

Anniversaries

Batt Foley, Ballynaloughy.
John Francis Hurley, Cork.
Mary Hurley, Cork.
Imelda Hurley, Cork.
Jude Hurley, Cork.
John O'Brien, Ballea.
Billy Cronin, Ballinphellic.
Hannie Cronin, Ballinphellic.
Neile Reardon, Ballinaboy.
Helen Fehily, Tulligbeg.
McHugh & Brady Family.
Nora O'Donovan, Durrus.
Timothy O'Donovan, Durrus.
Frank Flynn, Roscommon.
Margaret Flynn, Roscommon.
Patrick Hartnett, Crookstown.
Margaret Hartnett, Crookstown.
Joan O'Leary, Ballyhooleen Upper.
Seamus O'Leary, Ballyhooleen Upper.



This Christmas

Pope Francis

"There is no prayer in which Jesus does not inspire us to do something."



*Welcome a stranger
Mend a quarrel
Go to Church
Listen
Be kind and gentle
Try to understand
Encourage youth
Love*

MASS TIMES Next Week

Monday 23rd:-
Ballygarvan 9.30am

Tuesday 24th:-
Ballygarvan 6.00pm
Ballyheada 7.30pm
Goggins Hill 9.00pm

Wednesday 25th:-
Ballygarvan 10.00am
Ballyheada 10.30am
Goggins Hill 11.30am

Thursday 26th:-
Ballyheada 10.00am
Ballygarvan 11.30am

Friday 27th:- *No Mass*

Saturday 28th:-
Ballyheada 7.00pm

Sunday 29th:-
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.



Pray For

Please remember to pray for all our parishioners and all others who are unwell in any way at this time. *You are in our thoughts and prayers.*

Ballinhassig Parish

Newsletter

for Ballygarvan, Ballyheada and Goggins Hill



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Mary O'Halloran submits....

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.*

(author unknown)



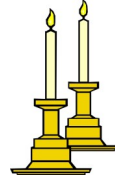
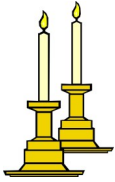
2013 Ballinhassig Parish Newsletter

Notices for inclusion should be received not later than 2.00pm on Wednesday
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CHRISTMAS CEREMONIES 2013

Sacrament of Reconciliation & Forgiveness

Kinsale:- Mon. Dec. 23rd at 7.30pm



Confessions

Saturday **December 21st** as follows:

Ballygarvan 10.00am;

Ballyheada 11.00am;

GogginsHill 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



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.



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



Community Alert

Ballinhassig Parish Community Alert annual church gate collection this week end Saturday and Sunday **December 21st and 22nd in Ballyheada and Goggins Hill.** Proceeds will go towards the purchase and upkeep of equipment for the elderly and vulnerable of the parish.

Be active! Be alert! Be involved!

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.

Child Minder

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

Thank You

Sincere thanks to all who contributed so generously to the recent special Trocaire collection for **Syria and the Philippines.**

Keys Found

A set of keys has been found between O'Callaghan, Fireplaces and the Bank. If you lost same contact Cottrell's Shop, Ballinhassig Village.



Thought for the week.....

Memories

Memories are heartbeats
Sounding through the years
Echoes never failing
Of our smiles and tears.
Moments that are captured
Sometimes unaware
Pictures in an album
Or a lock of hair.



Images that linger
Deep within the mind
Bits of verse we cherished
Once upon a time.
Through the musty hallways
Of the days we knew
Ever comes the vision
Beautiful and true.



Memories are roses
Blooming evermore
Full of fragrant sweetness
Never known before.
Life must have a reason
Goals for which to strive
Memories are lights that burn
..To keep the heart alive. (Grace Easley)