

## Anniversaries

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### Saturday 30th:- Vigil

**Ballyheada 7.30pm**

Mass Intentions:-

Noreen Lombard, Rearour.

(1st Anniversary)

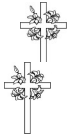
Pake Lombard, Rearour.

Sean Hurley, Rigsdale.

Neile Reardon, Ballinaboy.

Jackie Murphy, Skehanagh.

Christy Sheehan, Meadstown.



### Sunday 1st:-

**Ballygarvan 10.30am**

Mass Intentions:-

Cain O'Mahony, Fivemile Bridge.

**Goggins Hill 12noon**

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## We Remember

**John Joe Lane, Dublin & Cork.**

**Jim Burke, Cobh.**

**Sr. Colombiere O'Driscoll, Ardfoyle**

**Convent, Ballintemple & Kilbrittain**

who died recently.

*We pray for their families  
neighbours and friends.*



### Parish Choir

Choir Practice Ballygarvan Church

Wednesday 4th @ 8pm.

## MASS Times Next Week:-

Wednesday 4th:-

**Goggins Hill 9.30am**

Thursday 5th:-

**Ballyheada 9.30am**

Friday 6th:-

**Ballygarvan 9.30am**

Saturday 7th Vigil

**Ballyheada:- 7.30pm**

Sunday 8th

**Ballygarvan 10.30am**

**Goggins Hill 12noon**

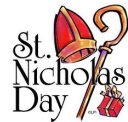
### Saint Nicholas Dec. 6th

*December 6th* is the Feast of **St. Nicholas**. Children are invited to bring a toy to Mass on the second week end of Advent, Saturday/Sunday **December 7th/8th**.

**Please put in a bag but do not wrap.**

These will be placed at the altar, collected by Parish Office and donated to **Saint Vincent De Paul** for distribution to poorer children to ensure they all receive a toy this Christmas.

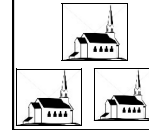
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# Ballinhassig Parish

## Newsletter

for Ballygarvan, Ballyheada and Goggins Hill



Vol. 33 No. 12 Sunday: December 1st, 2024 (First Sunday Of Advent)

Mary O'H  
writes.....

## Season of Advent

In the church calendar, the four weeks before Christmas are known as Advent; a time of waiting and preparation. This Sunday is the *First Sunday of Advent* and you will notice the **Advent Wreath** in the church.

Sometimes in the hustle and bustle of the weeks leading up to Christmas it is easy to lose sight of what we are preparing for. As you get ready at this special time of the year, perhaps you and your family will make a conscious effort to be more aware of the true meaning of the celebration of Christmas - the birth of the Christ Child.

*We can use this time to make spiritual preparation for Christmas.*



The custom of the Advent Wreath is an excellent way for families to keep the real meaning of Christmas in perspective.

The **Advent Wreath** consists of a **circle of evergreens and four candles**.

The **circular shape** symbolises God's love for us, a love that has no beginning or end. The **evergreens** represent the continuing and everlasting life that comes from God through Jesus. As we light the candles each week we are made aware of our journey through this season from Advent to Christmas.

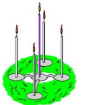
The four candles (*three purple and a pink/rose colour*) mark four weeks of Advent and point to Jesus as the light of the world. The **purple candles** show that Advent is a time of waiting and preparation.

The **pink/rose candle lit** on the third week (*Gaudete Sunday*) reminds us we can rejoice as we draw near to Christmas.

An **Advent Wreath** in the home can be a wonderful opportunity for family prayer.

*As we light our first candle this week we pray for God's blessing of the Advent wreath, our homes and each of us. Amen.*

# ADVENT



2024 Ballinhassig Parish Newsletter

Notices for inclusion should be received not later than 2.00pm on Wednesday  
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## St. Vincent de Paul ANNUAL APPEAL

Christmas Church Gate Collection December 7th/8th 2024

Sincere thanks to all who support the SVP Monthly Church Gate Collections and to those who fundraised and donated to SVP throughout the year.

Through your generosity, people who are struggling financially in our community are supported to ensure that their essential needs are met.



If you need support, please do not hesitate to contact SVP Cork

Central Office at 021 427 0444 or online at [www.svp.ie](http://www.svp.ie)

All central referrals are passed on to local volunteers who support people with absolute confidentiality and sensitivity.

### The Advent Wreath

Most churches and families have an Advent Wreath. The custom wasn't always an Irish one. Wreaths were popular in Germany, Austria and Northern Europe. As people began to travel to these countries they saw the attractive wreaths and brought the idea home.

This week end we have one in each of our three Churches as this Sunday **December 1st** is the **First Sunday of Advent**.

The wreath is a symbol of what Advent means.



So Advent is a time for us to **prepare** to receive Jesus into **our hearts, our lives, our homes and our parish.**

We need to **invite** Him.

A very short traditional prayer for Advent is simply

**“COME LORD JESUS”**

We can say this at any time, travelling, in the house or when we pass a Church or Grotto. Having the Advent Wreath in the house the prayer could be said with children round the wreath, maybe at bedtime or before a meal.

Remember when we invite Jesus into our lives **He will never come empty handed.**

He will come to you with **some special gift or blessing**, something He knows you need.

But you have to be **READY and WAITING.**

### Advent Prayer

**Advent Week 1:- Hope**

*As we light this first candle of the Advent wreath together, Lord, grant us hope.*

*As trees loose leaves and temperatures drop, we feel that the new life of Spring is far away.*



*May the Advent candlelight shine like our commitment to one another, that we can find wisdom and strength in reaching out and holding one another's hope. Like Mary and Joseph on the journey to Bethlehem, may we remain hope-filled through all of the challenges set before us on the way. 'I wait for the Lord, my whole being waits, and in his word I put my hope.' (Psalm 130:5)*



**Hope is faith holding out its hand in the dark.**

### Readings December 8th

Bar 5:1-9. Ps 125, R/ v 3.

Phil 1:3-6, 8-11.

Lk 3:1-6.



### Christmas Tree Bulbs

*Ballinhassig Village Association* invite you to **Sponsor a Bulb** in remembrance of a loved one on their Christmas Tree. Bulbs available in **Gala Ballinhassig** and cost **5Euro** each.

*Names will be displayed and blessed before Christmas.*



**2025 Calendars** also available in **Gala Ballinhassig** cost **10Euro**.

All monies will go towards the upkeep of Ballinhassig Village.

*Your continued support appreciated.*

### Ballygarvan Bazaar

**Ballygarvan Camogie Club** Christmas Bazaar on **December 8th at 2pm** in **Ballygarvan School**. All monies raised go towards the upkeep of the club. Lots of fun and prizes, visit from Santa etc.

*All welcome.*



### Outdoor Christmas Market

**Ballygarvan Community Association**

This Sunday **December 1st**  
**11.00am – 2.30pm.**

At **Community Centre Grounds**  
(Old National School).

Food stalls, crafts etc. *All Welcome!!!!*

### Ballinhassig Bazaar

**Ballinhassig GAA Club** Christmas Bazaar in the Marian Hall on this Sunday **December 1st**. Santa arrives at 5.15pm. Great spinner prizes, vouchers, cake sale, book sale etc. *All welcome.*

### Chernobyl Christmas Fair

**December 8th** 11.00am-5.00pm in the Marian Hall, Ballinhassig. All items donated. Gifts, cards, etc on sale.

### Active Retired

**Ballinhassig Parish Social & Active Retirement Club:-**

*Christmas Flower Arranging:*

**Tuesday December 10th @8pm**  
(In the Main Hall of the Marian Hall)

Demo by **Mary Coughlan**.

Cost 10Euro including refreshments and raffle ticket.

*All welcome!!!!!!!*

### Memorial Cards

Please collect your *memorial cards, bookmarks, wallet cards, etc* from **Ballyheada Church**.

They are in a basket in front of the altar.

### Christmas Mass Cards

All Mass cards and **Christmas Mass Bouquets** are now available in the PAN Centre (Parish Office). Contact Mary **021 4885 062**.

### Thank You

Thanks to all who returned their November Offering envelopes.

### Christmas Envelopes

**Christmas Offering Envelopes** now available in the three churches.

### Votive Lights

Sincere thanks to all who donate to the votive lights, shrines in all three churches.

**Louises Kitchen** homebaking in *The Menu Cakery*, Halfway & *McCarthy's* Hawkes Rd. & *Rohus* Country Market Innishannon. Details **087 2874 772**.