

## Anniversaries

Sheila Tuthill, Ballinaboy.  
Joan Edmonds, Ballea.  
Kitty O'Donovan, Nohoval.  
Frances Kenny, Goggins Hill.  
Danny O'Donovan, Gortnaclogh.  
Anthony Marshall, Meadstown.  
John & Mary O'Neil, Dunmanway.  
Phyllis O'Sullivan, Ballygarvan Upper.  
Thomas O'Sullivan, Ballygarvan Upper



## We Remember

Maura O'Connell, Ballygarvan Lower;  
Edward McCarthy, The Lough;  
Joan Mulcahy, Riverstick;  
Daniel Crowley, Kilmoney  
who died during the week.  
*We pray for their families,  
neighbours and friends.*



## Sympathy

We offer our sympathy to John  
(Sean) Crowley, Briar Hill on  
the death of his wife Fionnuala,  
and to Roisin, Tadhg, Conor,  
Diarmuid and Anne on the death  
of their mother Fionnuala;  
Maura Kiely, Ballynabearna  
on the death of her sister Joan  
Mulcahy, Riverstick;  
Miriam Casey, Gortnaclogh on  
the death of her father Edward McCar-  
thy, The Lough;  
Margo Ryan, Ballygarvan Upper and  
Paul on the death of their mother  
Maura O'Connell, Ballygarvan Lower.



## MASS TIMES

### Next Week

Monday 9th:-  
*Ballygarvan 9.30am*

Tuesday 10th:-  
*Goggins Hill 9.30am*

Thursday 12th:-  
*Ballyheada 10.00am*

Saturday 14th:-  
*Ballyheada 7.00pm*

Sunday 15th:-  
*Ballygarvan 10.00am*  
*Goggins Hill 11.30am*

### Christmas Church Flower collections as follows:

*Ballygarvan: Sunday December 15th*  
*Ballyheada: Sunday December 15th*



## Christmas Hamper

If you would like to donate items for  
the Christmas hamper in **Ballyheada  
Church** please hand in same to the  
sacristy after Mass from now until  
Christmas.

This hamper or hampers will go to  
**Kinsale Community Hospital.**

## Parish Assembly

Meeting in the Marian Hall on Mon-  
day **December 9th at 7.30pm.**

# Ballinhassig Parish

## Newsletter

*for Ballygarvan, Ballyheada and Goggins Hill*



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*Mary O'Halloran submits...*

## Christmas Thoughts

"It's sharing your gifts, not purchasing gifts;  
It's not wrapping presents, its being present  
and wrapping your arms around the ones you love;  
It's not getting Christmas cards out on time,  
It's sending any card, anytime, at the right time;  
It's not having the biggest and best Christmas light  
display, It's displaying the Christ light that comes  
from your heart;  
It's not Santa coming down the chimney,  
It's Jesus coming down from heaven,  
and giving us the gift of eternal life."



## Special Gifts:-

*Here are a few suggestions for special gifts:*

a firm handshake to a shaky soul,  
a kind word to a lonely person,  
a warm smile to the disheartened,  
a sincere concern for someone troubled,  
a feeling of compassion for the neglected,  
a comforting thought for the bereaved,  
a respect for the dignity of others,  
a defense of the rights of individuals,  
a word of witness to help a seeking soul,  
**a Merry Christmas to all.** (Anonymous)



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*Notices for inclusion should be received not later than 2.00pm on Wednesday  
by Mary (4888268), Mary (4885257)  
PAN Centre/Parish Office (phone/fax 4885062)  
info@ballinhassigparish.com*

## Christmas Liturgy Meetings

These meetings are to organise *Christmas Liturgies* in the three churches as follows:



### Ballyheada:

**December 7th after 7.00pm Mass.**

### Ballygarvan:

**December 8th after 10.00am Mass.**

### Goggins Hill:

**December 8th after 11.30am Mass.**

We invite co-ordinator or representative of Ministers of the Word and Eucharist; Choir; Sacristans; Flower Group; Crib; Altar Servers; Assembly Liturgy reps, Church cleaning groups etc. We also invite others who normally help in the church for Christmas and anyone else who would like to offer help. All welcome.

## Church Cleaning Ballyheada

If you would like to volunteer to help clean *Ballyheada church* for Christmas, come along on **Saturday December 14th at 10.30am**; to go on a rota for cleaning throughout the year, please contact the P.A.N. Centre (Parish Office) at **4885062**. All welcome.



## Christmas Arrangements

Christmas flower arrangements; wreaths; swags and table centres made to order. Details and orders contact Breda **087/9028416**.



## St. Vincent de Paul

Please remember, this week-end **December 7th/8th** is the **Christmas** collection for V.D.P. Times are getting even harder than before, for a lot more people. The people of the parish are very supportive of us, and we are calling on you once again to give generously for the less well off among us. Thanking You.  
(*St. Joseph's Conference, Ballinhassig*)

## Christmas Room

Brothers Of Charity, St. Patrick's Upton present *Casadh Area Christmas Room* at *St. Patrick's Upton* (previously the Workshop area) decorated by **DJ Murphy** of Bandon Garden Centre, on **Friday December 13th** from **11.00am – 8.00pm**. Refreshments, raffle, *all welcome*. *All proceeds in aid of Marymount Hospice & St. Patrick's Upton.*



## Monster Bingo

*Monster Bingo* in aid of *Marymount Hospice* on this Sunday **December 8th** at 3.00pm in the **City Hall**. *Admission:* Single Book 15Euro; Double 20Euro. Spot Prizes and Raffles. Doors open 1.00pm. Early Bird games at 2.00pm; 10,000 in prizes. All welcome.

## Christmas Matinee

**Christmas Matinee of Seasonal Songs & Carols** with the **Carrigaline Singers** in the: *Carrigaline Court Hotel* **Sunday December 15th at 3.00pm**.  
**Conductor:- Alan Carney**  
**Soloists:- Ryan Morgan & Linda Kenny.**

Tickets:- 10Euro and available at the door. **All welcome.**



## Village Tree Lighting

*Ballinhassig Tidy Village Association* will hold their annual **Christmas Tree Lighting** ceremony in **Ballinhassig Village** on **Sunday December 8th at 5.00pm**. Bulbs cost 5Euro each or donation and are available from:



*Con Cottrell; Pat Aherne; Mary Rice; Mary O'Leary; Kit Jordan; Denny Finn & Sheila Coleman.*



## Congratulations

Congratulations to parishioners who attend *Presentation Secondary School Ballyphehane* who won the *All Island Schools Choir Competition in Belfast* recently. Well done again on your second win !!!!!

## Goggins Hill N.S. Choir

*Goggins Hill N.S. childrens 'Choir Performance'* in aid of the *Philippines Appeal* will be held in the Marian Hall, Ballinhassig on **December 14th** at 7.30pm.

Music –will include a variety of lively songs from:- *'Hallelujah'* *Dublin performance.*



## Christmas Market

*Pavilion Garden Centre* will host a **Christmas Market** on **Saturday/Sunday December 7th/8th** from **11.00am-6.00pm**. *Crafts and artisan food stands; santa; festive music and carol singing, live animal crib, childrens entertainment and christmas cookery theatre.* Further details [www.thepavilion.ie](http://www.thepavilion.ie) or **4888134**. *All welcome.*



## Chomhra

Chomhra gach domhnach **Pavilion**, Ballygarvan at **4.00pm**. All welcome

## Carol Singing For VDP

*Carrigaline Community School:- Annual Carol Singing for St. Vincent de Paul* will be held in the *Estates in Ballygarvan* on **Friday December 13th** from **6.00pm – 8.00pm**. Many thanks for your generous support in the past and looking forward to your continued support in the future.



## Gospel Voices For Cope

*100 Gospel Voices for Cope* on **Sunday December 8th** at 7.30pm in the church of *Our Lady & St. John, Carrigaline*. This years concert in aid of the **COPE Foundation** features Carrigaline, Castleyons and Carrigtwohill Gospel Choirs. No Tickets. Donation only. All welcome.

## Annual Christmas Bazaars

*Ballinhassig GAA* on **Sunday December 8th** from 5pm-8pm. **Santa will arrive at 5.15pm**; Spinner; Con's lucky dip:- proceeds to school coaching.

## Ballygarvan Camogie Club

*Annual Bazaar* on **Sunday December 15th** in GAA Pavilion.

**Santa will arrive at 2.00pm.** Spinner, turkeys, hams. Carol singing. Great family afternoon!!! All welcome.

**Goggins Hill School** **Sunday December 15th** after 11.30am Mass.

## Congratulations

Congratulations to *Cottrell's Gala*, Ballinhassig who celebrate their **25th Anniversary in business in Ballinhassig** on **Friday/Saturday December 6th/7th** from **10.00am-2.00pm**. Hot Food, Raffle and Special Offers!!!!!! All Welcome..



**Thought for Week:-** You can never cross the ocean unless you have the **courage** to lose **sight** of the shore. (*Christopher Columbus*)