

Anniversaries

Sean Quinlan, Bawnleigh.
Finbarr Crowley, Corran.
Con Moynihan, Corran.
Dan Pat Cronin, Corran.
Nora Harrington, Wilton.



We Remember

Sean McKechnie, Ballincollig.
*We pray for his family,
neighbours and friends.*



Ballinhassig Village Association

are currently fundraising to develop a one acre site which we received from Cork County Council. This piece of ground is between the existing Fairy Green and the new Gleann Orga estate. It must be levelled, grassed, fenced along the river and footpath provided. We hope to get it levelled and grassed this year. We have set up a *GoFundMe* page available on *Ballinhassig Village Facebook Page*.

Donations can also be left in Cottrell's Gala. All donations appreciated large or small towards the development of this green and walkway.

Thought for the Week

*Never look down on anyone
unless you're helping them up.*

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Live Streamed

MASS Next Week

Daily at 11am Mon –Fri & Sun.
Ballinhassig Parish Facebook Page

The churches in this parish
are open Daily:- for
PERSONAL PRAYER
LIGHTING OF CANDLES



BALLYGARVAN:- 9.30am – 5pm
BALLYHEADA:- 9.30am – 5pm
GOGGINS HILL:- 9.30am – 5pm

Thank You

Sincere thanks to those who continue to *open and close and sanitise* our churches daily. Without your help and co-operation it would not have been possible to have our churches open daily for private prayer. All those who *cleaned* the churches for Easter, *Flower Arrangers, Ministers of the Word, Cantors, Musicians, Sacristans*, all who maintain *church grounds & cut grass*. *Ballinhassig Parish Assembly* for their individual help as they cannot function as a group in present circumstances. *Parish Covid Committee* who ensure Government, HSE and H&S guidelines are adhered to.

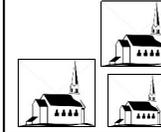


Beannachtaí na Cásca díbh go léir

Ballinhassig Parish

Newsletter

for Ballygarvan, Ballyheada and Goggins Hill



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THE DAWN OF A NEW HOPE

Hope springs eternal in the human breast. We are a people of hope and faith and Easter brings that to fruition.

We have had a most difficult year and we yearn to meet, to hug, to laugh, to cry, to go to Mass and to be together. People have made enormous sacrifices for us to get this far. Because of this and the vaccination programme over the next few months, there is light at the end of the tunnel.

This Easter we delight in the brightness, the new life springing up all around us. That is Easter too. At this time as the seeds are being sown, we are reminded that within us too, the seeds of the Lord's resurrection has been planted.

We celebrate the goodness of people, the generosity of spirit that is all around us and above all we celebrate and give thanks for the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus, the ultimate source of all our hope.

May you be filled with the Light of the Risen Lord, may he fill your hearts to overflowing with his hope and peace and may he give you strength and courage to continue to plough your way through the ongoing restrictions.

A holy, blessed and peaceful Easter to all.

NIGHT PRAYER FOR APRIL

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday at 8.30pm. A sincere thanks to John for his very prayerful Lenten Reflections and to Jerry for his lovely meditative Stations. They both helped enormously in our prayer during Lent and our Lockdown.

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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.



We will remember and pray for all those who are sick especially with the coronavirus, those who have died from the virus and their families. All healthcare workers and everyone involved in keeping our country functioning at this time. We also remember and pray for all others who have died since last Easter and all our loved ones gone to God.

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.



As you travel on the path of life, may the light of the **Risen Lord** guide your way and may **God's Peace** be upon you and those you love this Easter Time. May the New Light of Easter Shine in our darkness and fill us with renewed **Hope**.



You are invited to take a BOTTLE OF HOLY WATER, available in the **THREE CHURCHES after 12noon on **EASTER SUNDAY**.**

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*)



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 and blossom on the way as they flowered in Christ's footsteps on that first glad **Easter Day**.

Joy of Easter

Rev. John Guirey writes....

Easter is all about the joy of the resurrection. It is a day of family joy that is tainted by this pandemic.

Celebrate the resurrection of our Lord!

Happy EASTER



Again this year we will all miss the touching, hugging and embracing that we all associate with Christmas, Easter and every day. Again 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 envelopes 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 resurrectionBring on the egg hunts. Bring joy to the grandparents and all others who cannot be with family and friends again this Easter time.

Happy Easter to all.



Best Of Luck

Best of Luck to **David O'Brien, Ballygarvan** in the Final of the **RTE Home of The Year 2021** next week.



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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.