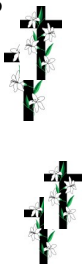


Anniversaries

Maureen Campbell, Rigsdale.
Hannah Collins, Ballinspittle.
Nancy Fehily, Ballyfeard.
John Griffin, Halfway.
Kathleen Griffin, Halfway.
Catherine Spillane, Meadstown.
Kitty O'Mahony, Station Steps.



We Remember

Kevin Spillane, Ballinhassig;
Richard (Dick) Cogan, Donoughmore. *We pray for their families, neighbours and friends.*



Sympathy

We offer our sympathy to Hilda and Seamus Spillane on the death of their brother Kevin.

*Those who die in grace
go no further from us than God
and God is very near.*

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, operations, and all who are unwell in any way. We also remember the recently bereaved.



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

MASS TIMES EASTER

Good Friday 3rd:- is a day of fasting and abstinence.

The Lord's Passion:-

Ballyheada: 12noon
Ballygarvan: 3.00pm
Goggins Hill: 3.00pm

Holy Saturday Vigil April 4th
Goggins Hill 8.00pm

Dawn Mass Marian Hall at **5.30am**

Easter Sunday:-

Ballygarvan 10.00am
Ballyheada 10.30am
Goggins Hill 11.30am

Mass Next Week

Monday 6th:-
Ballygarvan No Mass

Tuesday 7th:-
Goggins Hill No Mass

Thursday 9th:-
Ballyheada No Mass

Station

**Ballynoe/Kilmurriheen/
Tulligmore Upper:-**
Friday **April 10th** at
8.00pm in the home of
Denis and Sheila Bradfield.



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Mary
O'Halloran
submits

Reflection for Easter Sunday

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. From that one candle the flame is shared and diffused throughout the congregation until hundreds of reflections of that light bathe the entire church in a warm glow. All of which is a powerful symbol of the resurrected Christ to cast out the darkness of our lives.



Part of the human experience is times of darkness when we lose our way. A catastrophe can knock us off our feet. We can make impulsive decisions that endanger our long term well being. We can engage in destructive behaviour because of the inclination to jealousy or feelings of ill will toward others. Where do we find the guidance to help us get back on track?



For many people struggling with darkness in their lives, catholic charities and groups animated by their faith are the light that shines in their darkness. Like the power of one candle they shine in the darkness of another's life and create hope and a path out of the darkness. And, taken together, all of those candles have the power to bathe our communities in the warm glow of compassion that leads to opportunity for every human being. A helping hand, a kind word, a necessary resource shared can be the spark that provides light where before there was none.

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.



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EASTER CEREMONIES

SCHEDULE 2015



Good Friday: April 3rd

The Lord's Passion:

*The Stations & Reading of the Passion Combined
Veneration of the Cross & Holy Communion*

Ballyheada 12.00noon; Ballygarvan 3.00pm; Goggins Hill 3.00pm



Holy Saturday: - Vigil April 4th

Night Watch of the Resurrection

Goggins Hill:- 8.00pm

*The Service of Light; Liturgy of Baptism;
Liturgy of Word & Liturgy of Eucharist*



Easter Sunday:

- Dawn Mass: Marian Hall at 5.30am

Easter Sunday: Ballygarvan 10.00am; Ballyheada 10.30am

Goggins Hill 11.30am.



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

Dawn Mass - Parish

Dawn Mass on Easter Sunday morning will be celebrated in the **Marian Hall at 5.30am.**

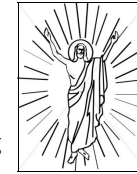
It will commence with a gathering outside **Ballinaboy Graveyard,**

process down to the Marian Hall Car Park for **Open Air Mass**

weather permitting and followed by refreshments in the Hall. If inclement weather conditions Mass will be celebrated indoors in the Hall.

The **significance of beginning in the dark** is that while we

move from darkness to light, we mark the beginning of new life in Resurrection by beginning with lighting a new Paschal Candle to symbolise that Christ is the Light of the World. All welcome.



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**.



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 lillies; 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 Easter Sunday hence, 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 on earth while 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 and the Holy Father.

