

Anniversaries

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Thank You

Sincere thanks to those who continue to *open, close* and *sanitise* our churches. Your continued co-operation is much appreciated.



All those who *cleaned* the churches for Easter, *Ministers of the Word & Eucharist, Choirs, Musicians, Sacristans, Flower Arrangers, Rev. John, Church Collectors*, all others who helped in any way both in church or outside with the organising of the Easter Ceremonies, all who maintain *church grounds & cut grass*.

Ballinhassig Parish Assembly for their individual and collective help with the Easter Ceremonies and their work throughout the past year.



Beannachtaí na Cásca díbh go léir

Thought for the Week
Reading without reflecting is like eating without digesting.

MASS TIMES EASTER

Holy Saturday Vigil April 16th
Ballygarvan:- 8.30pm

Dawn Mass Marian Hall at 6.15am

Easter Sunday:-
Ballyheada:- 10.00am
Goggins Hill:- 11.30am

Mass Next Week

Monday 18th:-
Ballygarvan No Mass

Tuesday 19th:-
Goggins Hill 10.00am

Thursday 21st:-
Ballyheada 10.00am

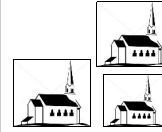
Happy Easter

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. 30 No. 26 Sunday: April 17th, 2022 (Easter Day of the Lord's Resurrection)

'Peace be with you'. 'Do not be afraid'.

"It's difficult to contemplate such a hopeful scene for the people of Ukraine this Easter as the world continues to witness the horror of death, destruction and displacement being visited on their country these past few months. Peace and prosperity seem a distant dream. It must be much easier for them to meditate on the pain of Good Friday, or on the emptiness of Holy Saturday, than on the joy and happiness of Easter morning.

And yet when the Lord appeared to his disciples after his resurrection, his opening words were 'Peace be with you'. His words meant much more than the traditional 'Shalom' greeting, for in speaking Easter peace, he also showed his friends the wounds of violence in his hands and in his side – the marks of the Crucifixion. He therefore identifies himself to them as both the Crucified, and the Risen Saviour, one acquainted with suffering; his peace is offered through the blood of the Cross." Archbishops Eamon Martin and John McDowell.

He brings the gift of 'shalom' deep heartfelt peace and encourages the frightened disciples with the words: 'Peace be with you'. 'Do not be afraid'. May we find new hope, new courage and renewed faith this Easter in a God who loves, a God who gives the ultimate gift, that of his precious Son.

A blessed, holy and happy Easter to all!



2022 Ballinhassig Parish Newsletter

Notices for inclusion should be received not later than 2.00pm on Wednesday
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Renewed Hope of Easter

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.



We will remember and pray for all those who are sick especially with the coronavirus, those who have died from the virus and their families. We also remember and pray for all others who have died since last Easter and all our loved ones gone to God. We remember and pray for all the people of the world suffering from war especially Ukraine.

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 and bottle of Holy Water** available after all Easter Masses, light the candle at dusk 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 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**.

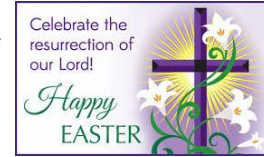
Joy of Easter

Rev. John Guirey writes....

Easter is all about the joy of the resurrection. It is a day of family joy.

There is still an unspoken fear of the unknown this Easter in many families,

but Christ's resurrection assures us that beyond those fears and suffering lies glory, beyond defeat is triumph, beyond death is life.



As Jesus conquered death and evil, he will also conquer the unseen enemy that envelopes our world. Our Faith, trust and hope in Him will carry us, and keep that joy alive. So let us hide our fears even for one day and join Christ in the joy of his resurrectionBring on the egg hunts. Bring joy to the grandparents and all others who cannot be with family and friends this Easter time.



Happy Easter to all.

Scrap Metal Collection

Ballinhassig GAA Club Scrap Metal collection from **Friday April 15th** to **Monday April 18th** at GAA Club. Large items collected. Further details Theresa **087/6579925**.

The Celtic Tenors

Presented by the **Carrigaline Singers** in Association with **The Carrigaline & District Lions Club** in **THE CARRIGALINE COURT HOTEL FRIDAY APRIL 29th**. Show starts 8.00pm. Tickets 30Euro from Hotel, Walsh's Pharmacy, Choir members or www.eventbrite.ie All welcome.

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 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.