

Ballinhassig Parish

includes church areas of:-
Ballyheada, Goggins Hill
& Ballygarvan



The Mass Rock in The Glen

In a lonely mountain valley
In the hills of Donegal
Lies one of Ireland's hallowed spots
Deserted and unknown.
But few who write historic tales
Or wield the poet's pen
Can say with pride - they knelt beside
The **Mass Rock** in the Glen.



Our priests like wolves were hunted down
O God 'twas surely hard
That from the right to worship Thee
Thy children were debarred.
But still they proudly bore Thy cross
Those simple mountain men
were proud to share Thy Calvary
By the **Mass Rock** in the Glen.

No more on top of Croagh Hill
The sentinel stands guard
Our ancient foes, the foreign yoghs
Have gone to their reward.
And he who worships God in peace
May bless the fearless men
Who held the faith for Ireland
By the **Mass Rock** in the Glen.



God Bless the Glens of Ireland
Every rock and mountain pass
It was those glens that under God
Preserved for us, the Mass.
And if the day should come again
When Ireland calls for men
She will not find them wanting
By the **Mass Rock** in the Glen. *(author unknown)*

*What lies **behind** us,
and what lies **before** us
are tiny matters compared to
what lies **within** us. (Walt Emerson)*

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Mass Rock at Farlistown, Ballinhassig



MASS CELEBRATED

Monday August 12th 2019

History of Mass Rock:-

Address of Welcome:-

Opening Hymn:-

Procession of Symbols:-



Liturgy of the Word:-

A reading from the book of Numbers

The Lord spoke to Moses and said, ‘Say this to Aaron and his sons:
“This is how you are to bless the children of Israel. You shall say to them:
May the Lord bless you and keep you.
May the Lord let his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
May the Lord uncover his face to you and bring you peace.”
This is how they are to call down my name on the sons and daughters of Israel, and I will bless them.



The word of the Lord
All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

® **The Lord is my Shepherd - choir**

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans

The Spirit too comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit expressed our plea in a way that could never be put into words, and God who knows everything in our hearts knows perfectly well what he means, and that the pleas of the saints expressed by the Spirit are according to the mind of God.

We know that by turning everything to their good God co-operates with all those who love him, with all those that he has called according to his purpose. They are the ones he chose specially long ago and intended to become true images of his Son, so that his Son might be the eldest of many brothers. He called those he intended for this; those he called he justified, and with those he justified he shared his glory.

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Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia.....



Gospel:

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his Disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:

‘How happy are the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Happy the gentle; they shall have the earth for their heritage.
Happy those who mourn: they shall be comforted.
Happy are those who hunger and thirst for what is right: they shall be satisfied.
Happy the merciful: they shall have mercy shown them.
Happy the pure in heart: they shall see God.
Happy the peacemakers: they shall be called sons and daughters of God.
Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right: theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Happy are people when they abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.

The Gospel of the Lord

® **Praise to you Lord, Jesus Christ**

Prayers of Intercession:-



Post Communion Reflection:-

A Rock was a symbol used by Christ himself with St. Peter at the foundation of our Church. The Farlistown Mass Rock had been hidden away for many years. It had witnessed a time when Religious Freedom was severely suppressed. Yet at that time the “faithful” were just that, “faithful” and because of our ancestor’s perseverance and faith, they have managed to leave us this symbol, to inspire us at this time when we have been given more opportunity than our forebearers ever had, to keep loyal to the words of Christ.... **“Do this in memory of Me”**

May we by example, hand on this faith to the next generation.

Thanks

Concluding Prayer

