

## Anniversaries

Michael Doody, Ballygarvan & Mahon.

### Saturday 14th:- Vigil

**Ballyheada 7.30pm**

*Mass Intentions:-*

John Francis, Mary & Jude Hurley, Cork

Killian, Imelda & Margo Hurley, Cork.

Niall Thomkins, Cork.

### Sunday 15th:-

**Ballygarvan 10.30am**

*Mass Intentions:-*

Joan Moynihan, Ballygarvan Upper.

Paddy & James Forde, Tulligmore.

Phyllis & Thomas O'Sullivan,

Ballygarvan.

O'Donoval Family, Nohoval.

**Goggins Hill 12noon**

*Mass Intentions:-*

Mary Lombard, Rearour. (*Months Mind*)

Mercedes (Cedie) & James Butler,

Barrett's Hill.

Seamus & Joan O'Leary, Ballyhooleen.

Eileen & Jim O'Connell, Gortnaclough.

James, Denis, Kate & Sheila O'Connell,

Gortnaclough.

### Thanks - Flower Collection

Sincere thanks to all who contributed so

generously to the recent collection for

**Church Flowers** in the three churches.

This collection will help defray costs of

flowers for *Christmas, Easter, First*

*Holy Communion, Confirmation etc.*

## MASS Times Next Week:-

### Wednesday 18th:-

**Goggins Hill 9.30am**

### Thursday 19th:-

**Ballyheada 9.30am**

### Friday 20th:-

**Ballygarvan 9.30am**

### Saturday 21st Vigil

**Ballyheada:- 7.30pm**

### Sunday 22nd

**Ballygarvan 10.30am**

**Goggins Hill 12noon**

### Christmas Offering Envelopes

Christmas Offering Envelopes are available in the **three churches** and from **Parish Office 021/4885062**.

### Christmas Mass Cards

*All Mass cards including Christmas Mass Bouquets* available in the PAN Centre (Parish Office).

Contact Mary **4885062**.

### Church Cleaning

You are invited to help with church cleaning in **Ballyheada** on Thursday

**December 19th following 9.30am**

**Mass**. Don't assume someone else is doing it, be the someone!!!

One hour of your time appreciated.

# Ballinhassig Parish

## Newsletter

for Ballygarvan, Ballyheada and Goggins Hill

Vol. 33 No. 15 Sunday: December 15th, 2024 (Third Sunday of Advent)

Mary O'H  
submits.....

## 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."



## Special Gifts:-

*Here are a few suggestions for special gifts:*

a firm nod to a shaky soul,  
a kind word to a lonely person,  
a warm smile to the disheartened,  
a sincere concern for someone troubled,  
a feeling of compassion for the neglected,  
a comforting thought for the bereaved,  
a respect for the dignity of others,  
a defense of the rights of individuals,  
a word of witness to help a seeking soul,  
*a Merry Christmas to all.*



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*Notices for inclusion should be received not later than 2.00pm on Wednesday*

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# Christmas Mass Schedule 2024

## Confessions:-

Wednesday/Thursday/Friday December 18th/19th/20th after 9.30am Mass

## Tuesday Christmas Eve December 24th

Ballygarvan 5.30pm  
Ballyheada 7.00pm

## Wednesday Christmas Day December 25th

Ballygarvan 10.00am  
Goggins Hill 11.30am



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

Thursday December 26th No Mass (St. Stephen's Day)  
Friday December 27th No Mass



Saturday December 28th Ballyheada 7.30pm

Sunday December 29th Ballygarvan 10.30am  
Goggins Hill 12noon

Wednesday January 1st Goggins Hill 9.30am  
Thursday January 2nd Ballyheada 9.30am  
Friday January 3rd Ballygarvan 9.30am



**Feast of The Epiphany:-**  
Monday January 6th

Goggins Hill 9.30am only

Wednesday January 8th No Mass in Goggins Hill  
Thursday January 9th Ballyheada 9.30am  
Friday January 10th Ballygarvan 9.30pm

## Prayer for Advent

### Week 3:- Joy (Gaudete Sunday)

The four candles of the advent wreath symbolise, *Hope, Peace, Joy and Love.*

This week as we light the third candle of the Advent wreath, (Pink/Rose)  
*Lord, grant us Joy.*



May the Advent candlelight shine like our commitment to one another, that we can find wisdom and strength in reaching out praying for **joy** for one another and for those throughout the world especially in countries of war and unrest.

God gives us the Gift of Joy when we turn to him working together in faith.



## A Christmas Tree Blessing

Lord Jesus encircle this tree with your blessing. May its twinkling lights remind us of the hope and promise of your coming. May the light and cheer it gives, be a sign of the joy that fills our hearts.



May the presents we place beneath it give rise to an appreciation for the gift of your presence among us. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



## Ballygarvan Bazaar

Ballygarvan Camogie Club Annual Bazaar this Sunday **December 15th at 2pm** in Ballygarvan School. All monies raised go towards the upkeep of the club. Lots of hampers, prizes and fun, Santa etc.

## Choir Practice

Ballyheada **Monday 16th @ 8.00pm.**  
Ballygarvan **Wednesday 18th @ 8pm.**  
All welcome.

## PARISH FUNDRAISING

### CONCERT

Ballinhassig Parish  
Presents



**MICHAEL ENGLISH**  
January 31st, 2025 at  
Most Holy Heart of Mary,  
Goggins Hill

Tickets cost 30Euro and are available from the following:-  
**PARISH OFFICE 021 4885062;**

**086 3183 645**  
**086 8137 203**  
**086 2550 368**  
**089 4690 352**



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Gala Ballinhassig &  
Daybreak Ballygarvan.

All proceeds in aid of Parish Funds.  
Early booking advised as tickets will be limited.

## Thanks - Toy Mass

Sincere thanks to all the children and adults who brought **Toys to Mass** last week end or handed them into the **Parish Office**. There was a huge collection this year and they have now been handed to **St. Vincent De Paul** for distribution to children who otherwise may not receive a toy this christmas. *Your continued support appreciated.*



## Parish Calendars 2025

Calendars for 2025 will be available in the three churches and usual outlets from next week end.

*Thought for week....*

*Remember, no matter where you go, you take yourself with you.*