



## Anniversaries


Teresa Hennessy, Upton.  
Lisa Shears, Meadstown.  
Eileen Walsh, Tooreen.  
Francis Kearney, Goggins Hill.  
Patrick Hurley, Ballyguinnane.  
Derry O'Sullivan, Shanagraigue.  
Sean & Eileen Healy, Sundays Well.

 *Those whom die is grace  
go no further from us  
than God  
and god is very near.* 

## Thank You

Fr. Kieron would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who took part in the Christmas Liturgies in the three churches, those who prepared the churches and helped in any way, all who attended the ceremonies. A special thanks to all who contributed so generously to the *Christmas Day collection*. Your continued support and generosity throughout the year is much appreciated.

## Thank You

*Ballygarvan, Ballyheada and Goggins Hill Church Flower Groups* would like to sincerely thank all those who contributed so generously to their Flower Collections before Christmas. Your continued generosity is much appreciated. 

2014 Ballinhassig Parish Newsletter

Notices for inclusion should be received not later than 2.00pm on Wednesday  
by Mary (4888268), Mary (4885257)  
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## MASS TIMES

### Next Week

Monday 6th:-  
*Ballygarvan 9.45am*  
*Goggins Hill 11.30m*

Tuesday 7th:-  
*Goggins Hill 9.30am*

Thursday 9th:-  
*Ballyheada 10.00am*

Saturday 11th:-  
*Ballyheada 7.00pm*

Sunday 12th:-  
*Ballygarvan 10.00am*  
*Goggins Hill 11.30am*

## Time for New Beginnings. . . . .

"This is a time for reflection as well as celebration. As you look back on the past year and all that has taken place in your life;



Remember each experience for the good that has come of it and for the knowledge you have gained.  
Remember the efforts you have made and the goals you have reached.  
Remember the love you have shared and the happiness you have brought.  
Remember the laughter, the joy, the hard work, and the tears.

(By Taylor Addison.)

# Ballinhassig Parish

## Newsletter

for Ballygarvan, Ballyheada and Goggins Hill



Vol. 22 No. 18 Sunday: January 5th, 2014 (Second Sunday of Christmas)

Mary O'Halloran submits....

## New Year Prayers

As we begin 2014 take a few minutes to read the following and reflect on them.

### A New Year's Prayer

May God make your year a happy one!  
Not by shielding you from all sorrows and pain,  
But by strengthening you to bear it, as it comes;  
Not by making your path easy,  
But by making you sturdy to travel any path;  
Not by taking hardships from you,  
But by taking fear from your heart;  
Not by granting you unbroken sunshine,  
But by keeping your face bright, even in the shadows;  
Not by making your life always pleasant,  
But by showing you when people and their causes need you most, and by making you anxious to be there to help.

**God's Love, Peace, Hope and Joy to you and yours for the year ahead.**



### To Start a New Year. . . . .

. . . . . "A new year is unfolding - like a blossom with petals curled tightly concealing the beauty within. Lord, let this year be filled with the things that are truly good with the comfort of warmth in our relationships, with the strength to help those who need our help and the humility and openness to accept help from others. As we make our resolutions for the year ahead, let us go forward with great hope that all things can be possible - with Your help and guidance."  
(anonymous)

### Reflection

Jesus spoke of little lights, candles, lamps, not great bon-fires, just small steady flames to brighten some dark corner of the house.



Jesus always preached little:- children, flowers, sparrows, mustard seeds, loaves and fishes. He didn't expect people to make great gestures. He knew that little is the currency of everyday living. We thank God for little lights, the warm smile, the hug, the phone call, a wave from a passing car, a cup of tea, an open door, a talent freely shared.

**May our parish carry the lamp of kindness to always give light to those in any darkness.**



## Ballinhassig Parish Tax Reclaim Scheme - Expression of Interest Form

For the **Tax Year 2012**, the Parish reclaimed **5143Euro** from the Revenue Commissioners, an increase from **5061Euro** reclaimed in 2011 and the **4055Euro** reclaimed in 2010.

If you have contributed **more than 250Euro** to the parish in the calendar year 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013 or intend to do so in 2014, and pay tax under the **PAYE Tax System** please let us know.

You can do so by submitting the information below.

Then return via your numbered envelope in the Sunday collection or direct to the Parish Office (**4885062**) and we will be in touch with further details. Please note returning the information does not commit you to paying any amount, you can stop or reduce your donation whenever you wish.

*We are grateful for all donations of any amount whether they can participate in the scheme or not. Thank you for your generosity and support.*

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Address \_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

### Envelope number used:-

<b>Year</b>	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
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**Standing Order Amount** (if applicable) Euro \_\_\_\_\_

## Offertory Collection Boxes

Boxes for the **2014 Sunday Offertory Collection** are available in the three churches.

We realise that not everyone attends Mass in the parish and, as contributions



*made in other parishes generally stay there*, we want to give people the opportunity to contribute to their own parish by other means if they wish.

*We are recommending that:-*

\*\*\* You hold your envelopes and pass them in when you get the opportunity

\*\*\* You can set up a *Standing Order*, details from P.A.N. Centre/Parish Office **4885062**.

\*\*\* You can pay by cheque/bank draft/etc. at the P.A.N. Centre/Parish Office.

## Offertory Collection

Fr. Kieron and the Parish Finance Committee would like to thank you for your generous contributions to the weekly *Offertory Collections*. We also thank those who contribute by Standing Order, Cheques/Drafts/Postal Orders and Envelopes etc. handed in to the P.A.N. Centre/Parish Office.

## Parish Calendars

*Ballinhassig Parish Calendars 2014* are available in the three churches or from Parish Office (**4885062**)



## Priests Phone Number

Fr. Kieron O'Driscoll, Parish Priest can be contacted on **021/4885104** or **087/9439666**. If it is not urgent leave a message as your call will be returned.

## Family Bingo Night

Ballinhassig GAA Club Family **Bingo Night** in the Marian Hall on Saturday **January 4th at 8.00pm**. Great family night assured. All welcome.



## Thank You

Mary O'Halloran would like to sincerely thank all parishioners and friends from outside who took part in **Team Hope Shoe Box Appeal** again this year. Special thanks to the children and staff of *Ballygarvan, Ballyheada and Goggins Hill National Schools* for their continued support and dedication to the project. Despite economic difficulties, unemployment etc. a total of **Five Hundred and Eleven Shoe Boxes** were collected in the parish this year. This year truck loads of boxes from Ireland went to Eastern Europe and parts of Africa. It was nice to know that on Christmas morning when the children of the parish were opening their presents that the unfortunate children in orphanages; street children etc. in Eastern Europe and Africa also had presents to open thanks to your generosity and kindness.

*A special thanks to the proprietor and staff of Cottrell's Shop, Ballinhassig who facilitated us by making their premises available as a collection point for shoe boxes.* Well done once again to everyone who participated in the 2013 Appeal.



## Elderly Neighbours Blessings

This time of year, especially in this cold spell when the days are short, nights can be long and lonely for the elderly, especially those living alone. Make an effort to phone or call in person to your elderly neighbours and those living alone, a quick hello or chat would mean a lot. Be vigilant of strangers or suspicious vehicles in your area. If in doubt contact the Gardai with registration numbers or descriptions.

