

Anniversaries

Maureen Campbell, Rigsdale.
May Kelleher, Ballyheada.
Tom Ahern, Ballinaboy.
John Griffin, Halfway.
Nora Harrington, Wilton.
Con Moynihan, Corran.
Dan Pat Cronin, Corran.
Finbarr Crowley, Corran.
Michael Edmonds, Ballea.
Jim Moynihan, Ballea Road.
Ellen Moynihan, Ballea Road.
Mick Moynihan, Ballea Road.
Nora Walsh, Ballygarvan Upper.
Kate Conway, Ballygarvan Upper.
Daniel O'Callaghan, Ballyhooleen.
Margaret O'Callaghan, Ballyhooleen.
Jeremiah Conway, Ballygarvan Upper.

We Remember

Sr. Ann Reynolds, England & Gortnaclough who died during the week. *We pray for her family, neighbours and friends.*

SVP- Local *St. Joseph's Conference* would like to express their appreciation to parishioners for their ongoing support. SVP April Church Gate collection on week end **April 7th/8th.**

Wishing all parishioners a Happy Easter.

Parish Choir Practice

Ballyheada Church Wed.

April 4th at 8.00pm to prepare for involvement in Choral Festival Choir Interchange. All welcome.



P.A.N. Centre (Parish Office) closed
Wednesday April 4th.

2018 Ballinhassig Parish Newsletter

Notices for inclusion should be received not later than 2.00pm on Wednesday
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MASS TIMES EASTER

Holy Saturday Vigil March 31st
Goggins Hill:- 8.30pm

Dawn Mass Marian Hall at 6.00am

Easter Sunday:-

Ballygarvan 10.00am

Ballyheada 10.30am

Goggins Hill 11.30am

Mass Next Week

Monday 2nd:-

Ballygarvan No Mass

Tuesday 3rd:-

Goggins Hill No Mass

Thursday 5th:-

Ballyheada No Mass

Friday 6th:- First Friday April

Ballygarvan 9.30am

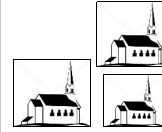
Ballyheada 8.00pm

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.*



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Newsletter

for Ballygarvan, Ballyheada and Goggins Hill

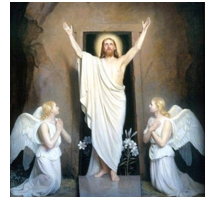
Vol. 26 No. 27 Sunday: April 1st, 2018 (Easter Day of the Lord's Resurrection)

Fr. Christy
writes...

HAPPY EASTER

The clocks have gone forward, the evenings are brighter for longer. We look forward to changing from the purple of our penance in Lent! Easter is a time of new life, light and brightness hopefully, and finally leaving the dreary, the long cold and very wet winter behind us. We hope and pray that Easter will mark a real change to allow the animals to be put out on grass, that fields can be ploughed and crops finally sown.

The Resurrection of Jesus is the source of our faith, the source of our hope as a Christian people. No matter how many times we have celebrated Easter it is not the same old feast; it is another fresh start. We have cast off the old life through Lent, we have done penance, confessed our sins and this is our new beginning.



May the brightness that comes with Easter, the new life springing up all around us help you to leave the darkness and dreariness behind and may you truly know new hope in your hearts.

I also take this opportunity to thank you for your continuing generous support. The Christmas and Easter Offerings and the Stations Dues make up the vast majority of a priest's salary, as we do not get any monies from the weekly Offertory collection, it goes to maintain the churches. Dues envelopes out after Easter.

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 candle home, available at the Dawn Mass & Easter morning Masses and light it at dusk any evening to symbolise darkness into light in our own lives.**



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**.

Ballinhassig Parish Social & Active Retirement Club will hold 'Fun Bingo' at their 'Social Afternoon in the Marian Hall, Ballinhassig on April 12th from 2.30pm-4.30pm. Chat & Cuppa etc.

These social afternoons are held on the **second** Thursday of every month with a different activity, music or guest each month.

All welcome.



Annual Outing May 30th:-
Tea/Coffee scones:- **Springfort Hall**
Lunch etc :- **Adare**, then on to **Limerick**
Evening Meal, music, dancing, chat and sing song:- **Blarney**. Full itinerary later.

Total cost 45Euro
All welcome.

Places limited, first come first served and a waiting list. Early booking to avoid disappointment. Booking and details from:-

Joan McCann 087/9685484
Irene Forde 086/8611275
Mairead Deasy 087/1376023
Mary O'Halloran 4885062,
086/3183645, any committee member.

Social Dancing

Social dancing in the Marian Hall, Ballinhassig on Friday **April 6th**.

Time:- 9.30pm-12.30pm.

Music by **Eddie Lee & James Kelleher**. Admission 10Euro including refreshments. **All proceeds to BCDA** (Ballinhassig Community Development Associa-



Parish Summer Teen Camp

Calling all teenagers (13-16) for 3 days of Action packed, fun filled activities on **June 21st-23rd**. This was very successful last year, hoping for better this year. Minimum of **25 if Camp is to go ahead**. Contact Deirdre **087/6019055**.



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 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.