

## Anniversaries

Donal O'Halloran, Templemartin.  
Margaret O'Connell, Coolatooder.  
Imelda Hurley; Margo Hurley, Cork.  
Mary Hurley; Jude Hurley, Cork.  
John Francis Hurley, Cork.  
Peggy Cullinane, Rearour.  
Killian Hurley, Cork.  
Niall Thomkins, Cork.  
John O'Brien, Ballea.  
Helen Fehily, Tulligbeg.  
Batt Foley, Ballynaloughy.  
Billy Cullinane, Milewater.  
Billy Cronin, Ballinphellic.  
Hannie Cronin, Ballinphellic.  
Denis Twomey, Whitechurch.  
Patrick Hartnett, Crookstown.  
Michael Finnerty, Tulligmore.  
Anthony Marshall, Meadstown.  
Breda Fitzgerald, Ballyphehane.  
Paddy and Jim Forde, Tulligmore.  
Michael Kennefick, Killingley.  
John and Mary O'Neill, Dunmanway.  
Phyllis O'Sullivan, Ballygarvan Upper.  
Thomas O'Sullivan, Ballygarvan Upper.  
Bridie and Michael Sheehan, Ballinaboy.  
Michael Doody, Ballygarvan & Mahon.  
Denis Healy and Elly Healy, Old Abbey.

*In death life is changed not ended*

## We Remember

**Michael McCarthy**, Waterville;  
**Lolly Doyle**, Holy Cross who died recently. *We pray for their families, neighbours and friends.*

## MASS TIMES Next Week

Monday 19th:-  
*Ballygarvan 9.30am*



Tuesday 20th:-  
*Goggins Hill 9.30am*

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:-**  
*Ballygarvan 7pm; Goggins Hill 8pm.*

Thursday 22nd:-  
*Ballyheada 10.00am*

Saturday 24th:- (Christmas Eve)  
*Ballygarvan 6.00pm*  
*Ballyheada 7.30pm*  
*Goggins Hill 9.00pm*

Sunday 25th:- (Christmas Day)  
*Ballygarvan 10.00am*  
*Ballyheada 10.30am*  
*Goggins Hill 11.30am*

Monday 26th (St. Stephen's Day):-  
*Ballygarvan only 11.00am*

**Communion to the Housebound**  
*Ministers of the Eucharist are invited to bring Holy Communion to the housebound on Christmas Day.*



## Sympathy

We offer our sympathy to **Jemma Cussen**, Briar Hill on the death of her mother **Lolly Doyle**, Holy Cross; **Noel McCarthy**, Corran on the death of his brother **Michael McCarthy**, Waterville,

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# Ballinhassig Parish

## Newsletter

for Ballygarvan, Ballyheada and Goggins Hill

Vol. 25 No. 15 Sunday: December 18th, 2016 (Fourth Sunday of Advent)

Fr. Christy writes....

## HE IS COMING



Christmas comes and goes every year, but Jesus is always with us. That's the message, that's the promise and that's what we need to celebrate. This final week of Advent our focus shifts to preparing for the Lord's first coming at Christmas.

Jesus' birthday is a wonderful event and we will spend important time getting ready; the coloured twinkling lights, Christmas Trees, sending cards and buying the special gifts, while the little ones wait for Santa. All these preparations are special, especially for all those who are important to us and that is why we take great care over them. We also need to make sure that we are prepared ourselves to welcome the Lord. This preparation may be even more important than all the rest.

The Preface of our Mass, calls us to wonder at this great happening, to prepare for Christmas in prayer and praise. The psalm tells us to purify our hearts as preparation. Prayer and reconciliation should be features that mark these final days of Advent.

This coming Tuesday we will celebrate our **Penitential Services on Tuesday evening at 7pm in Ballygarvan and Goggins Hill at 8pm.** These Penitential Services provide an opportunity for us to let anything that inhibits our hearts from welcoming the Lord, to rid ourselves of the things that inhibit us moving forward in God's ways. It is an opportunity for us to celebrate the goodness of the Lord, to not worry about what we have done or failed to do but, as **St. Teresa of Calcutta** used to say **"To let go and to let God."**

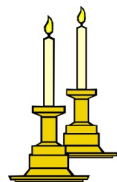
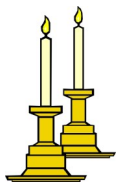


# CHRISTMAS CEREMONIES 2016

Sacrament of Reconciliation  
& Forgiveness

**Tuesday December 20th**

Ballygarvan 7.00pm; Goggins Hill 8.00pm



## Other Reconciliation Services

Kinsale December 19th 7.30pm  
Carrigaline Parish Church December 19th 7.30pm

## Confessions

Saturday **December 17th** as follows:  
Ballyheada 6.30pm-7.00pm



## 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 (Monday 26th)

**Ballygarvan:- 11.00am**

Tuesday 27th:- **Goggins Hill 11.00am**

Thursday 29th:- **Ballyheada 11.00am**



Saturday 31st  
**Vigil Mass in Ballyheada 7.00pm**



Sunday 1st  
**Ballygarvan 10.00am; Goggins Hill 11.30am**

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



## Ladies Football Club

**Ballinhassig Ladies Football Club:-**

**Information Day:-**

We have a green light from the County Board  
to start up our Ladies Club!!!

If interested come to the  
**Marian Hall on January 7th**  
**at 2.00pm** to register your interest  
and your child's interest, you will be given an information leaflet. Numbers essential to manage age levels. Pass on this information.



All welcome to this historic occasion!!!!!!

## Thank You

*Eamon Long, Ballygarvan* wish all those who helped him throughout the past year a Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year in 2017.

## Happy Christmas

*Cal's Cabs, Ballygarvan* wish all my customers a Happy Christmas and Peaceful New Year in 2017.

## DVD Of 1916 - Ballinhassig

**DVD of 1916 Commemoration in Ballinhassig Village** earlier in the summer, available in Cottrell's Gala, Ballinhassig. Cost 5Euro, only few remaining.