

## Anniversaries

Eileen O'Connell, Gortnacloagh.  
Senan McCarthy, Farlistown.  
Fr. Willie McCarthy.  
Sean Hurley, Rigsdale.  
Eileen O'Shea, Coachford.  
Jackie Murphy, Skehanagh.  
Fionnuala Crowley, Briar Hill.  
Catherine Barry, Coolatooder.  
John & Betty Harte, Ballinhassig.  
Cain O'Mahony, Fivemile Bridge.  
Maurice & Mary Healy, Ballinaboy.  
Dan & Kathleen Kelleher, Riverstick.  
Billy O'Callaghan, Ballygarvan Upper.  
Donie O'Callaghan, Ballygarvan Upper



## We Remember

**Moses (Mossie) Fenton, Ballygarvan;**  
**John Barry Murphy, Coolmakee**  
**& Australia;**  
**Ann Brown, College Rd, &**  
**Kilmichael** who were buried  
during the week. *We pray for their*  
*families, neighbours and friends.*



## Sympathy

We offer our sympathy to **Margo**  
**O'Leary, Adamstown** on the death of  
her husband **Frank** and **Paul,**  
**Philip** and **Brendan** on the death  
of their father **Frank O'Leary,**  
**Adamstown.** Sympathy also to all  
other *relatives, neighbours, friends and*  
*carers.*



*In death life is changed not ended*

## MASS TIMES Next Week

Monday 2nd:-  
**Ballygarvan 9.30am**

Tuesday 3rd:-  
**Goggins Hill 9.30am**

Thursday 5th:-  
**Ballyheada 10.00am**

Friday 6th:- *First Friday:*  
**Ballygarvan 9.30am**  
**Ballyheada 8.00pm**

*Fr. Christy will make the usual monthly*  
*calls. Rev. John Guirey will call mid month.*

Saturday 7th:-  
**Ballyheada Vigil 7.00pm**

Sunday 8th:-  
**Ballygarvan 10.00am**  
**Goggins Hill 11.30am**

## Sympathy

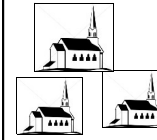
We offer our Sympathy to:-  
**Kitty Butler, Meadstown &**  
**Rita Lowry** on the death of  
their brother **Moses (Mossie) Fenton,**  
**Ballygarvan** and **Denis, Majella,**  
**Bernie and Eoin Fenton** on the  
death of **Moses (Mossie) Fenton,**  
**Ballygarvan.** Sympathy also to all  
other *relatives, neighbours, friends*  
*and carers. In death life is changed not ended.*  
*Readings Next Sunday – Is11:1-10. Ps. 71:1-2,*  
*7-8,12-13, 17, R/cf v7. Rm 15:4-9. Mt 3:1-12.*



### 2019 Ballinhassig Parish Newsletter

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# Ballinhassig Parish



# Newsletter

*for Ballygarvan, Ballyheada and Goggins Hill*

**Vol. 28 No. 12 Sunday: December 1st, 2019 (First Sunday Of Advent)**

## LOVINGLY PREPARED

*Triona Doherty writing in the magazine Intercom:*

My mother like many of her generation, starts her Christmas preparations early. The first thing to be done is the Christmas cake – in our house this always took place over the Hallowe'en break. I remember finding it strange to watch her lovingly prepare the fruit cake, only to hide it away in tin a for a couple of months.

Every year we hear complaints that the lead-in to Christmas is starting earlier and earlier. We might not all be making cakes in September, but by Hallowe'en we are certainly looking ahead to Christmas – thinking about what gifts to buy family and friends, checking out the decorations that have started to appear in the shops, perhaps even stockpiling tins of biscuits and boxes of chocolates. Many people sign up to Christmas clubs in order to spread the cost over the year. It's no wonder we often arrive at this time of year feeling like it's no time at all since last Christmas – it is never far from our minds.

As we enter **ADVENT**, we are invited now to turn our attention to our **inner preparation** for Christmas. We are **waiting 'in joyful hope'** both for Christ's birth and his return at the end of time. Taking **some time each day to pray and reflect**, perhaps to light the candles on the Advent Wreath, will help us to focus on the wonderful mysteries that await us. 'Each year we celebrate the holy season of Advent, O God.

Every year we pray those beautiful prayers of longing and waiting, and sing those lovely songs of hope and promise. (Karl Rahner)

If you would like to volunteer to help clean the churches for Christmas come along :- **Saturday December 21st:-**

**Ballygarvan church 10.00am**  
**Ballyheada church 10.00am**



**Church Flower**  
**Groups** will hold a  
collection for church  
Flowers on week end  
**December 14th/15th**  
in the three churches.

## The Advent Wreath



Most churches and families have an Advent Wreath. The custom wasn't always an Irish one. Wreaths were popular in Germany, Austria and

Northern Europe. As people began to travel to these countries they saw the attractive wreaths and brought the idea home. As you see we have one here in the Church this week end. It is a symbol of what Advent means.

### ADVENT



The circle represents "eternity" and the "faithfulness" of God, it never ends. The evergreen foliage is a reminder that Jesus is ready to renew our relationship with Him. The **Four Candles** represent the **four weeks of Advent** and each Sunday one is lit. Three **purple** candles and one **rose** colour. Purple is the traditional colour for Advent meaning "**Penance**" and the Rose colour is lit on the third Sunday which is **Gaudete** Sunday, or a day of **Rejoicing** that the coming of Jesus is near.

So Advent is a time for us to **prepare** to receive Jesus into **our hearts, our lives, our homes and our parish.**

We need to **invite** Him.

A very short traditional prayer for Advent is simply  
**"COME LORD JESUS"**



We can say this at any time, travelling, in the house or when we pass a Church or Grotto. Having the Advent Wreath in the house it could be said with children round the wreath, maybe at bedtime or before a meal. Remember when we invite Jesus into our lives **He will never come empty handed.** He will come to you with **some special gift or blessing**, something He knows you need. But you have to be **READY** and **WAITING.** So "**Stay awake**" "**Be ready**" so that He Knows you're expecting Him.

## Camogie Bingo

**Ballinhassig Camogie Club annual Christmas BINGO NIGHT** in the Marian Hall on Saturday

**BINGO** December 7th @ 8.00pm.

Hampers galore. Great fun night.

Baskets & items for hampers appreciated.

*All welcome.*

14	29	38	52	74
4	18	33	46	62
7	16	★	80	71
9	27	44	51	67
12	23	36	47	73

## Tree Lights Ballygarvan

**Ballygarvan Foroige Club** invite you to the Switching on of **Christmas Lights on the Old Chestnut Tree at Ballygarvan Community Centre** (Old School) on Sunday **December 8th at 5.00pm.** Refreshments from 4.00pm and Cllr. *Ben Dalton* will switch on the Lights at 5.00pm.

*All welcome.*



## Tree Lighting

**Halfway Tidy Village Association** invite you to the Switching on of **Christmas Lights in the Halfway on Sunday December 8th.**

*Mary Coleman* will switch on the Lights at **6.00pm.**

*All welcome.*



## Social Dancing

**BCDA** (Ballinhassig Community Development Association) **Social Dancing in the Marian Hall on December 6th at 9.45pm.** **Music - Ui Bhrian (The Greens).** *Teas served. All welcome.*

## St. Vincent de Paul

Please remember, next week-end **December 7th/8th** 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:

**Ballygarvan:**

**December 8th after 10.00am Mass.**

**Goggins Hill:**

**December 8th after 11.30am Mass.**

**Ballyheada:**

**December 14th after 7.00pm Mass.**

We invite co-ordinator or representative of **Ministers of the Word and Eucharist; Choir; Sacristans; Flower Group; Crib; Altar Servers; Parish Assembly, Church cleaning groups etc.** We also invite others who normally help in the church for Christmas and throughout the year and anyone else who would like to offer help in any way. *All welcome.*



## Ballinhassig Village Association Christmas Tree Bulbs.

If you would like to buy a bulb on our **Village Christmas Tree** in memory of a family member or friend they cost 5Euro each and available at **Cottrell's Gala**, Ballinhassig or from **any member of the Village Association.** *Calendars and christmas cards available also.*



## Bazaars

**Ballyheada Parents Association:-** Annual Christmas 'Bazaar' Saturday **November 30th** in the **School Hall, Ballyheada at 7.30pm after Mass in Ballyheada.** Cakes, light refreshments, childrens activities, crafts & books, spinner prizes, hampers etc. Support appreciated. *All welcome.*

**Ballinhassig GAA Club:-**

Annual Christmas 'Bazaar' on Sunday **December 1st** in conjunction with turning on of **The Village Christmas Lights.** Santa arrives at 5.15pm. Great Spinner prizes, turkey vouchers, cash prizes etc. Cake sale, book sale, stalls. Entertainment for young and old. *All welcome.*

**Ballygarvan Camogie Club:-**

Annual Christmas 'Bazaar' on Sunday **December 15th at 2.00pm** in the **GAA Hall, Ballygarvan.** Santa arrives at 2pm. Great spinner prizes, vouchers, hampers etc. *All welcome.*

**Goggins Hill Parents Association :-** Monster 'Cake Sale & Raffle' on Sunday **December 15th in the School Hall, Goggins Hill after 11.30am Mass.** Cakes, prizes, book sale and children's activities etc. Support appreciated. *All welcome.*

**Best of Luck** to **Ballinhassig Tidy Village Association** in the **Pride of Place Competition 2019.** Results this week end

**Cork Simon Community**

One day sale of donated original paintings on Sunday **December 1st** from 11.00am – 4.00pm in **Rochestown Park Hotel.** All paintings **50Euro & proceeds to Cork Simon Community.**

