

Anniversaries

John Francis, Mary & Jude Hurley, Cork.
Killian, Imelda, & Margo Hurley, Cork.
Joan Moynihan, Ballygarvan Upper.
Niall Thomkins, Cork.
Helen Fehily, Tulligbeg.
Mary O'Sullivan, Mallow.
Denis Twomey, Whitechurch.
Cornelius Duggan, Goggins Hill.
Paddy & Jim Forde, Tulligmore.
William O'Sullivan, Coolatooder.
Catherine O'Sullivan, Coolatooder.
Billy & Hannie Cronin, Ballinphellic.
Kathleen O'Reilly, Clougheenduan.
Michael Doody, Ballygarvan & Mahon.
Mercedes (Cedie) Butler, Barrett's Hill.
Batt & Catherine Foley, Ballynaloughy.
Breda & Donagh Fitzgerald, Ballyphehane
Timothy & Mary O'Reilly, Clougheenduan



We Remember

Timothy (Timmy) Sexton, Ballygarvan;
Martin McCrum, Australia;
Declan Cross, Carrigaline;
Denis O'Brien, Waterfall who
died recently. *We pray for their*
families, neighbours and friends.



Sympathy

We offer our sympathy to *Donie Dineen,*
Meadstown on the death of his brother
Patrick (Scotty) Dineen, Grenagh.

Seamus O'Riordan, Ballygarvan Lower
on the death of his mother *Sheila*
O'Riordan, Lower Pouladuff Road.



MASS TIMES Next Week

Monday 20th:-
Ballygarvan 10.00am

Tuesday 21st:-
Goggins Hill 10.00am

Thursday 23rd:-
Ballyheada 10.00am

Friday 24th:- Christmas Eve
Ballygarvan:- 5.30pm
Ballyheada:- 7.00pm
Goggins Hill:- 8.30pm

Saturday 25th:- Christmas Day
Ballygarvan:- 10.00am
Ballyheada:- 10.30am
Goggins Hill:- 11.30am

Sunday 26th:-
Ballygarvan 10.00am
Goggins Hill 11.30am

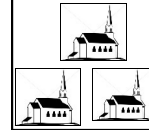
Noelle Sexton, Ballygarvan on the
death of her husband **Timothy**
(Timmy) Sexton also to *Nicole, Katie*
and *Jamie* on the death of their father
Timothy (Timmy) Sexton.

Kevin McCrum, Ballinphellic on the
death of his brother **Martin McCrum,**
Australia. Sympathy also to all other
relatives, friends and neighbours.

Ballinhassig Parish

Newsletter

for Ballygarvan, Ballyheada and Goggins Hill



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Fr. Christy

DOING AS MARY WOULD HAVE

Mary, the young woman, is open to God. She journey's to her cousin Elizabeth to share in her cousin's wonderful news. She has had little or no time herself to absorb the news of the angel Gabriel, yet, she wants to go and be of help to Elizabeth. In the few glimpses we get of Mary in the scriptures, she strikes me as a selfless, considerate, thoughtful and supportive person. It's not all about her.

Mary the most blessed of all women shows us the way and points to how we can in our lives prepare for the imminent coming of the Lord. 'Yes, blessed is she that the promise made her by the Lord, would be fulfilled.' Someone truly blessed and is for us a source of inspiration and blessing too.

Mary the woman of prayer and closeness to God. She reminds us that in the busyness of this final week before Christmas of what is a priority. Care of and for one another. Mindful of the needs of others, responding as best we can and thinking of others, going that extra mile for them and not just thinking of ourselves. As Mary prepared her heart for the child of God, may we following Mary's example prepare our hearts so that Christ may be born again in and through us this Christmas.

May the waiting of the God of Advent touch you in your listening heart.
May the companionship of Christ Jesus nurture you with gentleness this day.

May the tender mercy of God draw you to the gentle compassion meant for you.

May the witness of Mary, the mother of Jesus, inspire you to magnify, to the world, your own greatness and beauty of soul.

May the Spirit of Jesus be born in you, for others to see, a light shining with the radiance of a love that is humble and real, gracious and overflowing!

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Christmas Mass Schedule 2021

Sacrament of Reconciliation & Forgiveness
Monday December 20th
Ballyheada 7.30pm



Confessions:-

Saturday December 18th as follows:
 Ballyheada 6.30pm -7.00pm

Christmas Eve December 24th

5.30pm Ballygarvan
 7.00pm Ballyheada
 8.30pm Goggins Hill



Christmas Day December 25th

10.00am Ballygarvan *Live Streamed*
 10.30am Ballyheada
 11.30am Goggins Hill

Sunday December 26th

10.00am Ballygarvan
 11.30am Goggins Hill



Monday	December 27th	11.00am	Ballygarvan
Tuesday	December 28th	11.00am	Goggins Hill
Wednesday	December 29th	11.00am	Ballygarvan
Thursday	December 30th	11.00am	Ballyheada
Friday	December 31st	11.00am	Goggins Hill

Saturday	January 1st	7.00pm	Ballyheada
Sunday	January 2nd	10.00am	Ballygarvan
		11.30am	Goggins Hill

Monday	January 3rd	No Mass	Ballygarvan
Tuesday	January 4th	11.00am	Goggins Hill
Wednesday	January 5th	7.00pm	Ballyheada (Vigil)
Thursday	January 6th	11.00am	Ballygarvan

ADVENT PRAYER & REFLECTION

Thanks to **Rev. John Guirey** for leading the *Advent Prayer Service from Ballygarvan church*, also to *Tom Ryan* organist; *Frank Lehane* soloist and *Mary McCrum* and *Ben Dalton* Ministers of the Word; *Eamon Long* sacristan and musician. Thanks to those who attended and those who joined us on the Live Stream.



Christmas Thoughts

"It's sharing your gifts, not purchasing gifts;
 It's not wrapping presents, its being present
 with the ones you love;
 It's not getting Christmas cards out on time,
 It's sending a card, anytime, at the right time;



It's not having the biggest Christmas light display,
 It's displaying the Christ light that comes from
 your heart; It's not Santa coming down the chimney,
 It's Jesus coming down from heaven, and
 giving us the gift of eternal
 life."



Sincere thanks to all parishioners for your continued support throughout this unprecedented year. Your financial contributions to the Parish and Fr. Christy are much appreciated.

Sincere thanks to all those involved in direct Church Ministries; Church and Graveyard Maintenance, Sacristans, Parish Finance Committee, Parish Assembly, Parish Covid Committee and all those who help in any way in the parish. Your generosity of work and time on a voluntary basis is much appreciated by all. A special word of thanks to the stewards, those who sanitise and open and close the churches without whom it would have been impossible for the churches to remain open throughout this year adhering to *Health & Safety & Government guidelines*.



Thank You

Ballygarvan Community Association sincerely thank all who attended and supported their recent Christmas market.



Thank You

Daybreak local shop in Ballygarvan Village wish their customers a Happy Christmas & New Year & sincerely thank all those who supported them throughout 2021.



Attending Church

Please wear a mask, sanitise on entry and exit, follow stewards and signage.

Please take masks & Mass leaflets home.

Thought for the Week
 Minds are like Parachutes.... They function better when open.



This time of year remember to **Light Up... & Lock Up** windows, doors, cars etc. Be mindful of the elderly & those living alone.