

Anniversaries

Christy Sheehan, Ballygarvan.
Neile Reardon, Ballinaboy.
Jackie Murphy, Skehanagh.
Sean Hurley, Rigsdale.
Michael Collins, Rearour.
Vincent Leggett, Ballynoe.
Tim O'Regan, Ballygarvan.
Jack & Mary Tattan, Killeagh.
Fionnuala Crowley, Briar Hill.
Eileen O'Connell, Gortnaclogh.
Cain O'Mahony, Fivemile Bridge.
Con and Mai Bowen, Ballygarvan.



We Remember

Rita Barry, Cobh & Leamlara.
Siobhan O'Reilly, Dillons Cross.
We pray for their families, neighbours and friends.



Fun Run/Walk



Sean Hurley Memorial 6 K
Fun Run/Walk will be held on:
Sunday November 27th

Time:- Commencing at 10.00am
from the Marian Hall, Ballinhassig.
Registration in Marian Hall from
9.30am; individuals 10Euro, families
30Euro. All proceeds in aid of CRY
(Cardiac Risk In The Young).

Ballinhassig AFC

Disco for First & Second class pupils
only in the Marian Hall on Saturday
Dec. 10th from 8.00pm-11.00pm.
Further details Yvonne 087/7712054.

MASS TIMES Next Week

Monday 28th:-
Ballygarvan 9.30am

Tuesday 29th
Goggins Hill 9.30am

Thursday 1st:-
Ballyheada 10.00am

Friday 2nd:-
Ballygarvan 9.30am
Ballyheada 8.00pm

First Friday Visits

Friday is the First Friday of December. Fr. Christy will make the usual monthly visits to the housebound.

Saturday 3rd:-
Ballyheada 7.00pm

Sunday 4th:-
Ballygarvan 10.00am
Goggins Hill 11.30am

Stations



Rigsdale Lower:

Friday December 9th at
7.00pm in the home of Derry and
Mary Hurley.

Station areas which did not host
a station this autumn 2016 will
receive their envelopes shortly.

Ballinhassig Parish

Newsletter



for Ballygarvan, Ballyheada and Goggins Hill



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Fr. Christy
writes...

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

No I haven't completely lost my marbles, at least not yet. This is the beginning of a New Year for the Church. We begin a new cycle, 'cycle A' in our readings and we change our Gospel to St. Matthew for this coming year.

New Year's are about new beginnings, fresh starts and resolutions. For us this Advent we are invited to come and go up to the house of the Lord. To seek him out, to find time to spend with him, to be renewed in the promise of his return.

Advent is a time of hope, of waiting, of looking forward to dawn of the new light upon the world. It is a time of God's promise fulfilled in the person of Jesus. We are invited to leave the darkness of winter behind us and look to the coming light of Christ.



Advent is above all a time of preparation, or getting ready to meet the Lord when he comes. For the first three weeks we are looking forward to when, as he promised, he would come again. Our final week of preparation from the 17th of December is a time to prepare us, to remember, when the Lord first came among us at Christmas.

Let us hear again the call in the Gospel, to 'Stay Awake', to stand ready that we will have an open heart to greet the Lord on his return. His return we are told will come at an hour we do not expect. Let us then, make a resolution, in the midst of our very busy lives, to prepare our hearts, to welcome the Lord when he comes.



2016 Ballinhassig Parish Newsletter

Notices for inclusion should be received not later than 2.00pm on Wednesday
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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 this week end. It is a symbol of what Advent means.

ADVENT



The circle represents "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.

Coffee Morning

Coffee morning/afternoon on November 30th in the home of Joan & John McCann, Briar Hill from 10.30pm-12.30pm.



Afternoon tea/coffee from 2.30pm-4.30pm in aid of Bridget an 18 year old girl from *Gambia* to help her obtain life changing surgery in *Ghana*. Your support appreciated. Further details Joan 087/9685484.

Ballinhassig GAA Club AGM on Thurs. Dec. 1st at 7.30pm in Club Rooms. Membership collected on the night.

Art Exhibition

Art Exhibition by May Reardon, Briar Hill at the Bishopstown Café, Curraheen Rd.,



Thursday December 1st at 7.30pm (ideal christmas gifts that last a lifetime) Painting raffled on the night in aid of Cork City Hospitals Charity Club. All welcome. Great family night.

Ballinhassig GAA Club

Secad are recruiting workers for Ballinhassig GAA Club, must be in receipt of Jobseekers payment for at least 12 months. Further details 087/6579925. All welcome.

Collection For Church FLOWERS

Church Flower Groups will hold a collection after communion at all masses next week end **December 3rd/4th** to help defray the cost of Church Flowers, particularly christmas, easter, sacraments etc. Your continued generosity and support is greatly appreciated.



Ballygarvan Church Flower Group

Could you spare one hour a week for two weeks of the year to help a present member in **Ballygarvan Church Flower Group** to arrange Altar Flowers. Over the years many dedicated members have gone to their eternal reward and many members now work on their own. If you feel you can help in any way please contact Mary at the P.A.N. Centre (Parish Office) 4885062 or Noirin 4888213.



All welcome.

Carry On Regardless

Show dates for Carry on Regardless 2017 are **March 15th-19th**. Four places remaining for those born between 2003-2009. If you wish to register your child, (ONE PARENT ONLY) please do so at an **Open Night** in the **Marian Hall** on Tuesday **November 29th at 7.30pm**. If over subscribed places allocated on a draw basis. All welcome.

Halfway Vintage Club

Halfway Vintage Club will hold a 'Fundraising Night for the Club' in the **Ramble Inn, Halfway** on Sunday **December 3rd at 9.00pm**. Music by **Charlie & Michael**. All welcome.



Active Retirement

Ballinhassig Parish Social & Active Retirement Club:-

Christmas Flower Demonstration:- Tues. **November 29th at 7.30pm** in the **Marian Hall**. All welcome.



Annual Christmas Dinner /Party on Saturday **December 3rd Carrigaline Court Hotel**. Lunch at 12.30pm.

Tickets cost 30Euro and available from **Noreen 4888213; Breda 4885449; or John 087/7546818**. **Immediate booking essential to confirm numbers.**



Bazaars

Goggins Hill N.S. Parents Association christmas 'Bazaar' in the school Hall on Sunday **Nov. 27th** after 11.30am Mass. All welcome.

Ballinhassig GAA Club annual christmas 'Bazaar' on Sunday **Dec. 4th**. Santa arrives 5.15pm. Spinners, prizes. Donations of baskets and items for hampers appreciated, hand in on Tuesday and Thursday from **6.30pm-7.30pm**.

Ballygarvan Camogie Club annual christmas 'Bazaar' on Sunday **Dec. 11th**. Santa arrives at 2.30pm. Spinners, lots of fun and prizes.....Great afternoon assured. All welcome.

Knitting & Craft Sale

A Knitting & Craft Sale in Aid of the **Dialysis Unit CUH** will be held in **Wilton Shopping Centre (By Tesco)** from **10.00am-5.00pm** on Friday **December 2nd**. (lots of christmas stocking fillers) Your support appreciated.

