



Please come and celebrate Easter with us in Abbeyside, Ballinroad and Garranbane.

HOLY THURSDAY

<i>Abbeyside:</i>	7.00 p.m.	Mass of the Lord's Supper
	9.30 p.m.-10.30 p.m	Holy Hour
<i>Ballinroad:</i>	7.00 p.m.	Mass of the Lord's Supper
<i>Garranbane:</i>	7.00 p.m.	Mass of the Lord's Supper

Please return your **Trocáire Box** as soon as possible.

GOOD FRIDAY

<i>Abbeyside:</i>	12.00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross
	3.00 p.m.	Passion Liturgy
<i>Ballinroad:</i>	3.00 p.m.	Passion Liturgy
<i>Garranbane:</i>	7.00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross.

HOLY SATURDAY

<i>Abbeyside:</i>	7.00 p.m.	Easter Vigil
<i>Ballinroad:</i>	7.00 p.m.	Easter Vigil

EASTER SUNDAY MASSES

<i>Abbeyside:</i>	9.30 a.m.
<i>Ballinroad:</i>	10.00 a.m.
<i>Garranbane:</i>	11.00 a.m.
<i>Abbeyside:</i>	12.00 p.m.

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Parish of Abbeyside, Ballinroad & Garranbane

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EVERY VOICE COUNTS.

Easter epitomises a fresh start for everyone.

I love to listen and learn. When you entrust me with your inner joys and sorrows, hopes and fears, something inside me melts with wonder and admiration. Wonder at the love, joy and hope expressed. Admiration at how you cope with seemingly insurmountable obstacles. I come away from each encounter, humbled, uplifted, blessed. I find in everyone, whether explicitly religious or not, the enriching Spirit of God. I'm reminded of the person who said, "I studied every religion but I'm an atheist, thank God!"

Pope Francis, like you or I, is not perfect. But I love him. He is so human, humble, open, deeply prayerful and cuts through so much red tape to get towards the heart of Jesus. Francis knows well that God speaks through everyone's experience. He invites you and I to share our most precious, personal and painful experiences of God and Church, and the golden insights gleaned. Not to compare and contrast, debate and discuss. But to share openly and vulnerably. To hear with the ears of the heart. And to pray profoundly, discerning where the Spirit of Jesus may be calling the Church to change or evolve.

It is my honour to extend, on a Parish level, Pope Francis' invitation to you. Please engage in his world-wide consultation about bread-and-butter issues affecting Church. We offer two options: **first, a simple survey**, at the centrefold of this bulletin; **second, an in-person meeting at The Park Hotel on Tuesday 3rd May at 7.30pm**. Please take part in either or both of these options.

You may understandably say this is too little, too late. Or a waste of time, let the Church die out. Like many, due both to the disclosures over the past thirty years of shocking, and sometimes criminal, double standards, and to the rapid recent decline, my confidence in Church, as in myself and in my role, has taken a severe battering. However, I have also received small, unexpected injections of hope. I have had really open, heart to heart chats with some people recently. I have been uplifted by the joy and peace they have (re) discovered in Jesus.

They say they need to know they are loved and accepted by God. They discovered the freedom and wonder of (Christian) meditation. A Higher Power helps us cope. They feel out of step in our culture, which pushes religion to the margins; and by virtue of their youthfulness, feel misfits in Church. The fact that Pope Francis is asking you and I for our experience, insights and sense of faith, is exciting and inclusive. I don't expect miracles. And if there is to be change, it will be very slow. But to be consulted, to be asked to consider and submit our spiritual instincts is a game changer. No longer, pray, pay and obey. But allow ourselves to explore, express and expand into the values and vision of Jesus.

Easter is an uprising, inner and outer. What was carried and suffered, dead and buried, now resurrected and raised up in Christ. It is 8.30pm on Monday 4th April, as I finish these few words. Thirty years to the day I was ordained a deacon in Maynooth with my thirty-one classmates, half of whom have left. Stepping out through the side door to the Parochial House yard, the dour grey clouds first thinned, then parted for a tiny patch over the Quay and Supervalu. What had been dull and dark, now fiery red or strong orange. Warming eyes and emotions, raising heart and head. Every cloud, an uplifting lining. Every voice, a value. Easter, a beginning, not an end! Please engage. Take time to respond to and return the survey, and/or come to The Park Hotel and voice your view. Let's Easter together!

Beannachtaí na Cásca



Thank You

There are so many to thank, and I'm terrified to leave someone out. So, to all who helped week in, week out, both priests and parishioners: *A thousand thanks.*

A very special thank you to everyone who helped with the Holy Week ceremonies and with the decoration of the churches for Lent and Easter. A lot of thought and effort went into it, so well done to all involved.

We welcome any visitors who are with us. We hope you enjoy your stay in the locality.

Fr. Ned Hassett

Easter Collection

The Easter Collection for the support of the Priests of the Parish will be taken up next weekend. It is the Green & White coloured envelope in your box of envelopes. Extra envelopes, for those who don't use the box, are provided at the back of the church. **We will have a 2nd collection box** in place at the entry and exit for this purpose. **Online donations** accepted also through our website abgparish.ie and clicking on the **Donations button**. **We thank you in advance for your generosity.**

Live Webcam in Abbeyside Church

Please note: if you have internet, you can watch Mass from Abbeyside Church. It can be accessed on our **parish website:** www.https://abgparish.ie . Mass can also be viewed from our **Youtube Channel:** [Abg Parish: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCM_q15eoN7Ss7DG49BMWVPA](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCM_q15eoN7Ss7DG49BMWVPA)

The Holy Places

We invite you to contribute to a collection for the support of the Holy Places in the Holy Land at all services on Good Friday. A reminder that Good Friday is of course a day of fast and abstinence.

Pope Francis' Synod

You may be interested in the following link: a homily by Cardinal Grech, the main organiser of Pope Francis' Synod on Synodality

<https://www.associationofcatholicpriests.ie/2022/03/cardinal-mario-grech-the-danger-of-keeping-silent/> .

Divine Mercy Prayers & Celebration

On Sunday, 24th April, a celebration of the Feast of the Divine Mercy will take place at 2.30pm in St. Mary's Parish Church, Dungarvan.

Easter Water

Easter water will be available for collection in all church porches from Easter Sunday.

