill.  
Seamus & Joan O'Leary, Ballyhooleen.  
Michael Doody, Ballygarvan & Mahon.



## We Remember

**John O'Leary, Tulligmore;**  
**Peggie (Margaret Patricia)**  
**Powell Harris UK & Fivemilebridge**  
who died during the week. *We pray for their families, neighbours and friends.*



## Sympathy

We offer our sympathy to **Breeda O'Herlihy, Ballinphellic** on the death of her husband **Frank** and **Ivan, Robert** and **Eve** on the death of their father **Frank O'Herlihy, Ballinphellic**. Sympathy also to all other relatives, neighbours and friends.



## MASS TIMES Next Week

**Monday 16th:-**  
*Ballygarvan 9.30am*

**Tuesday 17th:-**  
*Goggins Hill 9.30am*

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:-**  
*Ballygarvan only 7.30pm*

**Thursday 19th:-**  
*Ballyheada 10.00am*

### Communion to the Housebound

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

Please contact the **PAN Centre (Parish Office) 4885062** if you would like a *Eucharistic Minister to bring you the Eucharist on Christmas Day*.



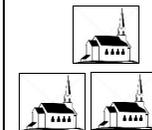
## Sympathy

We offer our sympathy to **Sean O'Leary, Tulligmore** on the death of his father **John O'Leary, Tulligmore**, **Mary O'Leary, Tulligmore** on the death of her son **John O'Leary, Tulligmore** and **Con, Ursula** and **Marie** on the death of their brother **John O'Leary, Tulligmore**. Sympathy also to all other relatives, neighbours and friends.  
**Peggy O'Callaghan, Ballynagrumbolia** on the death of **John (JV) Murphy, Crosshaven & Ballinhassig**.



# Ballinhassig Parish

## Newsletter



for Ballygarvan, Ballyheada and Goggins Hill

**Vol. 28 No. 14 Sunday: December 15th, 2019 (Third Sunday Of Advent)**

*Triona Doherty writing in Intercom....*

### CHRISTMAS IS ALL AROUND

The sights and sounds and smells of the season are all around us. Is there a particular sound that reminds you of Advent or Christmas perhaps a carol you've always loved, or the sound of jingle bells? For many, the smell of mince pies or mulled wine are real signs of Christmas. Our towns and cities are filled with wonderful sights too: festive lights and decorations, trees decked out with tinsel and baubles, while our churches display Nativity Scenes.



Another common sight in the run up to Christmas are the charity collectors we meet on the streets, singing carols or shaking buckets, urging us to give generously to a good cause. It is a feast for the senses. With these experiences often evoking warm Christmas memories and putting us in good humour.

Today is known as Gaudete Sunday – *Gaudete* means 'rejoice'. In our churches, the rose-coloured candle is lit on the advent wreath to symbolise joy. Today's readings bring out this sense of joyful anticipation of the Lord's coming. The people of Jesus' time would have been familiar with Isaiah's talk of 'everlasting joy and gladness'. And Jesus tells us: 'Happy is the man who does not lose faith in me.'

It is this personal encounter with Jesus we celebrate at Christmas, God becoming man, the Good News announced by John the Baptist in today's Gospel. We have reason to be happy – let's make this Gaudete Sunday a real celebration.

### Christmas Hamper

If you would like to donate any item/ items for the Christmas Hamper in **Ballyheada Church**, please hand in same to the sacristy after Mass from now until Christmas. These will go to **Kinsale Community Hospital**.



### Church Cleaning

If you would like to volunteer to help clean **Ballyheada** church for Christmas come along on:- **Saturday December 21st:- Ballyheada 10.00am**

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Notices for inclusion should be received not later than 2.00pm on Wednesday by **Mary O'Halloran (4885062, 4885257)** **Mary O'Donovan (4888268)**, **PAN Centre/Parish Office (phone/fax 4885062)**  
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Parish Priest:- **Fr. Christy Fitzgerald** Telephone: 4885104 or 087/9439666

# CHRISTMAS CEREMONIES 2019

Sacrament of Reconciliation

& Forgiveness

**Tuesday December 17th**

Ballygarvan 7.30pm



## Other Reconciliation Services

Kinsale December 16th 7.30pm  
Carrigaline Parish Church December 16th 7.30pm

## Confessions

Saturday **December 21st** 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 (Thursday 26th)

**Ballyheada:- 11.00am**

**Saturday 28th**

**Vigil Mass in Ballyheada 7.00pm**

**Sunday 29th**

**Ballygarvan 10.00am; Goggins Hill 11.30am**



Monday 30th:- **Ballygarvan 11.00am** Tuesday 31st:- **Goggins Hill 11.00am**  
Wednesday 1st January 2020 New Year's Day:- **BALLYGARVAN 11.00am**  
Thursday 2nd:- **Ballyheada 11.00am**  
Friday 3rd:- **Ballygarvan 9.30am & Ballyheada 8pm**  
Monday 6th:- **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...)



## Congratulations

Congratulations to **Christina Hurley, Meadstown** on being awarded a 'Merit' in the primary school section of the **Book of Kells Creative Writing Competition 2019** held in Trinity College, Dublin recently.



## Ballyheada N.S.

Open for **Applications for September 2020**.  
Closing date is January 30th, 2020. Apply to school at **4885066**.

**Gala Ballygarvan** wish all who supported them throughout the year a happy christmas.  
Raffle weekly until christmas.



## Community Alert

**Ballinhassig Parish Community Alert annual church gate collection** on Saturday/Sunday **December 21st/22nd**. This collection helps to defray costs of personal alarms and other services for the elderly and vulnerable in our community.

*Your continued support appreciated.*



*This time of year remember to **Light Up... & Lock Up** windows, doors, cars etc. Also be vigilant of strange vehicles or activity and be mindful of the elderly and those living alone.*