

## 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 (Wednesday 26th)

Ballygarvan only 11.00am



Thursday 27th:- Ballyheada 11.00am



#### Saturday 29th

Vigil Mass in Ballyheada 7.00pm



#### Sunday 30th

Ballygarvan 10.00am; Goggins Hill 11.30am

**HAPPY CHRISTMAS EVERYONE**

### We Remember

**Catherine (Kitty) Lane**, Ballygarvan; who was buried during the week.

*We pray for her family, neighbours & friends.*

### We Remember at Christmas

**Bridie Sheehan**, Ballinaboy, whose anniversary occurs on December 25th;

**John Rice**, Ovens & Goggins Hill;

**Joan, Owen & Anna Moynihan**,

Ballygarvan Upper;

**Liam O'Halloran**, Rigsdale.

**Michael Finnerty**, Tulligmore

**Patrick & Hilda Giltinan**, Innishannon

and all our own departed loved ones.

### Anniversaries

Timothy, Mary & Kathleen O'Reilly, Clougheenduan.

Helen Fehily, Tulligbeg.

John O'Brien, Ballea.

Pat Coakley, Ballinaboy.

Timothy O'Donovan, Ballea.

John O'Donovan, Kilcrohane.

John Hennessy, Lower Road.

Margaret Tobin, Rosscarbery.

Timothy & Nora O'Donovan, Durrus.

William & Catherine O'Sullivan, Coolatooder.

Breda & Donagh Fitzgerald, Ballyphehane.



*In death life is changed not ended*

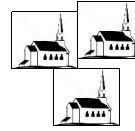
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## Ballinhassig Parish

### Christmas Newsletter 2018

for Ballygarvan, Ballyheada and Goggins Hill



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Fr. Christy writes....

### The Child is a Gift



Christmas, a time for giving and receiving, a time for sharing and caring, a time for family, a time for peace and goodwill. Let us not forget those for whom this Christmas will be a lonely and difficult time as they miss loved ones who have gone to God, or those who have emigrated and will not be at the family table for the first time this Christmas

The Child of Bethlehem is God's gift to us. He is the ancient promise of God now fulfilled. Jesus is the human face of God.

He shows us that the Father is merciful. Pope Francis invites us to reach out, to be filled with the powerful, all embracing mercy of God.

Let us make sure that we don't get so caught up in the hustle and bustle that we forget that this, after all, is what Christmas is about - God's gift to us in the person of the Child of Bethlehem. The gift of light, life hope, peace and healing. Let us remember to reach out, too, to those who are alone and are feeling lost, to those who find this a challenging time, despite all the joy around.

As we celebrate God's gift of Jesus to us, we wish you every peace and blessing, and pray that the Gift of God may touch your lives. Happy Christmas!



# Remembering At Christmas

As a Parish Community we remember and pray for our loved ones 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.

William (Liam) O'Halloran, Rigsdale.  
John Forde, Adamstown.  
Denis Healy, Killaminogue.  
Bernie Shiels, Rigsdale.

Mary O'Callaghan, Rigsdale Upper.  
Catherine (Kit) O'Donovan, Killingley.  
Finola and Frank Rice, Goggins Hill.  
Tony Cullinane, Ballynoe.

Maurice (Mossie) Healy, Ballinaboy.  
Maureen O'Mahony, Goggins Hill.  
Ann Forde, Knockpogue.  
Dennis O'Leary, Ballygarvan.  
Gretta Crowley, Ballinacranig.

Margaret (Peg) Murphy, Knockpogue.  
Kathleen Finn, Gleann Dara.  
Jeremiah (Jerry) Lane, Skehanagh.  
Angela O'Callaghan, Liberty Hill.

Patrick (Pat) Falvey, Old Abbey.  
Tim Coakley, Ballinaboy.  
David Doody, Lisfehill.  
Gilbert McGlennon, Ballynoe.

Ellen (Nellie) McCarthy, Bawnleigh  
Ellen (Eily) O'Donovan, Coolatooder.  
Dr. Dave Donovan, Myrtle Hill.  
Mary Murphy, Scart.  
Catherine (Kitty) Lane, Ballygarvan.

## May Christ's coming at 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 and pray for them this Christmas season.



*In Our  
Thoughts  
and Prayers*



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

*You are not  
forgotten loved one  
Nor will you ever be  
As long as life and  
memory last We  
will remember thee.*

**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.**

# 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 seven years since the production of the first newsletter and it is hoped there will be many more in the future.*

*The newsletter is now also available on line at:-  
[www.ballinhassigparish.com](http://www.ballinhassigparish.com)*

*It has been a difficult year for many due to continued economic circumstances, extreme 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 suffered 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 2019.*

(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.*

