

Mass Schedule for Christmas Period

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 only 11.00am



Tuesday 27th:- Goggins Hill 11.00am

Thursday 29th:- Ballyheada 11.00am



Saturday 31st

Vigil Mass in Ballyheada 7.00pm

Sunday January 1st

Ballygarvan 10.00am; Goggins Hill 11.30am

HAPPY CHRISTMAS EVERYONE

Anniversaries

William and Catherine O'Sullivan, Coolatooder.
Paddy and Kitty O'Sullivan, Killountain.
Patrick and Mary O'Brien, Kilmurriheen.
John O'Regan, Blackrock.
Teresa Hennessy, Upton.
John Hennessy, Glanmire.



Christmas Gifts

The best gifts in life will never be found under a Christmas tree, those gifts are friends, family and the ones you love.



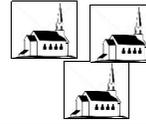
We Remember at this time:-

Bridie Sheehan, Ballinaboy, whose anniversary occurs on Dec. 25th;
John Rice, Ovens & Goggins Hill;
Joan, Owen & Anna Moynihan, Ballygarvan Upper;
Michael Finnerty, Tulligmore and all our own departed loved ones.
May They Rest In Peace.

2016 Ballinhassig Parish Newsletter

Notices for inclusion should be received not later than 2.00pm on Wednesday by Mary O'Halloran (4885062,4885257) Mary O'Donovan (4888268), PAN Centre/Parish Office (phone/fax 4885062) info@ballinhassigparish.com www.ballinhassigparish.com Parish Priest:- Fr. Christy Fitzgerald Telephone: 4885104 or 087/9439666

Ballinhassig Parish



Newsletter

for Ballygarvan, Ballyheada and Goggins Hill



Vol. 25 No. 16 Sunday: December 25th, 2016 (The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ)

Fr. Christy writes....

PEACE AND GOODWILL

The Angel choirs sing in the heavens, they proclaim glory to God in the highest because Jesus is among us. A special welcome home to all who have travelled to be back with family and friends for Christmas.

For many this past year has been so difficult in many ways: the diagnosis of a serious illness; the loss of a loved one; financial pressures; anxiety over a family member; the emigration of a young person; the absence of a loved one for the first time at Christmas.

The coming of the Christ child brings light to our darkness, comfort in our sadness and hope in our doubt. The Christmas Season is full of light, life, and joy. Our Saviour has come, God's promise is fulfilled and because of Jesus we can have a better taste of heaven on earth.

But at this time too, we look forward with hope and confidence. The child born in Bethlehem over 2000 years ago came with a message of love and peace. He didn't say everything would be sorted out here in this world, but he was God's promise that all would be well in the next world when we would see God's kingdom come finally in glory.

May we be filled with the love of the Child of Bethlehem. May he walk with us as we journey forward in life into whatever this New Year will bring. And may we see him in all whom we meet and not just during the Christmas Season.

*The Light of the Christmas Star to you
The warmth of home and hearth to you
The cheer and good will of friends to you
The love of the Son of God's peace to you.*

Le gach dea-ghuí don Nollaig agus Athbhliain faoi mhaise daoibh go léir.



Remembering At Christmas

As a parish Community we remember and pray for those who have gone home to God since last Christmas.

We have included all their names as we know them. We commend them all to the mercy of God. We also pray for all other parishioners who have been bereaved and are in sorrow at this time.

John Dineen, Old Abbey.
John Tobin, Raheen.

Kevin Cleary, Ballygarvan.
Joan Scanlon, Liskillea.

Noella Harrington, Ballinphellic.
Bride Kennefick, Killingley.

Michael Edmonds, Ballea.
Pauline Barry, Corran.

Con Moynihan, Corran.
Laurence Tobin, Raheen.

P.J. (Pat Joe) Shiels, Rigsdale.
Vincent Reardon, Ballinaboy.

Finbarr Crowley, Corran & Ballincollig.



'The Lord is my Shepherd.
There is nothing I shall Want.'

Remember to Pray for all our parishioners who are unwell at this time, especially those who are ill in hospital, those in nursing homes and those who are in their final days of this life. Also remember to pray for all carers, those caring for their own relatives and those caring for others. Remember those who are homeless who have nobody to care for them. We also remember all the bereaved and those suffering any loss at this time. **May your coming this Christmas be for them a time of peace and of love.**



Eamon Brady, Ballea.
Finbarr Fehily, Rearour.

Mary Hurley, Ballyguinnane.
Brid Long, Ballygarvan.

Eileen McCarthy, Gortnaglough.
Jim Harrington, Ballinphellic.

Helen O'Connor, Rathmacullig.
Mary Coughlan, Meadstown.

Driss Belmajdoub, Tulligmore.
Noreen Bowen, Ballygarvan.

May Christ's coming this Christmas be:-

A Gift of Love;
A blessing of Hope
and; A promise of
Peace for you.

Pray especially for all the departed who have no families to remember them this Christmas season.



Newsletter Writes

Dear Newsletter Readers,

It is approaching the year end once again and this is the time of year for saying thanks to everyone who is involved in collecting news, and the remaining few who distribute the Ballinhassig Parish Newsletter to station areas. Thanks also to those who distribute the newsletter to churches, shops etc.

It may look a small production but it takes effort and dedication to keep it going week after week, year after year.

The newsletter is produced, edited and printed in the P.A.N. Centre (Parish Office).

It is twenty five years since the production of the first newsletter and it is hoped there will be many more in the future.

*The newsletter is now available on line at:-
www.ballinhassigparish.com*



It has been a difficult year for many people due to continued economic circumstances, weather related conditions, illness and loss of loved ones.

Hopefully you will have a peaceful and happy time with your family, friends and neighbours this Christmas.

In this edition we remember and pray for our deceased parishioners especially those who died during the past twelve months.

Having looked back over the Newsletters of the last year, I am aware that many other families have had bereavements and I offer my heartfelt sympathy.

I hope you will continue to enjoy and support the Parish Newsletter.

Wishing you and your families wherever they may be Peace, Happiness and Health in 2017.

(Mary O'Halloran, Newsletter, P.A.N. Centre)



Thank You

Thanks to all who attended the Reconciliation Services in the parish this week and the visiting priests for their help.

O Lord, you search me and you know me; you know my resting and my rising; I thank you for the wonder of my being, for the wonders of all your creation. (Psalm 138)

Song for Bridget

Saturday **January 21st, 2017**

Marian Hall, Ballinhassig

An evening of music with Elaine Canning; Ryan Morgan; Sinead Treacy; Barry O'Halloran and the RTA Choir.
Musical Director: Eoin O'Callaghan;
MC: Seán Radley, doors open 7.30pm, show 8.00pm. Cost 15Euro. Great night assured.