





## Anniversaries

Donie O'Callaghan, Ballygarvan Upr.  
Billy O'Callaghan, Ballygarvan Upr.  
Maurice & Mary Healy, Ballinaboy.  
Frances Kenny, Goggins Hill.  
Catherine Barry, Coolatooder.   
Michael Lane, Ballyduhig.  
Margaret Lane, Ballyduhig.  
John Connolly, Tulligmore.  
Sheila Tuthill, Ballinaboy.   
Eileen O'Shea, Coachford.  
Joan Edmonds, Ballea.  
Kathleen Kelleher, Riverstick..

## We Remember

  
*Noreen Bowen*, (née Brennan)  
*Ballygarvan* & Mayfield;  
*Julia Agnes (Sheila) O'Sullivan*,  
Berrings;  
*Brendan Letham, Leamington Spa, UK*  
who died during the week. *We pray for  
their families, neighbours and friends.*

## Sympathy

  
We offer our Sympathy to:-Tom,  
Patsy, Una, Garry, Siobhan, Martin,  
Jimmy and families on the death of  
*Mary Coughlan, Meadstown;*  
*Kay Belmajdoub, Tulligmore* on the  
death of her husband *Driss*, and *Lor-*  
*raine, Nadia and Alan* on the death of  
their father *Driss Belmajdoub*;

*Mary Hurley, Rigsdale* on the death of  
her mother *Mary Horan*, Glenflesk.

## MASS TIMES Next Week

Monday 5th:-  
*Ballygarvan 9.30am*

Tuesday 6th:-  
*Goggins Hill 9.30am*

Wednesday 7th:-  
Vigil Mass for 8th:  
*Ballyheada 7.00pm*


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

Saturday 10th:-  
*Ballyheada 7.00pm*

Sunday 11th:-  
*Ballygarvan 10.00am*  
*Goggins Hill 11.30am*

## Stations

### Rigsdale Lower:

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

## Sympathy

We offer our sympathy to *Brendan  
& Denis Bowen, Ballygarvan* on the  
death of their mother *Noreen*; Fr.  
Dermot O.P. , Paddy, Tom, John and  
Joan on the death of their sister;  
*Micheál De Barra, Goggins Hill* on  
the death of his mother *Rita Barry,  
Cobh*.

# Ballinhassig Parish

## Newsletter


*for Ballygarvan, Ballyheada and Goggins Hill*



**Vol. 25 No 13 Sunday: December 4th, 2016 (Second Sunday Of Advent)**

*Fr. Christy*  
writes...

## THE PROMISE OF HOPE

I love the writings of Isaiah, especially during Advent. He is dealing with a people that are oppressed, in exile and totally despondent. They are more than down in their luck and they need uplifting. Isaiah did this with the beautiful poetry and powerful images he used to promise a time of justice, faithfulness and peace. His words were meant to sustain hope in a people who saw no hope in their future. 

Isaiah's message reminds me of the quiet sleep of winter in nature. Ready to burst forth into life, colour and vitality. For that new shoot to spring forth it has to ready itself, preparing for the day that will come, when it can remerge.

For us today, there are many in our county, city and country that feel the same oppression and lack of justice. Advent is a call for us to be the message of hope, justice and peace today. But, it's not easy when we are carrying so much ourselves.

Advent is a gift to us. It gives us the opportunity to unburden ourselves; to bask in the glow of God's light, to reach out beyond ourselves. To recognise we cannot do it on our own. This is the message too of John the Baptist: To take stock, to clear house, to ready ourselves for the coming of the Lord. For he is our hope and through him all things are possible.

We only have so much time in a day. Where in the day can we re-adjust our time so that we have some quiet moments with God? Where is it that we need to take the duster and then the brush to clean out what has gotten in the way or taken the place of an open space for God? Jesus will come whether we are ready or not. Let us prepare the way of the Lord, straight to our hearts and hopefully, by our response, into the world that is so in need of Emmanuel, God-with-us!

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## 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.* (Mary O'Halloran submits.....)



### Ladies Football Club

Public Meeting on Tuesday  
**December 6th** at **8.00pm**  
at **GAA Rooms, Ballina-**  
**boy**, Ballinhassig re:-



**Formation of Ballinhassig  
Ladies Gaelic Football Club.**

All interested players, parents, coaches  
and mentors are invited to attend.  
Further details Michael **087/6738745**;  
Adrian **087/9152167**. All welcome.

### Community Alert

**Ballinhassig Parish Community Alert**  
**AGM** on Monday **December 5th** in the  
**Marian Hall at 7.30pm**. All welcome.

### Church Cleaning

If you would like to volunteer to  
help clean the churches for Christmas come  
along on **Saturday December 19th** as fol-  
lows: **Ballygarvan church 10.00am**  
**Ballyheada church 10.30am**



### Christmas Decorating

Workshops at the **Pavilion Garden Centre**, Bally-  
garvan on Sat/Sun **December 3rd /4th** on home  
christmas decorating and canapé cookery demon-  
strations. Details [www.thepavilion.ie](http://www.thepavilion.ie) and **4888134**.

### Halfway Hair 2 Beauty

**Local** one stop **Salon**. Hair, tan, makeup, waxing.  
Bookings for Christmas Party; Communion and  
Confirmation. Details & booking **4979572**.

## St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Room



Please remember, next  
week-end **December**  
**10th/11th** 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 throughout the year  
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 Liturgy Meetings

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

**Ballyheada:**

**December 10th** after  
**7.00pm Mass.**



**Ballygarvan:**

**December 11th** after **10.00am Mass.**

**Goggins Hill:**

**December 11th** 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 in any way.  
All welcome.

### Halfway Vintage Club

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



**"A special Christmas Room event"** will  
be held at Brothers Of Charity, St. Pat-  
ricks's Upton, Innishannon  
on **Friday December 16th.**

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  
**Cancer Connect, Local**  
**Link Cork (West Cork**  
**Rural Transport) & St.**  
**Patrick's Upton.** Monster  
Raffle, Santa will visit from 3.00pm-  
5.30pm. Performances by local schools  
& groups throughout the day as well as  
sale of seasonal products. Further details  
**4775202. All welcome.**



### Bazaars

**Ballyheada N.S. Parents**  
**Association** christmas

**'Bazaar'** in the school Hall on Saturday  
**December 10th** after 7.00pm Mass.

Non perishable items and baskets appre-  
ciated, hand in to the school.  
All welcome.

**Ballinhassig GAA Club** annual christ-  
mas **'Bazaar'** on Sunday **December 4th.**

Santa arrives 5.15pm. Spin-  
ners, prizes. Great family  
night assured.

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

### 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.**

