

## Anniversaries

Laurence Tobin, Raheen.  
Connie Cronin, Corran.  
Ellen Ryan, Corran.  
Dan Looney, Ballygarvan.  
Catherine Galvin, Newcestown.



## We Remember

*Eddie Corrigan, Minane Bridge*  
who died during the week and  
*Tess Heffernan, Tipperary*  
who died recently.



*We pray for their families,  
neighbours and friends.*

*Those who die in grace go no further  
from us than God and God is near.*

## Fun Family Bingo

*Ballinhassig Camogie  
Club* will hold a 'Fun  
Family Bingo Night'



in the *Marian Hall* on

Saturday April 22nd at 8.00pm.

All proceeds to *Ballinhassig Tidy  
Village Association.*

## Table Quiz

*Ballygarvan GAA Club*  
will hold a 'Table Quiz'  
organised by adult players  
in *Bridgie's Bar* on Fri-



day April 21st at 8.30pm. 40Euro per  
team of 4. Prizes and spots. Great fun  
night assured, support appreciated.

**P.A.N. Centre (Parish Office)**  
closed Wednesday April 19th.

## MASS TIMES EASTER

Holy Saturday Vigil April 15th  
Ballygarvan:- 8.00pm

Dawn Mass Marian Hall at 6.00am

Easter Sunday:-

*Ballygarvan 10.00am*

*Ballyheada 10.30am*

*Goggins Hill 11.30am*

## Mass Next Week

Monday 17th:-

*Ballygarvan No Mass*

Tuesday 18th:-

*Goggins Hill No Mass*

Thursday 20th:-

*Ballyheada No Mass*

## Happy Easter

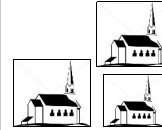
We wish you all a happy and Holy  
Easter. We especially remember all  
parishioners and all others who are in  
hospital, nursing homes, those await-  
ing test results, operations, all who  
are unwell in any way. We also re-  
member and pray for the  
bereaved and those who  
have nobody to pray 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. 25 No. 31 Sunday: April 16th, 2017 (Easter Day of the Lord's Resurrection)

*Fr. Christy  
writes...*

## EASTER MESSAGE

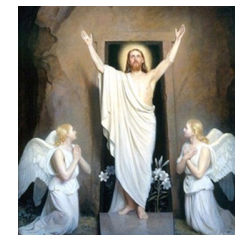
The Lord is truly Risen, alleluia, alleluia!

Hope springs eternal in the human breast. So goes the old proverb. But, it is true really, isn't it. Without something to give us hope, with out something to brighten up our days, life would be sheer darkness and drudgery.

This is what Easter means. This is really what Easter is about. He is the cause of our joy. Jesus in the giving of his life on the cross and his resurrection which followed, has literally thrown open the gates of heaven for all of us.

The days seem longer, the sun appears to shine more, and new life is sprouting all around us. God is good and he is very near. No matter what your heart feels. No matter what the hurt is, the pain and darkness – may the Lord himself fill your heart with the light of his peace. May he be the reason for you to hope and may he brighten all your days. As St. Augustine said "Restless are our hearts until they rest in you". May you truly find that fulfilling rest in the Risen Lord.

*I wish you all a very happy, blessed and prayer filled Easter!.*



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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 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**.

## GARDENING Evening

presented by:-

**Willie Grainger**



in the

**Marian Hall**

**Ballinhassig**

**Date:-**

**Tuesday April 18th**

**Time:- 7.30pm.**

The evening is *open to all* and will include:

*Talk on gardening; demonstrations; plant care; weed control and opportunity for questions.*



*Chat, cuppa & refreshments, raffle and prizes.* Fun social evening assured. **Hosted by:-**

**Ballinhassig Parish Social & Active Retirement Club.**



## Mental Health Awareness

*Ballygarvan Community Association* invite you to attend 'Community Mental Health Awareness event' in the *Old School, Ballygarvan* on Wednesday *April 26th from 7.30pm-9.00pm*. Event includes -Information and stands from a variety of support groups. Over 16's most welcome, tea/coffee and chat. All welcome.

## Clothes Recycling

*Clothes Recycling* collection in *Ballincollig Community School* on Monday *April 24th*. Clean clothes, paired shoes, handbags and bed clothes welcome.

## Thought for the Week

*We can let circumstances rule us, or we can take charge and rule our lives from within.*

## 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.