



## Anniversaries


Kathleen Bowen, Ballygarvan.   
Etta Bowen, Ballygarvan.  
Dan O'Reilly, Whitechurch.  
Timothy & Mary & Kathleen O'Reilly,  
Clougheenduan.

**Saturday 23rd:- Vigil**  
**Ballyheada 7.30pm**

*Mass Intentions:-*  
Helen Fehily, Tulligbeg.   
John Hennessy, Lower Rd.  
William O'Sullivan, Coolatooder.  
Catherine O'Sullivan, Coolatooder.  
Patrick & Teresa Hennessy, Dunkereen.

**Sunday 24th:-**  
**Ballygarvan No Morning Mass**  
**Goggins Hill No Morning Mass**

## We Remember

*John Walsh, Galway & Knocklucy;*  
*Denis Ryan, Kinsale;*  
*Peggy O'Callaghan, England*   
*who died recently.*  
*We pray for their families,*  
*neighbours and friends.*

*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.*

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## MASS Times Next Week:-

**Sunday 24th:- Christmas Eve**  
**Ballygarvan 5.30pm**  
**Ballyheada 7.00pm**

**Monday 25th:- Christmas Day**  
**Ballygarvan 10.00am**  
**Goggins Hill 11.30am**

**Tuesday 26th:- St. Stephens Day**  
**Ballyheada 10.00am**

**Wednesday 27th:-**  
**Goggins Hill No Mass**

**Thursday 28th:-**  
**Ballyheada No Mass**

**Friday 29th:-**  
**Ballygarvan No Mass**

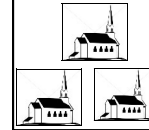
**Saturday 30th Vigil**  
**Ballyheada:- 7.30pm**

**Sunday 31st:-**  
**Ballygarvan 10.30am**  
**Goggins Hill 12noon**

## Parish Calendars 2024

Calendars for 2024 are available in  
the three churches and usual outlets  
from this week end.

# Ballinhassig Parish




## Newsletter

for Ballygarvan, Ballyheada and Goggins Hill

Vol. 32 No. 15 Sunday: December 24th, 2023 (Fourth Sunday Of Advent)

Mary O'H  
submits.....

## Embrace the Real Work of Christmas

When the festivities end, the family and friends return home, and all the decorations removed, we may think it is time to put Christmas away too... at least until next year. But that is when the "real work of" Christmas begins. The work of taking the **hope** and **joy** that  **Jesus** brings and *using it to heal the broken, provide for the needy, bring peace to our communities, and share light in the darkness.* After Christmas is over, the real work of the season begins!



"When the song of the angels is stilled, when the star in the sky is gone, when the kings and princes are home, when the shepherds are back with the flocks, then the work of Christmas begins:-

To find the lost  
to heal those broken in spirit  
to feed the hungry  
to release the oppressed  
to rebuild the nations  
to bring peace among all peoples  
to make a little music with the heart.

And to radiate the Light of Christ, every day, in every way,  
in all that we do and in all that we say.



Notices for inclusion should be received not later than 2.00pm on Wednesday  
by Mary O'Halloran (4885062, 4885257)

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# Christmas Mass Schedule 2023

## Confessions:-

Wednesday/Thursday/Friday December 20th/21st/22nd after 9.30am Mass

**Saturday December 23rd**

**Vigil Mass Ballyheada at 7.30pm**

**Sunday Christmas Eve December 24th**

**NO 10.30am** Mass in Ballygarvan

**NO 12noon** Mass in Goggins Hill

5.30pm Ballygarvan

7.00pm Ballyheada

**Monday Christmas Day December 25th**

10.00am Ballygarvan

11.30am Goggins Hill

**(Please note Christmas Eve & Christmas Day Mass times will be different to current Saturday/Sunday times)**

**Tuesday St. Stephen's Day December 26th**

10.00am Ballyheada



**No Masses** Wednesday December 27th

Thursday December 28th

Friday December 29th

Saturday December 30th Ballyheada 7.30pm

Sunday December 31st Ballygarvan 10.30am

Goggins Hill 12noon

Wednesday January 3rd Goggins Hill 9.30am

Thursday January 4th Ballyheada 9.30am

Friday January 5th Ballygarvan 7.30pm only

*(Vigil Mass for Feast of Epiphany)*

## My First Christmas in Heaven

I see the countless christmas trees around the world below,  
with tiny lights like heaven's stars, reflecting on the snow.  
The sight is so spectacular, please wipe away the tear,  
for I am spending christmas with Jesus Christ this year.



I hear the many christmas songs that people hold so dear,  
but the sound of music can't compare with the christmas choir here.  
I have no words to tell you, the joy their voices bring,  
for it is beyond description to hear the angels sing.



I know how much you miss me, I see the pain inside your heart,  
but I am not so far away, we really aren't apart.  
So be happy for me dear ones, you know I hold you dear,  
and be glad I am spending christmas with Jesus Christ this year.

I send you each a special gift, from my heavenly home above,  
I send you each a memory of my undying love.  
After all, love is the gift, more precious than pure gold,  
it was always most important in the stories Jesus told.



Please love and keep each other, as my father said to do,  
for I can't count the love or blessings he has for each of you.  
So have a merry christmas and wipe away the tear,  
*remember, I am spending christmas with Jesus Christ this year.*



*(author unknown)*

## Thank You

Sincere thanks to all parishioners for your continued financial and voluntary support throughout the year. Thanks to all those involved in direct Church Ministries:- Ministers of Word & Eucharist; Choirs; Flower Groups; Church and Graveyard Maintenance/Cleaning; Sacristans; Funeral Ministry Team; Parish Finance Committee; Parish Assembly; and all other groups and individuals who help in any way with church and community work throughout the parish. Your generosity of work and time on a voluntary basis is much appreciated by all.



## Christmas Message

This year Bishop Fintan has arranged his diocesan Christmas message to primary schools at a **Live Crib** on the O'Leary Family Farm in **Minane Bridge** with the pupils and wider school community of **Scoil Naomh Fionán in Rennies**. The message was received in all classrooms in primary schools on Wednesday December 20th. The link to view on **YouTube** <https://youtu.be/a4AtjyQMt5A> *It captures the central truth of the Birth of Jesus for the children.*