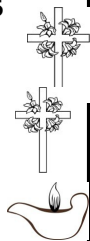


Anniversaries

Christy Sheehan, Meadstown.
Sean Hurley, Rigsdale.
Neile Reardon, Ballinaboy.
Jackie Drinan, Meadstown.
Jackie Murphy, Skehanagh.
Paddy O'Leary, Knocklucy.
Michael Collins, Rearour.
John Connolly, Tulligmore.
Eileen O'Connell, Gortnaclogh.
Cain O'Mahony, Fivemile Bridge.
Con and Mai Bowen, Ballygarvan.
Ellen Coleman, Ballynagrumbolia.
Billy & Maura Murphy, Killarney.
Timothy & Ellen Hurley, Dunmanway.



We Remember

We remember the following who died during the week.

Catherine O'Connell (nee O'Flynn) Killeagh & Carrigaline.
Patrick Cummins, Carrigaline.

We pray for their families, neighbours and friends.



*Those we love don't go away.
They walk beside us every day,
unseen, unheard, but always near,
still loved, still missed,
and very dear.*



A Christmas Treat

Ballymartle I.C.A. will host a Floral Demonstration by Breda Keohane in the Riverstick Community Centre on **December 9th at 8.00pm**. Refreshments, cost 7 Euro. All welcome.

MASS TIMES

Week Days Next Week

Monday 30th:-
Ballygarvan 9.30am



Tuesday 1st:-
Goggins Hill 9.30am

Thursday 3rd:-
Ballyheada 10.00am

Friday 4th:-
Ballygarvan 9.30am
Ballyheada 8.00pm

*Friday is the First Friday of
December.*

*Fr. Kieron & Sr. Josephine will make
the usual monthly visits.*

Saturday 5th:-
Ballyheada 7.00pm

Sunday 6th:-
Ballygarvan 10.00am
Goggins Hill 11.30am

Christmas Market

Pavilion Garden Centre, Ballygarvan
**Christmas Market on Sat/Sun
Nov. 28th/29th & Dec.
5th/6th** in aid of **Irish**

Guide Dogs for the Blind.

Craft and food stalls, children's entertainment, santa and farmyard animal crib. All welcome.



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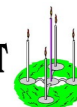
Mary O'Halloran submits...

The Advent Wreath

Most churches and families have an Advent Wreath. The custom wasn't always an Irish one. Wreaths were popular in Germany, Austria and Northern Europe. As people began to travel to these countries they saw the attractive wreaths and brought the idea home. As you see we have one here in the Church. It is a symbol of what Advent means. The circle represents



ADVENT



“eternity” and the “faithfulness” of God, it never ends. The evergreen foliage is a reminder that Jesus is ready to renew our relationship with Him.

The **Four Candles** represent the **four weeks of Advent** and each Sunday one is lit. Three **purple** candles and one **rose** colour. Purple is the traditional colour for Advent meaning “**Penance**” and the Rose colour is lit on the third Sunday which is **Gaudete** Sunday, or a day of **Rejoicing** that the coming of Jesus is near.

So Advent is a time for us to **prepare** to receive Jesus into **our hearts, our lives, our homes and our parish.**

We need to **invite** Him. A very short traditional prayer for Advent is simply “**COME LORD JESUS**”



We can say this at any time, travelling, in the house or when we pass a Church or Grotto. Having the Advent Wreath in the house it could be said with children round the wreath, maybe at bedtime or before a meal.

Remember when we invite Jesus into our lives **He will never come empty handed.** He will come to you with **some special gift or blessing**, something He knows you need. But you have to be **READY** and **WAITING.** So “**Stay awake**” “**Be ready**” so that He Knows you're expecting Him. **STAY AWAKE! COME LORD JESUS.**

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Christmas Liturgy Meetings

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



Ballyheada:

December 5th after 7.00pm Mass.

Ballygarvan:

December 6th after 10.00am Mass.

Goggins Hill:

December 6th 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.

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. We would like to take this opportunity to once again sincerely thank **Mary McCrum** who has given her time and talents in decorating the Altar and Church in Ballygarvan for Christmas on her own for many years. The flowers and decorations always looked wonderful adding to the spirituality of the festive season. **Mary will continue to do the Altar Flowers.** Thanks also to **Mary Marshall** for her beautiful window displays last year.

Fun Run/Walk

Sean Hurley Fun Run/Walk 6K will be held on: Saturday **November 28th** Time:-Commencing at **12noon.**



Registration in Marian Hall from 11.00am. *All proceeds in aid of St. Patrick's Upton. All welcome.*

Christmas Room

"A special Christmas Room event" will be held at Brothers Of Charity, St. Patrick's Upton, Innishannon *on Friday December 11th.* The specially decorated room supported by **DJ Murphy** of Bandon Garden Centre & **Bandon Co-Op**, will be open for visitors from **10.30am – 8.00pm.**

Seasonal Refreshments;

Admission free; donations accepted for *St. Michael's Centre, Bandon, Cork Simon Community & St. Patrick's Upton.* Sale of misc. crafts, fabrics, haberdashery and seasonal products, performances by local groups. All welcome. Further information 4775202.



Invitation to Young

Singers & Musicians

A group of young musicians and singers have occasionally participated at Sunday Mass in Goggins Hill Church. Because of study commitments, some members of the group are unable to continue their involvement. For those who are stepping back, we sincerely thank you, for giving of your time and talents, which greatly enhanced our community celebration of the Eucharist. We encourage and support those who wish to continue and invite other young people to get involved. If you enjoy singing or playing an instrument and would like to be part of a group contact **085/1695982.**

Ballinhassig GAA

Christmas Bazaar:-

Annual Christmas Bazaar in **Marain Hall, Ballinhassig** on Sunday **December 6th** 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 Tuesday **December 1st** & Thursday **December 3rd** from **6.30pm-7.00pm.**

Baskets for the hampers would also be greatly appreciated.



Club Gear

on sale for christmas on Tuesday **December 1st** and Thursday **December 3rd** from 6.30pm-7.00pm.

Village Tree Lighting

Ballinhassig Tidy Village Association will hold their annual **Christmas Tree**

Lighting ceremony in Ballinhassig Village on Sunday **December 6th** 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.



Blood Donor Clinic

Blood Donor Clinic in the **Marian Hall, Ballinhassig** on Sunday **November 29th** from **12pm-3.30pm.** Please support as urgent stocks needed.



Active Retirement Club



Ballinhassig Parish Social & Active Retirement Club annual **Christmas Flower Arranging** in the **Marian Hall** by **Mary McCrum** on Tuesday **December 1st** at 7.30pm. All welcome.

Annual Christmas Dinner

Ballinhassig Parish Social & Active Retirement Club annual **Christmas**

Dinner /Party in the:-

Carrigaline Court Hotel,

Saturday December 5th.

Lunch at 12.30pm. All welcome

Tickets cost 25.00Euro and available from Noreen 4888213; Breda 4885449; or John 087/7546818

Christmas Bingo Night

Reminder:- Ballinhassig Camogie Club:- Will hold their annual Christmas

BINGO NIGHT in the **Marian Hall** on Saturday **November 28th** at **8.00pm.**

Hampers and prizes galore.

Great fun night assured. All welcome.



Christmas Bazaars

Ballyheada N.S. Parents Association

Annual Bazaar will be held on Saturday

December 12th in the school

after 7.00pm Mass in Bally-

heada. Donations of items and baskets for hampers appreciated and can be handed in to the school from November 20th. Further details **086/2855891.**



Goggins Hill Parents Association will hold their annual **Christmas Bazaar** in Goggins Hill School on Sunday **December 20th** after **11.30am Mass.** Come and visit the Student's Council's Winter Wonderland. Catch up with a cuppa and chat. Wonderful hampers and spot prizes. All welcome.

