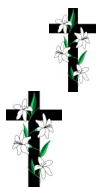


Anniversaries

Joan Corcoran, Frenches Villas.
Maureen Campbell, Rigsdale.
Sheila Foley, Ballygarvan.
Michael Foley, Ballygarvan.
Nora Harrington, Wilton.
Julia Holland, Lisfehill.
Dan Pat Cronin, Corran.
May Kelleher, Ballyheada.
John Coakley, Ballinaboy.
Mary O'Callaghan, Rigsdale.
Nora Walsh, Ballygarvan Upper.
Kate Conway, Ballygarvan Upper.
Jeremiah Conway, Ballygarvan Upper.



We Remember

Chris Hurley, Togher & McSwiney's Villas, Cork;

Eilish Dineem (née Keating) **Whitechurch & Glasheen** who died recently



We pray for their families neighbours and friends.

Thank You

Sincere thanks to **Jerry O'Sullivan** who lead the **Rosary** after Mass in **Ballyheada** on Thursdays during Lent. Also for continually organising the **Holy Hour on the First Friday.**

Readings April 7th

Acts 4:32-35.
Ps 117:2-4, 22-27, R/ v 1.
1 Jn 5:1-6. Jn 20:19-31.



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MASS TIMES EASTER

Saturday 30th:-
Holy Saturday Vigil
Ballyheada:- 7.30pm

Sunday 31st:- Easter Sunday
Ballygarvan 10.30am
Goggins Hill 12noon

Mass Next Week

Wednesday 3rd:-
Goggins Hill 9.30am

Thursday 4th:-
Ballyheada 9.30am

Friday 5th:- First Friday
Ballygarvan 9.30am
Holy Hour after Mass.

Holy Hour:-
Ballyheada 7.00pm-8.00pm

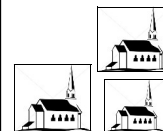
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submits....

A Prayer for Easter

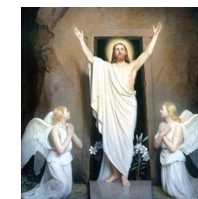
My Lord, Jesus
You have Risen to New Life!!

Give me new eyes with which to recognise
your presence in the world and in me.

Sharpen my vision so that I see beyond the
ordinary events of each day and into the
extraordinary reality of your grace.

Brighten my view of the world with renewed
Hope in the coming of your Kingdom.

Soften my gaze so that I view others with the
kind of tenderness and compassion you showed to so many.
May each day of this **Easter Season** provide glimpses of your glory,
in your sacred name, I pray. Amen.



*Christ is Risen, This Easter Morn,
Peace, Hope, Joy, and Love are born;
Glad of Heart to Him we sing
Christ our Life, Our Lord our King.*



Beannachtaí na Cásca díbh go léir

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 bottle of holy water and a candle, available after Easter Masses, light the candle at dusk on Easter Sunday or any evening to symbolise darkness into light in our own lives and that of others in our community.

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

Annual Outing May 29th:-

Breakfast:- Horse & Jockey

Followed by Trip to Kilkenny (shopping, museums etc)

Evening Meal, chat, music and dancing:

Fingrove Hotel, Mitchelstown

(Music by Ger Murphy)

Total cost 60Euro

All welcome.

Places limited, first come first served and a waiting list. Early booking essential to avoid disappointment.

Booking and details from:-

Mary O'Halloran **021 4885062**
086 3183 645



Irene Forde **086 8611 275**
(or any committee member).

Summer Time is Back This Week

Put your clocks forward one hour on this Saturday Night **March 30th**.



Scrap Metal Collection

Ballinhassig GAA scrap metal weekend from Good Friday to Easter Monday.

Please drop items in front of Club Gym.

Large items can be collected, more details contact **087 6579 925**.

Happy Easter

We wish you and your families wherever they may be a happy and Holy Easter. We especially remember all parishioners and all others who are in hospital, nursing homes, those who have nobody to pray for them, and all those suffering from war throughout the world. Easter blessings also to all in our family of parishes.

Beannachtaí na Cásca díbh go léir.

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.