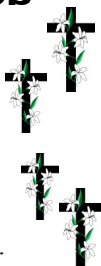


## Anniversaries

Dan Joe Sheehan, Ballyheada.  
John Casey, Ballygarvan.  
Dan Looney, Ballygarvan.  
Laurence Tobin, Raheen.  
Nora Lavers, Riverstick.  
Barry O'Donovan, Corran.  
Stephen Irwin, Ladysbridge.  
Charles & Mary Hurley, Leap.



## We Remember

**Elizabeth (Bess) Dooley (née Graham)** Watergrasshill.  
*We pray for her family, neighbours and friends.*



## Sympathy

We offer our sympathy to **Donna, Deirdre and Rhona O'Donoghue** on the death of their mother **Patricia (Pat) O'Donoghue, Gleann Dara, Ballygarvan & Rosscarbery;**



**Barry, Roger and Simon Carson, Ballinhassig** on the death of their mother **Pamela Phyllis Carson, Ballinhassig & England.**  
Sympathy also to all other relatives, neighbours and friends.



### Thought for the Week

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

P.A.N. Centre (Parish Office) closed  
Wednesday April 24th. No newsletter 28th.

## MASS TIMES EASTER

Holy Saturday Vigil April 20th  
Ballyheada:- 8.30pm

Dawn Mass Marian Hall at 6.00am

Easter Sunday:-  
Ballygarvan 10.00am  
Goggins Hill 11.30am

## Mass Next Week

Monday 22nd:-  
Ballygarvan No Mass

Tuesday 23rd:-  
Goggins Hill 9.30am

Thursday 25th:-  
Ballyheada 10.00am

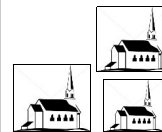
## Happy Easter

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.*

# Ballinhassig Parish



## Newsletter

for Ballygarvan, Ballyheada and Goggins Hill

Vol. 27 No. 30 Sunday: April 21st, 2019 (Easter Day of the Lord's Resurrection)

Fr. Christy writes...

## A BRIGHT LIGHT

Time seems to be moving very fast. It doesn't seem that long since we celebrated Christmas and Ash Wednesday. The clocks have gone forward an hour. The sun shines, children are on holidays and it seems that all is well with the world.

There is something about Easter that puts people in good spirits. The prospect of continued fine weather, brighter days and we can once more enjoy the things we gave up for Lent.

Easter is certainly special. The resurrection of Jesus, after the gloom of his crucifixion on Good Friday, brings new hope and new life to us all. Such was God's love for us, he gave up the life of his only Son on the cross, that we might all be saved and have the hope of eternal life held out to all. This tremendous gift is surely the source of our hope, our consolation in time of trouble and what spurs us on to be better people as we live our lives in this world together.

My sincere thanks to all who worked so hard to ensure a wonderful celebration of Holy Week and contributed to making the ceremonies such a rich experience for us all.

*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, which goes to maintain the churches and run the parish. Dues envelopes will be sent out after Easter.*

May you all be truly blest this Easter.

2019 Ballinhassig Parish Newsletter

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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 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 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**.

## Congratulations

To *Denis McCarthy, Tulligmore* who received an award at the West Cork Community Awards recently for his community work. Awards sponsored by the Opinion and Bandon Co-Op.

## Thanks Daffodil Day

*John O'Callaghan* would like to sincerely thank all those who contributed so generously to his recent *Coffee Morning for Daffodil Day*. A total of **880Euro** was collected also **1400Euro** was collected at *Cottrell's Gala* with their *Coffee Morning for Daffodil Day*. All proceeds have been lodged in aid of the Irish Cancer Society.

## Church Choir Interchange

On Saturday next **April 27th** we welcome the *St. Francis Church Choir* to sing at the **7pm Mass in Ballyheada**.



On Sunday **April 28th** the *Ballinhassig Parish Choir* will sing at **11am Mass in St. Patrick's Church, Rochestown**.

## 7KM Guided Welly Walk

*Halfway Tidy Village Association* invite all to their fundraising '*Welly Walk*' on Sunday **April 28th** at **2pm** from Halfway Village. Local historian and includes walk through railway tunnel, not suitable for buggies or under 5's. Adults 5Euro & kids 5-16 free. All welcome.

## Irish Heart Foundation

Information evening for *Cardiac patients* at *Clayton Silver Springs Hotel* on Thursday **May 2nd** from 6.30pm-9.00pm. Booking **087/7781561**.

## Childminder Wanted

In the *Ballinhassig/Waterfall* area from September for a 13month old. Teachers hours and term time. Contact **087/9360033**.

## 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.