

## Anniversaries

James O'Sullivan, Lios Cross.  
Harry Ashman, Ballygarvan.  
Tom Ahern, Ballinaboy.  
Nora O'Reilly, Whitechurch.  
Pat O'Donoghue, Gleann Dara.  
David & Jo O'Shea, Coachford.  
Mary O'Callaghan, Rigsdale Upr.  
Timothy O'Callaghan, Ballyduhig.



## We Remember

*Joseph (Joe) Murphy, Passage West.*

*We pray for his family,  
neighbours and friends.*



## Sympathy

We offer our sympathy to *Toss Murphy, Ballygarvan* on the death of his brother *Joseph (Joe) Murphy, Passage West.*



Sympathy also to all other relatives, neighbours and friends.

## Mass Cards

Available in the PAN Centre (Parish Office) Contact Mary **021/4885062**.

## Thought for the Week

*We can let circumstances rule us,  
or we can take charge and rule  
our lives from within.*

## MASS TIMES

The churches will remain closed  
Diocesan directive in line with  
HSE and Government  
Guidelines.

The Newsletter is available  
in the usual shops.

## Easter Day

When Christ arose on Easter morn, in Glory and in grace,  
He walked within the garden making it a holy place. For every where the Saviour walked, a pure white lily grew and shed its fragrance on the air to scent the morning dew.



And still the Easter Lilies grow & blossom on the way as they flowered in Christ's footsteps on that first glad **Easter Day**.

## Happy Easter

We wish you all a happy and Holy Easter. We especially remember all parishioners and all others who are in hospital, nursing homes, those awaiting test results, all who are unwell in any way. We also remember and pray for the bereaved and those who have nobody to pray for them.

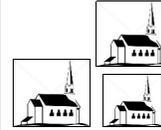


**May the Peace of the Risen Lord be with you and your families this Easter.**

# Ballinhassig Parish

## Newsletter

*for Ballygarvan, Ballyheada and Goggins Hill*



Vol. 28 No. 29 Sunday: April 12th, 2020 (Easter Day of the Lord's Resurrection)

*Fr. Christy writes...*

## HE IS RISEN, ALLELUIA!

*'As a sign of hope and of the light that Jesus brings into our lives and our world through his resurrection I am inviting all churches throughout the diocese to turn on the lights of your Church from 9pm on Holy Saturday the moment the Paschal Candle will be lit in the Cathedral and leaving them lit throughout Holy Saturday night - reminding us that although our Church buildings might be closed Christ our Light is still present and alive in so many ways as our light and hope'.*

Easter, a time of hope and a time for hope. If ever we needed the Light of Christ to shine as a beacon of light, love and hope we need it now. It's an Easter like no other and probably, hopefully, one like it never to be seen again. Between cocooning, self-isolating, hailing the Heroes on the Frontlines, looking out for one another, staying at home to save lives, we find ourselves in a new reality. A reality that is likely to be with us for some time yet.

The opening words above, were spoken by **Bishop Fintan** in a video conference with priests on Holy Thursday. He has also spoken with **Bishop Crean**, in Cloyne and **Bishop Paul Colton**, the Church of Ireland Bishop, who have agreed to join in this act of lighting up our churches on Holy Saturday night, to proclaim the resurrection and remind us that God is still with us. Our three churches were able to share in this, thankfully.

May we know this Easter, the presence of the Risen Lord. May we continue to find comfort and hope in him in whom we are united, especially during these difficult times.

**I wish you and your families the richness of the Risen Lord's Blessings this Easter. I will continue to keep you all and your intentions, in my prayers, and daily Masses on Facebook, Sunday to Friday at 11am.**

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# Renewed Hope of Easter

The Easter celebration of new life, of light overcoming darkness gives us the Hope and Faith that will show us the way throughout the year. The journey is one that we walk together. Let us reflect the light of the Easter candle to all those we meet, but especially to those who are looking for a way out of darkness.



## Candle of Easter Hope

*"May the Lord fill your heart with the Light of Hope this Easter"*



**Ballinhassig Parish Assembly** invite you to  
**Light a Candle in Your Home on Holy Saturday evening at 9.00pm.**  
*If possible put it in a window.*

*We as individuals, families, and community groups will celebrate our Faith and Easter in a different way this year with the temporary closure of our churches.*

*Everybody in the parish and beyond irrespective of religious denomination, beliefs or none is welcome to join us and **Light a Candle.***

*The 'individual candles will then symbolise a community of inclusiveness and Hope.'*

*We will remember all those who are sick especially with the coronavirus, those who have died and their families. All healthcare workers and everyone involved in keeping our country functioning at this time.*



## Easter Reflections

With **OUR EYES** we see the beauty of Easter as the earth awakens once more..  
With **OUR EARS** we hear the birds sing sweetly to tell us Spring again is here..  
With **OUR HANDS** we pick the golden daffodils and the fragrant hyacinths..  
But only with our **HEARTS** can we feel the **MIRACLE** of **GOD'S LOVE** which redeems all mankind..

And only with **OUR SOUL** can we make our 'pilgrimage to God' and inherit His Easter Gift of **ETERNAL LIFE.**

*(Helen Steiner Rice)*



# Joy of Easter

*Rev. John Gurey writes.....*

Easter is all about the joy of the resurrection. It is a day of family joy that is tainted by this pandemic. We will all miss the touching, hugging and embracing that we all associate with Christmas, Easter and every day. There is an unspoken fear of the unknown this Easter in many families, but Christ's resurrection assures us that beyond those fears and suffering lies glory, beyond defeat is triumph, beyond death is life.



As Jesus conquered death and evil, he will also conquer the unseen enemy that envelops our world. Our Faith, trust and hope in Him will carry us, and keep that joy alive. So let us hide our fears even for one day and join Christ in the joy of his resurrection.....Bring on the egg hunts. Bring joy to the grandparents on the outside, who are cocooning.

**Happy Easter to all.**

## Easter Sunday Blessing

Risen Jesus, Bless this family as we gather to eat together. May we always welcome those who come to share a meal at our table.



Your friends recognised you when you broke the bread for them;  
May we also recognise you in the breaking of bread and in each other.



We ask this in the name of the God who loves us, the risen Jesus who gave his life that we might have new life in the Spirit.  
Amen.

# Symbols of Easter

## The Cross:-

When Jesus was crucified and arose from the dead to join His Father in Heaven, the cross became more than a sign of torture, it became the symbol of Jesus's victory over death.



## The Lamb:-

Jesus Christ was the son of God and was sent to earth to purge humankind of all sins and sorrows. The expression "The Lamb of God" was often used in reference to Christ and hence lambs are also important Easter symbols.

## Flowers:-

Easter flowers like lilies; daffodils; narcissus and tulips are all spring flowers and symbolise purity.



## Easter Eggs:-

Eggs have always been important Easter symbols. They have been symbols of spring owing to the fact that they symbolise new life and rebirth. Also, eggs are said to be the symbols of the rock, tomb from which Jesus was resurrected. In olden days, Christians were forbidden from eating eggs during Lent, and hence Easter Sunday was considered a day of egg delicacies.



## Easter Bunny:-

**Easter Bunny**, also called the Spring Bunny, is considered to be a symbol of new life and abundance.



## The Butterfly:-

**Butterflies** are considered excellent symbols of Easter as their life cycle, according to Christian beliefs, mirrors the life of Jesus. The caterpillar stage signifies Jesus's birth, the cocoon stage signifies his crucifixion. The transformation of a butterfly and its flight towards the sky indicates Jesus's Resurrection and rise towards the Heavens.