

## Anniversaries

Donal O'Halloran, Templemartin.  
Margaret O'Connell, Coolatooder.  
Batt Foley, Ballynaloughy.  
John Francis Hurley, Cork.  
Mary Hurley, Cork.  
Jude Hurley, Cork.  
Imelda Hurley, Cork.  
Killian Hurley, Cork.  
Niall Thomkins, Cork.  
John O'Brien, Ballea.  
Eileen Lyons, Wilton.  
Helen Fehily, Tulligbeg.  
Billy Cullinane, Milewater.  
Billy Cronin, Ballinphellic.  
Hannie Cronin, Ballinphellic.  
Denis Twomey, Whitechurch.  
John Hennessy, Lower Rd, Cork.  
Tom O'Donoghue, Coolatooder.  
William O'Sullivan, Coolatooder.  
Catherine O'Sullivan, Coolatooder.

*In death life is changed not Ended*

## 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 21st:-

*Ballygarvan 9.30am*

Tuesday 22nd:-

*Goggins Hill 9.30am*

Thursday 24th:- (Christmas Eve)

*Ballygarvan 6.00pm*

*Ballyheada 7.30pm*

*Goggins Hill 9.00pm*

Friday 25th:- (Christmas Day)

*Ballygarvan 10.00am*

*Ballyheada 10.30am*

*Goggins Hill 11.30am*

Saturday 26th (St. Stephen's Day):-

*Ballyheada 10.00am*

*Ballygarvan 11.30am*

Vigil Mass:-

*Ballyheada 7.00pm*

Sunday 27th:-

*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*

**Vol. 24 No. 15 Sunday: December 20th, 2015 (Fourth Sunday of Advent)**

*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)*



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# CHRISTMAS CEREMONIES 2015

## Sacrament of Reconciliation & Forgiveness



**TUESDAY DECEMBER 22nd**  
Ballygarvan 7.00pm; Ballyheada 8.00pm



Confessions on request after Mass

Saturday December 19th

Sunday December 20th



## 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 (Saturday 26th)

Ballyheada: 10.00am

Ballygarvan: 11.30am



**Saturday 26th**

*Vigil Mass in Ballyheada 7.00pm*



**Sunday 27th**

Ballygarvan 10.00am; Goggins Hill 11.30am

## Trocaire - Gifts

Help overseas struggling communities to work their way out of poverty by buying a Trocaire gift. Gifts such as chickens, goats, school books continue to make a real difference to some of the world's poorest communities. Visit *Trocaire at 9 Cook St. Cork*, call *021/4275622* to purchase gifts. 100% of donations pledged for gifts are spent on the poor. Further information [www.trocaire.org/gifts](http://www.trocaire.org/gifts)



## Thank You

*Eamon and Brid Long, Ballygarvan* wish all those who helped them throughout the past year a Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year in 2016.

## Happy Christmas

*Cal's Cabs, Ballygarvan* wish all my customers a Happy Christmas and Peaceful New Year in 2016.

## Congratulations

Congratulations to *Conor Coughlan, Station Steps, Goggins Hill* who won the *Overall Garda Youth Award* for his positive attitude and fundraising for numerous charities at the recent *Garda Youth Awards Night 2015*.



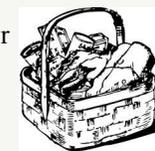
## Gifts at Christmas

*There are gifts to buy and gifts to make But there are other gifts worthwhile. Being helpful, being kind and ready with a smile. Being friendly, doing things to please I've made up my mind at Christmas time I'm giving some of these.*



## 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*. Your continued generosity year after year to this worthy cause is much appreciated.



## Goggins Hill N.S.

*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.



## Elderly Neighbours

-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.

## Christmas Offerings

The Christmas Offering Envelopes are available in the three churches.

*Lord Jesus, come into our world with your gift of joy and peace.*

*As we journey by the light of the star of Bethlehem, may God wrap us in integrity, clothe us in hope and fill us with joy.*



We Wish you and your loved ones a Christmas of Love and Joy and a New Year filled with the Light and Peace of Christ.