

Mass Schedule for Christmas Period

Christmas Mass of the Nativity of Our Lord

Christmas Eve 24th

Ballygarvan: 6.00pm
Goggins Hill: 7.30pm
Ballyheada: 9.00pm

Christmas Day 25th

Ballygarvan: 10.00am
Ballyheada: 10.30am
Goggins Hill: 11.30am



Mass on St. Stephens Day (Tuesday 26th)

Goggins Hill only 11.00am



Thursday 28th:- Ballyheada 11.00am



Saturday 30th

Vigil Mass in Ballyheada 7.00pm



Sunday 31st

Ballygarvan 10.00am; Goggins Hill 11.30am

HAPPY CHRISTMAS EVERYONE

We Remember

Cornelius (Curley) Duggan, Goggins Hill; **Judie Kelly**, Kilmichael & **Kathleen Greene**, Dublin who were buried during the week. *We pray for their families, neighbours & friends.*

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.

Anniversaries

Timothy, Mary & Kathleen O'Reilly, Clougheenduan.
Helen Fehily, Tulligbeg.
John O'Brien, Ballea.
Con O'Leary, Tulligmore.
Sheehan Family, Ballyduhig.
Finbarr Lombard, Old Abbey.
James & Nellie Byrne, Athy.
Thomas Prendergast, Athy.
Batt Foley, Ballynaloughy.
John, Michael & Mary O'Regan, Blackrock.
Breda & Donagh Fitzgerald, Ballypnehane.

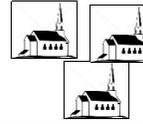


In death life is changed not ended

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Newsletter

for Ballygarvan, Ballyheada and Goggins Hill



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Fr. Christy writes....

Christmas Message 2017



GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST!

The rush is almost over. The expectation is growing and now we have only a one more sleep until Christmas. Christmas brings people together. A special welcome home to all who are back for Christmas. For many families the added joy of people returning home, adds to the celebrations.

We are conscious too, of the many who feel the absence of a loved one, those who have family in foreign parts, those who have the vacant chair for the first time this year; may you especially know the Lord's comforting presence at this time.

There was no room at the Inn for Mary & Joseph, they were glad to find shelter in the Stable. For many, this year too, finds them homeless. May they find a warm welcome and with God's blessing a home of their own.

A great time of giving and receiving reminds us of the greatest gift of all, The Lord himself. We are greatly loved; and Jesus is that gift of love in person. He comes to gather us together, to bring hope, healing and light into our lives. May he enrich you with many blessings and may you be bearers of his love to all.

I pray that you may have a wonderful and truly blessed time this Christmas.



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.

Arron O'Leary, Adamstown Upper.
John Cussen, Old Abbey.
Joan Levey, Ballygarvan.
James Riordan, Rigsdale.

Kristian Crowley, Ballygarvan & Melbourne.
Olivia Gaynor, Ballygarvan & Tipperary.
Hannah Deasy, Ballinaloughy.
Sean Quinlan, Bawnleigh & Kilbrittain/
Ballinspittle.

Norma O'Loughlin, Ballinabearna.
James O'Sullivan, Lios Cross,
Ballygarvan.

Dan-Joe Sheehan, Ballyheada.
John Greene, Rigsdale.

Kathleen Barnes, Fahanalooscane.



**'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.*



Sile Aherne, Barrett's Hill.
Catherine Jordan, Tulligmore.
Kathleen Coughlan, Station Steps.
Kathleen O'Reilly, Clougheenduan.

Josephine Cottrell, Ballyhooleen.
Mary Collins, Rearour.
Paddy Deasy, Ballinaloughy.
Thomas (Tommy) Long, Ballygarvan.

Cornelius (Curley) Duggan, Goggins Hill.
Fr. Pearse Timoney, Dublin/Cork & Galway.

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 six 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 2018.

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



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 New Year. This hamper or hampers will go to **Kinsale Community Hospital**.

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



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.



Thank You

Thanks to all who attended the Reconciliation Service in the parish this week and our thanks also to the visiting priests for their help.