

## Anniversaries

Jack & Mary Tattan, Killeagh.

**Saturday 29th:- Vigil**  
**Ballyheada 7.00pm**

*Mass Intentions:-*

Helen Coleman, Halfway (*Months Mind*)

Jackie Murphy, Skehanagh.

Christy Sheehan, Meadstown.

Paddy & Betty Finn, Tulligbeg.

Noreen & Pake Lombard, Rearour.

**Sunday 30th:-**  
**Ballygarvan 10.00am**

*Mass Intentions:-*

Cain O'Mahony, Fivemile Bridge.

Donie O'Callaghan, Ballygarvan Upper.

**Goggins Hill 11.30am**

*Mass Intentions:-*

Kate & James O'Connell, Gortnacloagh.

Eileen & Jim O'Connell, Gortnacloagh.

## We Remember

**Timothy Cummins**, Innishannon who died recently.

*We pray for his family  
neighbours and friends.*



### Christmas Mass Cards

All Mass cards and *Christmas Mass Bouquets* are now available in the PAN Centre (Parish Office).

Contact Mary 021 4885 062.

## MASS Times Next Week:-

**Wednesday 3rd:-**

**Goggins Hill:- 9.30am**

**Thursday 4th:-**

**Ballyheada:- 9.30am**

**Friday 5th:- First Friday**

**Ballygarvan:- 9.30am**

*Adoration after Mass*

**Ballyheada:-**

**Holy Hour 7.00pm-8.00pm**

**First Saturday Prayers 6.25pm**

**Saturday December 6th:-**

**Ballyheada:- 7.00pm**

**Sunday December 7th:-**

**Ballygarvan 10.00am**

**Goggins Hill 11.30am**

### Church Flower Collections

*Church Flower Groups will hold a church collection in our churches on Saturday/Sunday December 6th/7th. This collection will help defray costs of Christmas, Easter and flowers for other church occasions.*

*Thanks for you continued generosity.*

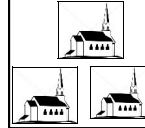
### Church Cleaning Ballygarvan

Wanted help to clean Ballygarvan church for Christmas on Saturday December 13th at 10.00am.

# Ballinhassig Parish

## Newsletter

*for Ballygarvan, Ballyheada and Goggins Hill*



**Vol. 34 No. 12 Sunday: November 30th, 2025 (First Sunday Of Advent)**

*Finance  
Committee  
submits ....*

## Offertory Envelopes 2026

The 2026 boxed sets of offertory envelopes for existing users will be available after all Masses next weekend, December 6th/7th. They will be available for new users on December 13th/14th. The Parish Finance Committee encourages those who already use the envelope system to collect them, and also that new users would begin using them next year.

The parish, as a registered charity, can claim extra income from the Revenue Commissioners if tax-paying donors give a minimum of 250Euro for 2026. In 2024, the parish received 10,313Euro through this Charitable Donation Scheme. The Parish Finance Committee hopes to increase this amount by encouraging more people to participate.

Some donors contribute to the parish by means of bank Standing Orders and, similarly, if they are taxpayers, they can also be part of the Charitable Donation Scheme.

The IBAN for new Standing Orders or one-off donations is:

**IE44AIBK93432106335261**

### Readings December 7th

Is 11:1-10. Ps 71: 1-2. 7-8. 12-13, 17.

R/ cf.v7 Rm 15:4-9. Mt 3:1-12.



### Christmas Envelopes

Christmas Offering Envelopes now available in the three churches.

**2025 Ballinhassig Parish Newsletter**

*Notices for inclusion should be received not later than 2.00pm on Wednesday*

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## 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



### Christmas Bazaars

**Ballinhassig GAA Club** Christmas Bazaar on Sunday **December 7th**. Santa arrives at 5.15pm. Spinner etc with great prizes. All welcome.

**Ballygarvan Camogie Club** Christmas Bazaar on Sunday **December 14th** at 2.00pm in **Ballygarvan N.S. Home baking received from 11.00am**. Lots of fun, spinner and great prizes, visit from Santa. All welcome.

### Christmas Market

**Ballygarvan Community Association** Christmas **Outdoor Market** Sunday:- **November 30th**  
**Time:- 11.00am -2.00pm**

### Christmas Craft Fair

Chernobyl Cause annual Craft Fair, Sunday:- **November 30th**  
**Time:- 11.00am -5.00pm**  
**Venue:- Marian Hall, Ballinhassig.**

## 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 **November 30th** 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 the children round the wreath, 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**

### Christmas Flowers

**Ballinhassig Parish Social & Active Retirement Club:-**  
**Christmas Flower Demonstration** with **Mary McCrum** in the Marian Hall, Ballinhassig on:-

**December 9th at 8.00pm.**

Cost 10.00Euro including refreshments & raffle ticket. *All welcome!!!!*



## 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)*

### Active Retired Club

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

**Christmas Dinner/Party** in the Marian Hall, Ballinhassig  
**Saturday December 6th.**



*Thanks to those who have already paid. Payment as soon as possible to:- Mary 021 4885 062; 086 3183 645 or any committee member. Final numbers required for catering etc.*

### Social Dance Marian Hall

*Monthly Social Dance* in the Marian Hall, Ballinhassig on Friday:-  
**December 5th, 9.00pm -11.30pm.**  
*Music by Eddie Lee. All welcome. Admission 10.00Euro including raffle ticket. Refreshments served.*