

Anniversaries

Maureen Campbell, Rigsdale.
Eddie Jordan, Rigsdale.
Joe Ryan, Innishannon.
Dan Pat Cronin, Corran.
Margaret Foley, Ballygarvan.
Nora O'Mahony, Goggins Hill.
Margaret O'Mahony, Skibbereen.



We Remember

Fiona Dineen, Grenagh who died during the week.
We pray for her family, neighbours and friends.
Those who die in grace go no further from us than God and God is 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, 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.*



Underage Puc Fada

Mon. **March 28th** commencing at **2.00pm** from Ballyheda School to GAA Pitch. All proceeds to Ballinhassig Underage Club. All welcome.

MASS TIMES EASTER

Holy Saturday Vigil March 26th
Ballyheada:- 8.00pm

Dawn Mass Marian Hall at 6.30am

Easter Sunday:-

Ballygarvan 10.00am

Ballyheada 10.30am

Goggins Hill 11.30am

Mass Next Week

Monday 28th:-

Ballygarvan No Mass

Tuesday 29th:-

Goggins Hill No Mass

Thursday 31st:-

Ballyheada No Mass

Friday 1st:-

Ballygarvan 9.30am

Ballyheada 8.00pm

Fr. Kieron will make the usual monthly visits to the housebound for April.

New Community Centre

On **March 31st at 8.30pm** the lease will be signed by the Community Group taking over *Ballygarvan old n.s.* as their **New Community Centre**.

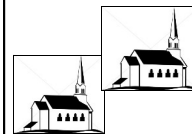
Mens Shed

Ballinhassig Parish Mens Shed group will visit the **Mens Shed in Carrigaline** on Wed. **March 30th**, meet in the car park of the Carrigaline Court Hotel at **10.30am**. New members welcome.

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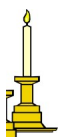
for Ballygarvan, Ballyheada and Goggins Hill



Vol. 24 No. 32 Sunday: March 27th, 2016 (Easter Day of the Lord's Resurrection)

Mary O'Halloran submits

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**.



2016 Ballinhassig Parish Newsletter

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EASTER CEREMONIES

SCHEDULE 2016



Good Friday: March 25th

The Lord's Passion:

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

Goggins Hill 12.00noon; Ballygarvan 3.00pm; Ballyheada 7.00pm



Holy Saturday: - Vigil March 26th

Night Watch of the Resurrection

Ballyheada:- 8.00pm

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



Easter Sunday:

- Dawn Mass: Marian Hall at 6.30am

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**.

Flood Relief Appeal

Ballinhassig Flood Relief Appeal:

A once off fund has been setup to provide financial relief for a few families who were affected by the recent floods in the Ballinhassig area. A **Bank A/C** has been set up in **AIB, Bishopstown** for this purpose.

The A/C number is as follows:- **27198003**
IBAN-IE45AIBK93432127198003

Anyone wishing to donate can lodge to this A/C through any AIB branch; Post Office or on line.

Donations can also be handed in at **Cottrell's Shop**, Ballinhassig or at **Dr. Pat Brady's Surgery** in Ballinhassig Village.

Enquiries can be directed to the committee which comprise **Catherine Cottrell; Donal Cashman; Kay Galvin and Noreen Brady**. Please give generously and all donations however big or small greatly appreciated.

The Fund will **close** on **April 30th, 2016**

Vintage Fun Run

Ballygarvan Vintage Club 'Fun Run' on Sunday **April 3rd**. Registration from 10.30am in Ballygarvan Village. **Proceeds to Local Voluntary Groups**. All welcome.

Vintage Fun Run

The 5 Mile & District Vintage Club annual 'Fun Run' on Easter Sunday, **March 27th**, commencing from **Marian Hall**, register from 11.00am. Cars, bikes & tractors welcome, **proceeds to B.C.D.A. & Arron O'Leary travel expenses**. Refreshments, spots, support appreciated.

Table Quiz in Nemo Rangers GAA Pavilion on Friday **April 1st at 8.30pm**, all proceeds to athletes going to **IWAS Junior Paralympic World Games in Prague in June**. Cathal Ryan, Ballynoe is a member of **Rebel Wheelers** the only sports group in Cork supporting children and young adults with physical disabilities.

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 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 and the Holy Father.