

Anniversaries

Barry & Mary Cullinane, Liberty Hill.
Donie O'Callaghan, Ballygarvan Upper
Billy O'Callaghan, Ballygarvan Upper.
Senan McCarthy, Farlistown.
Fr. Willie McCarthy.
Joan Edmonds, Ballea.
Jeremiah Coleman, Halfway.
Kathleen Coleman, Halfway.
Michael O'Sullivan, Kenmare.
Sheila O'Sullivan, Kenmare.
Eileen O'Shea, Coachford.
Kathleen Kelleher, Riverstick.
Margaret Bermingham, Blackpool.
Michael & Margaret Lane, Ballyduhig.
Con & Hannah & Dick Cullinane,
Rearour.



Along the road
of suffering
You found a little lane;
That took you up
to Heaven,
And ended all your pain.
You may be out of sight,
We may be worlds apart;
But you are always
in our prayers,
And forever in
Our hearts.

Remember & Pray

Please pray for all our parishioners
at home or abroad who are ill in any
way at this time. *You are all
in our thoughts and prayers.*



2015 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 7th:-
Ballygarvan 9.30am

Vigil Mass for 8th:
Ballyheada 7.00pm

Tuesday 8th:- Holy Day
Ballygarvan 10.00am
Goggins Hill 11.30am

Thursday 10th:-
Ballyheada 10.00am

Saturday 14th:-
Ballyheada 7.00pm

Sunday 15th:-
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)



Christmas Liturgy Meetings

Meetings to organise Christmas Liturgies in the three churches 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.



Church Cleaning

If you would like to volunteer to help clean the churches for Christmas come along on **Saturday December 12th** as follows:

Ballygarvan church 10.00am

Ballyheada church 10.30am

All welcome.

Thank You

Ballygarvan Community Association thank all who attended a recent meeting in relation to the proposed Community Centre. **"Ballygarvan Historically"** book launched recently available at Crowley's Gala, Ballygarvan, the Pavilion, Ballygarvan and Cottrell's, Ballinhassig.



St. Vincent de Paul

Please remember, next week-end **December 12th/13th** 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 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. Information **4775202**.



Young Musicians & Singers

Calling all young musicians and Singers!! A group of young people are keen to form a Youth Music Group that would occasionally participate at Sunday Mass in Goggin's Hill church. The more instruments and the more voices the better, so please don't be shy in putting your name forward. The group will be supported by adult volunteers who have obtained Garda Clearance. Contact **085/1695982** for details.

Opening of Holy Door

An invitation is extended to all parishioners to join with Bishop Buckley as he opens the **Holy Door in our Diocese** on Saturday **December 12th at 6.30pm in St. Francis Church.**

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.



Dance - Cork ARC

Dance on Saturday December 5th in St. Finbarr's Hurling & Football Club, Togher. Music by Mary & Danny O'Leary. Doors open at 9.15pm. Entry 10Euro. Complimentary refreshments. **All proceeds to Cork ARC Cancer Support House.** All welcome.

Thank You

Fivemile Bridge & District Vintage Club sincerely thank all those who supported their Table Quiz on November 28th. Special thanks to Five Mile Inn (Margaret, Elaine & Michelle) who helped with organisation. Tom Madden, quizmaster; club members and all who attended.

Christmas Night Out December 12th in the Five Mile Inn, 5euro per person, music,

Year Of Mercy

December 8th we look to Rome as we witness Pope Francis Open The **HOLY DOOR** in Saint Peter's Basilica as he officially begins the **Jubilee of Mercy. The Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy from December 8th, 2015-November 20th, 2016.** The Logo for the Year of Mercy shows an image of the Son having taken upon his shoulders the lost soul, demonstrating that it is the love of Christ that brings to completion the mystery of his incarnation culminating in redemption.

Christmas Bazaar

Ballinhassig GAA 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 Saturday **December 5th between 4.30pm-5.00pm**. Baskets for the hampers would also be greatly appreciated.



Club Gear on sale for christmas on Tuesday **December 8th** and **15th** from 6.30pm -7.00pm.

AGM

Ballinhassig GAA AGM to reconvene in Club Rooms on Thursday **December 10th** at **7.30pm**. New Members welcome.

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.



Blood Donor Clinic Thanks

Special thanks to all who supported the Blood Donor Clinic in the Marian Hall on Sunday November 29th. Your continued support appreciated.