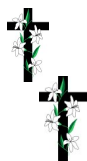


## Anniversaries

Maureen Campbell, Rigsdale.  
Nora Harrington, Wilton.  
Mary O'Brien, Raheen.  
Pat McHugh, Glenville.  
Sean O'Rourke, Dublin.  
May Kelleher, Ballyheada.  
Garrett Forrest, Ballygarvan.  
Mary Spillane, Ballinabearna.  
Maureen Murphy, Bandon Road.  
Nora Linehan, Newtownshandrum.



## Church Choir Interchange

Cork International Choral Festival 2026, the *Church Choir Interchange & Sacred Trail* will take place over the week-end of Saturday/Sunday April **25th/26th**, where choirs from different parishes will rotate among the churches in the Diocese of Cork & Ross.

Our parish will be welcoming a choir from *St. Columba's Church, Douglas* to sing at 7.00pm Mass in Ballyheada on Saturday **April 25th**.

On Sunday **April 26th**, *Ballinhassig Parish Choir* is invited to sing at 11.00am Mass at *St. Patrick's Church, Rochestown*.

On **Sunday May 3rd** our parish will welcome '*Mount Merrion Parish Children's Choir, Dublin*' to sing at 11.30am in Goggins Hill.

*More details and practice dates later.*

## MASS TIMES EASTER

Holy Saturday Vigil April 4th:-  
Ballyheada:- 7.30pm

Easter Sunday:- April 5th:-  
Ballygarvan 10.00am  
Goggins Hill 11.30am

## Mass Next Week

Wednesday 8th:-

*Goggins Hill NO MASS*

Thursday 9th:-

*Ballyheada NO MASS*

Friday 10th:-

*Ballygarvan NO MASS*

Saturday 11th:-

*Ballyheada 7.00pm*

Sunday 12th:-

*Ballygarvan 10.00am*  
*Goggins Hill 11.30am*

## We Remember

Mary O'Leary (née O'Regan)  
Tulligmore & Blackrock.

Sheila McCarthy, Douglas who died recently.

*We pray for their families,  
neighbours and friends.*

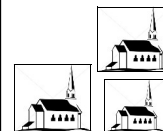
*In death life is changed not Ended*



# Ballinhassig Parish

## Newsletter

*for Ballygarvan, Ballyheada and Goggins Hill*



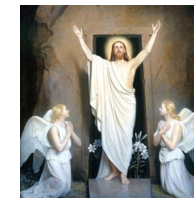
Vol. 34 No. 30 Sunday: April 5th, 2026 (Easter Day of the Lord's Resurrection)

*Mary O'H  
submits....*

## Rejoice this Easter Day

### The Stone was Rolled Away.....

The morning light breaks soft and bright  
A whisper stirs the air.  
The grave stands empty - death has lost,  
For Christ is no longer there.  
The stone was rolled, the veil was torn,  
Redemption's price was paid,  
No earthly power could hold him in,  
No tomb could make him stay.  
The nails, the cross, the crown of thorns,  
The weight of sin he bore.  
Yet love refused to leave us lost-  
Now grace for evermore.



So lift your eyes, and weary heart,  
Let sorrow fade away,  
*For Hope has Risen, Life restored -*  
**Rejoice this Easter Day.**



Christ is Risen, this **Easter Morn**,  
*Peace, Hope, Joy, and Love* are born;  
Glad of Heart to Him we sing  
*Christ our Life, Our Lord our King.*



**Beannachtaí na Cásca díbh go léir.**

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# Renewed Hope of Easter

As we gather in darkened churches to celebrate the *Easter Vigil*, we are reminded of the power of one candle. The Paschal candle lit from the Easter fire has the ability to illumine the entire church and banish the darkness and is a powerful symbol of the Resurrected Christ to cast out the darkness in our lives.



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.

## 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 and a candle, available after Easter Masses, light the candle at dusk on Easter Sunday or any evening to symbolise darkness into light in our own lives and that of others.*

## 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 men...

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**.

## Social & Active Retirement Club

Ballinhassig Parish Social & Active Retirement Club '**Monthly Social**' in the Marian Hall, Ballinhassig on Thursday **April 9th** from 2.30pm-4.30pm.

Special guest for the month of April:-

**Willie Grainger, Green Piece Nursery**, will give a **Talk on Gardening:-** Plants, Shrubs & Bulbs, Plant Care, Weed Control etc., an opportunity for questions and answers.



*This will be followed by cuppa, chat, raffle and prizes.* All welcome.

## Family Bingo

Ballinhassig Camogie Club Family Bingo night in the Marian Hall, Ballinhassig on Saturday **April 11th at 8.00pm**. Baskets and items for prizes/hampers appreciated. Your continued support appreciated.

*All welcome.*

## Scrap Metal Collection

Ballinhassig GAA Club Scrap Metal collection from **April 3th – 6th**.

Place items to left of scoreboard.

Large items for collection contact

Theresa **087 6579 925**.

## Day Trip to Knock

Date and details next week of the Day Trip to Knock in June 2026.

## Happy Easter

We wish you and your families wherever they may be a happy and Holy Easter.

We especially remember those who have nobody to pray for them, those suffering from war throughout the world.

Easter blessings also to parishioners in our family of parishes.

*Beannachtaí na Cásca díbh go léir.*

## 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 re birth. 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 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.

