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Ballinhassig Parish



From Trócaire

for Ballygarvan, Ballyheada and Goggins Hill

Vol. 29 No. 24 Sunday March 28th 2021 (Palm Sunday Of The Lord's Passion)

"WHEN LOVE CONQUERS FEAR"

The joy-filled crowd strewing the road with palm to a shameful moment when many of those same people exchange the words "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" for "Crucify him" –a journey from welcome and acceptance to rejection and condemnation.

We live in a time when it could be too easy to allow our own convictions to be swallowed up by popular opinion. Even if we make mistakes, if we take personal responsibility for them, we can go some way towards making amends –we think of Peter's tears, Judas' throwing the coins on the ground and Pilate making the public statement "What I have written I have written" –in all of these, the individuals named came to an awareness that better should have been done. But if we stay lost in the crowd, too easily we can justify decisions that are unjust and unchristian. We live in a time when we are challenged to be people of personal meaningful in the lives of the world's poor. The prayer is that in our response, we will sing "hosanna" to the King rather than stand by, lost in the crowd, as injustice continues to hammer its torturous nails into the flesh and conviction and, in the best sense of the word, influencers who encourage those around us to act justly.

On this Palm Sunday, as we remember the work of Trócaire and, for that matter, all agencies who are working for the betterment of the world's most impoverished and marginalised, we are being called to make a difference. Each man, woman and child among us, is called to find our own personal voice and response. The hope is that the voice and response will both prove helpful and heavy cross of innocent people. Finding our own voice and being truly our own person is set before us today. At days' end, may we be remembered as the ones pouring the healing ointment.

THE VIA DOLOROSA

That's the name given to the 'Way of the Cross'. This week, Holy Week, we are invited to walk the 'Sorrowful Way' with Jesus. We invite you to join us live on the Ballinhassig Parish Facebook Page from Palm Sunday



until Good Friday. We are invited to join with Bishop Fintan at 9pm Holy Saturday night for the Easter Vigil at <u>www.corkcathedral.ie</u>

A Cross:- We invite you on Good Friday to place a cross near you for the Stations of the Cross at 12 noon and the Passion of the Lord at 3pm.

A Candle:- We invite you to light a candle on Holy Saturday Night at 9pm as we pray the Easter Vigil together as a diocese.

We plan to join many parishes throughout the country in lighting our Church lights in the three churches on Saturday Night and leave them lighting throughout the night to celebrate the Resurrection of the Lord. Praying also, that His Light may dispel the darkness around us and as a symbol of hope as we continue to move forward through the coronavirus together!

Candle of Easter Hope

"May the Lord fill your heart with the Light of Hope this Easter"



Ballinhassig Parish Assembly invite you to Light a Candle in Your Home on Holy Saturday evening at 9.00pm. If possible put it in a window.

Every year blessed candles and holy water are distributed after our Easter Vigil, Dawn Mass & Easter Sunday morning Mass **but that is not possible again this year** with the unprecedented times we find ourselves in.

SMALL BOTTLES OF HOLY WATER WILL BE AVAILABLE IN THE THREE CHURCHES AFTER 12NOON ON EASTER SUNDAY.

We as individuals, familes, and community groups will celebrate our Faith and Easter in a different way again this year with the closure of our churches for public worship.

Everybody in the parish and beyond irrespective of religious denomination, beliefs or none is welcome to join us and Light a Candle and the 'individual candles will then symbolise a community of inclusiveness and Hope.'



We will remember all those who are sick in our parish, diocese, and beyond especially with the coronavirus, those who have died and their families. May the new light of Easter shine in our darkness and give us **Hope** and **Strength** in the days and times ahead.

Level 5 Restriction - No Public Worship

EASTER CEREMONIES SCHEDULE 2021 Live Streamed

March 28th:- Palm Sunday Mass 11am (Have your palms ready at home and they will be blessed, no palms available in the churches)



Holy Week:

Monday-Wednesday Mass 11am

EASTER TRIDUUM

Holy Thursday:



Mass of the Lord's Supper: April 1st 7.30pm

Good Friday: April 2nd

12.00noon: Stations of the Cross3.00pm: Solemn Liturgy of Good Friday, Reading of the Passion.

Holy Saturday: - April 3rd <u>NO</u> Easter Vigil



Easter Sunday: April 4th Mass 11am

(Small bottles of Holy Water will be available in the three churches after 12noon) All above will be Live streamed on <u>Ballinhassig Parish Facebook Page</u>

SPRING CLEAN

A clean up of *Briar Hill; Rearour; Liskillea; Kilmurriheen; Ballynoe and Tulligmore* will take place on **Monday 29th at 6.30pm**. If you would like to help contact **086/8137203**.