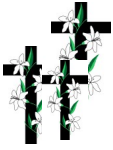


Anniversaries

Denis Whelton, Gortnaclogh.
Mary Whelton, Gortnaclogh.
Sheila Tuthill, Ballinaboy.
Joan Edmonds, Ballea.
Ben Cottrell, Ballyhooleen.
Frances Kenny, Goggins Hill.
Tom O'Donoghue, Coolatooder.
Billy O'Callaghan, Ballygarvan.
John & Mary O'Neill, Dunmanway.
Con & Hannah & Dick Cullinane,
Rearour.



We Remember

Peter Murphy, Castlewhite, Waterfall.
Eileen O'Shea, Direen, Coachford;
Margaret Bermingham, Blackpool,
Cork who died during the week.
*We pray for their families, neighbours
and friends.*



Sympathy

We offer our sympathy to *Michael Bermingham*, Rigsdale on the death of his mother Margaret Bermingham, Blackpool, Cork.

Reflection for Advent

Hearing, Happening, Hoping:
**Scripture Reflection for Advent on
Tuesday December 9th & 16th** at the
Cork & Ross Pastoral Development
Office, (located in the parochial house
Ballyphehane) **10.30am – 11.30am.**
All welcome.

MASS TIMES Next Week

Sunday 7th:- No Vigil Mass for 8th

Monday 8th:- Holy Day

Ballygarvan 10.00am
Goggins Hill 11.30am

Tuesday 9th:-

Goggins Hill 9.30am

Thursday 11th:-

Ballyheada 10.00am

Saturday 13th:-

Ballyheada 7.00pm

Sunday 14th:-

Ballygarvan 10.00am
Goggins Hill 11.30am

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**. Your continued generosity is much appreciated.

Thought For The Week

"My Today is Somebody
Elses Tomorrow"

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)



2014 Ballinhassig Parish Newsletter

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

Meetings to organise
Christmas Liturgies in
the three churches as
follows:



Ballyheada:

December 6th after 7.00pm Mass.

Ballygarvan:

December 7th after 10.00am Mass.

Goggins Hill:

December 7th 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

If you would like to volunteer to help clean *Ballyheada church* for Christmas, come along on **Saturday December 13th at 10.30am;**
Ballygarvan church on **Saturday December 13th at 10.00am.**
To be included on a rota for cleaning throughout the year, please contact the P.A.N. Centre (Parish Office) at **4885062.** All welcome.

Flower Arrangments

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



St. Vincent de Paul

Please remember, next week-end **December 13th/14th** 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



"A special Christmas Room event" will be held at Brothers Of Charity, St. Patrick's Upton, Innishannon **on Friday December 12th.** The specially decorated room supported by **DJ Murphy** of Bandon Garden Centre, will be open for visitors from **10.30am – 8.00pm.** Seasonal Refreshments; Admission free; donations accepted for *St. Vincent de Paul* (local branch) & *St. Patrick's Upton.* A display and sale of some of the large and varied collection of craft materials from the former Craft Centre at St. Patrick's Upton will also take place on the day. All welcome.



Christmas Matinee

An afternoon of popular music, traditional carols & festive favourites presented by:-

The Carrigaline Singers in the:
Carrigaline Court Hotel

Sunday December 14th at 3.00pm.

Musical Director:- Alan Carney
Soloists:-

Welsh Tenor:- Ryan Morgan &

Soprano:- Linda Kenny.

Accompanist:- Carol Arnopp

Compere 96FM's Elmarie Mawe

Tickets:- 12Euro and available at the door, Carrigaline Court Hotel or choir members.
All welcome.



Village Tree Lighting

Ballinhassig Tidy Village Association will hold their annual **Christmas Tree Lighting ceremony in Ballinhassig Village** on Sunday **December 7th 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.



Ballygarvan Church Flowers

If you would like to volunteer to help with the *Christmas Flower Arranging/Decorating of Ballygarvan Church* please contact the P.A.N. Centre (Parish Office) at **4885062.** All welcome.



Community Alert

Ballinhassig Parish Community Alert will hold their annual Church Gate Collection this week end **Saturday/Sunday December 6th/7th.**

Proceeds of the collection will help to provide **new personal alarms, maintain existing alarms,** for the elderly and vulnerable in the parish, also **help to defray the costs of maintaining the "Text Alert System"** which is now in operation.

At present we have almost 100 signed up to the Text Alert System, if you would like to add your name please contact the P.A.N. Centre (Parish Office) at **4885062.**

Be Active!!!! Be Alert!!!!

Blood Donor Clinic

Riverstick Community Centre

Thursday December 11th

5.00pm-8.30pm.

Details:- giveblood.ie

Christmas Bazaars

Ballinhassig GAA

Annual Christmas Bazaar in Marain Hall, Ballinhassig on Sunday **December 7th** from 5pm onwards. **Santa** will arrive at **5.15pm.** Great family evening. All welcome.

If anyone wishes to take a stall at the Bazaar contact Theresa **087/6579925.**

To help defray costs club members, families and anybody else who would like to donate items for the hampers/bazaar are asked to hand them in to the Club Rooms on Saturday- **December 6th at 4.30pm.**

Baskets for the hampers would also be greatly appreciated.



Cake/Book/CD/DVD

Stand at Bazaar in aid of the Ronald McDonald House. Support appreciated.



AGM

Ballinhassig GAA AGM in Club Rooms on Thursday **December 11th at 7.30pm.** New Members welcome.

Ballyheada Parents Association will hold their annual **Christmas Bazaar** in Ballyheada School on Sunday **December 14th at 12.00noon.** All welcome.

Goggins Hill Parents Association will hold their annual **Christmas Bazaar** in Goggins Hill School on Sunday **December 14th after 11.30am Mass.** All welcome.

Ballygarvan Camogie Club

Annual Christmas Bazaar in **GAA Pavilion** on Sunday **December 14th.** Santa will arrive at 2.00pm. Spinner, turkeys, hams. Carol singing. Great family afternoon!!!!
All welcome.