

## Anniversaries

Michael Whelton, Butlerstown.  
Margaret Whelton, Butlerstown.  
Nicholas Cullinane, Tooreen.  
Joan Cullinane, Tooreen.  
Paddy Forde, Tulligmore.  
James Forde, Tulligmore.  
Ellen Hurley, Dunmanway.  
Denis Twomey, Whitechurch.  
Michael Sheehan, Ballinaboy.  
Timothy Hurley, Dunmanway.  
Tom O'Donoghue, Coolatooder.  
Margaret O'Connell, Coolatooder.  
Donal O'Halloran, Templemartin.  
Peter and Anna Cronin, Dromoureen.  
John and Chris Guirey, Kinsale Rd.  
J.J. and Margaret Fitzgerald, Lisfehill.  
Michael and Margaret Lane, Ballyduhig  
Michael Doody, Ballygarvan & Grange.

## We Remember

Ann Feeney, Wilton who died during the week. *We pray for her family, neighbours and friends.*

## Thanksgiving

*Miracle Prayer:* Dear heart of Jesus in the past I have asked for many favours, this time I ask for a special one. Take it dear heart of Jesus and place within your own broken heart where your father sees it. Then in his merciful eyes it will become your favour not mine. Amen. *(Say this prayer for three days and promise publication and prayer and favour will be granted).*

2013 Ballinhassig Parish Newsletter

Notices for inclusion should be received not later than 2.00pm on Wednesday  
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## MASS TIMES Next Week

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

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

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

**Saturday 21st:-**  
*Ballyheada 7.00pm*


**Sunday 22nd:-**  
*Ballygarvan 10.00am*  
*Goggins Hill 11.30am*

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


### 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**.

### Offertory Collection Boxes

Sunday Offertory Collection  
Boxes for **2014** are now available in each church porch. 

# Ballinhassig Parish

## Newsletter

*for Ballygarvan, Ballyheada and Goggins Hill*



**Vol. 22 No. 14 Sunday: December 15th, 2013 (Third Sunday of Advent)**

*Mary O'Halloran submits....*

## Wrapped with love at Christmas

Once upon a time, there was a man who worked very hard just to keep food on the table for his family. This particular year a few days before Christmas, he punished his little five year old daughter after learning that she had used up the family's only roll of expensive gold wrapping paper. As money was tight, he became even more upset when on Christmas Eve he saw that the child had used all of the expensive gold paper to decorate one shoebox she had put under the Christmas tree. He was also concerned about where she got the money to buy what was in the shoebox.



Nevertheless, the next morning the little girl, filled with excitement, brought the gift box to her father and said "This is for you, Daddy!" As he opened the box, the father was embarrassed by his earlier over re-action, now regretting how he had punished her. But when he opened the shoebox, he found it was empty and again his anger flared. "Don't you know, young lady," he said harshly, "when you give someone a present, there's supposed to be something inside the package" The little girl looked up at him with sad tears rolling from her eyes and whispered: "Daddy, it's not empty. I blew kisses into it until it was full." The father was crushed. He fell on his knees and put his arms around his precious little girl. He begged her to forgive him for his unnecessary anger.

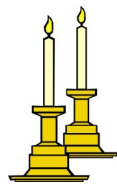
A short time later the little girl died in an accident. The father kept the little gold box beside his bed all the years of his life. Whenever he was discouraged or faced difficult problems, he would open the box, take out an imaginary kiss, and remember the love of this beautiful child who had put it there. *In a very real sense, each of us has been given an invisible golden box filled with unconditional love and kisses from our children, family, friends and God. There is no more precious possession anyone could hold.*

# CHRISTMAS CEREMONIES 2013

## Sacrament of Reconciliation & Forgiveness

**Tuesday December 17th:-**

Ballygarvan 7.00pm; Ballyheada 8.00pm



### Other Penitential Services

Carrigaline Parish Church	Mon. Dec. 16th at 7.30pm
Innishannon	Tues. Dec. 17th at 7.30pm
Frankfield/Grange	Tues. Dec. 17th at 7.30pm
Curraheen	Wed. Dec. 18th at 7.30pm
Kinsale	Mon. Dec. 23rd at 7.30pm



### Confessions

Saturday December 21st as follows:

Ballygarvan 10.00am; Ballyheada 11.00am; Goggins Hill 12noon



## Christmas Mass of the Nativity of Our Lord

### Christmas Eve 24th

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

### Christmas Day 25th

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



## Mass on St. Stephens Day (Thursday 26th)

Ballyheada: 10.00am  
Ballygarvan: 11.30am

## No Mass Friday 27th

### Saturday 28th

Vigil Mass in Ballyheada 7.00pm

### Sunday 29th

Ballygarvan 10.00am; Goggins Hill 11.30am



## Extraordinary Synod on the Family

**Pastoral challenges of the family in the context of evangelisation.**

In preparation for the Synod on the Family which will be held from **October 5th-19th, 2014**, the Vatican has asked that national bishops' conferences around the world would seek the opinions of



Catholics on a number of Church teachings related to the family. Because the questionnaire issued by the Vatican is somewhat dense and inaccessible, a simplified version in ordinary language is available in the three churches this week end. This version, follows the original questionnaire as closely as possible, but is presented in a more user friendly format. You do not have to respond to every question, simply those you wish to express an opinion on and you do not have to sign the questionnaire. Copies of the actual *Preparatory Document and Questionnaire* are available on request from Mary at the P.A.N. Centre (Parish Office) 4885062.

**Please return to any of the churches or the Parish Office by Sunday December 22nd** so we can return a response from the parish to Bishop Buckley by the deadline of **January 9th, 2014**.

## Lourdes 2014 -

### Invitation for Young Adults

Young adults aged 18 - 35 are invited to come to Lourdes with the diocese in our 'Come and See and be a Helping Hand' They will assist the sick who travel with the diocese and be involved in the full pilgrimage, prayer, making new friends and sharing the story of Lourdes. Further details, travel dates and booking contact: Sr. Karen 021 4537601.

## 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 N.S. Bazaar** on this Sunday December 15th after 11.30am Mass. All welcome.

## Christmas Flowers/Arrangements

*Why not do it yourself!!*



Candles; bowls; oasis; ribbon and a large selection of fresh flowers available at **Rigsdale**

**Flower Shop**, open daily.

Queries and booking contact

**Sheila 4885305.**



## Community Alert

**Ballinhassig Parish Community Alert** annual church gate collection next week end Saturday/Sunday **December 21st/22nd**.

## Hand Knit Scarves

Hand knit multi coloured scarves for sale, cost 20Euro. Proceeds **in aid of Marymount Hospice**. Available from P.A.N. Centre (Parish Office) **4885062**.

## Child Minder

Child minder **wanted** in the Ballinhassig area to mind child, preferably in child's own home, three days a week. Contact **4979596**.

## Carry on Regardless 2014

The committee has decided that due to **Health and Safety; Lack of Space and Production reasons** it is not possible to accommodate the unprecedented number of children interested in taking part in the 2014 Show. When contacted all 53 children who took part in last years show have taken up the offer to participate again this year. Unfortunately the children who cannot be accommodated this time will be welcome in future shows.