



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

HOLY THURSDAY

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

GOOD FRIDAY

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

HOLY SATURDAY

Abbeyside: 7.00 p.m. Easter Vigil
Ballinroad: 7.00 p.m. Easter Vigil

EASTER SUNDAY MASSES

Abbeyside: 9.30 a.m.
Ballinroad: 10.00 a.m.
Garranbane: 11.00 a.m.
Abbeyside: 12.00 p.m.

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Parish of Abbeyside, Ballinroad & Garranbane

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It is 5.20pm on Tuesday 21st March. Exactly halfway between the shortest and longest day of the year, even if it doesn't feel like it. Ring is hiding in a grey sky that reaches right down to the sea. Rain lashes my back window; Council warns of flooding due to exceptional Spring tides. My washing machine has just stopped its cycle, for the second time today with the same clothes rewashed...I had woken at 6.50am and taken a photo of the sun as it rose over Ballinacourty and naively put on a load of washing! I hung them out after Fr Colin Fives' first anniversary Mass, only for half of them to leave the line and wrestle with the soft clay and freshly cut grass on the ground. Colin would have laughed at me. To avoid a shower, I ducked into The Old Market House only to be enthralled by acclaimed artist Pauline Bewick's both stylised and earthy depiction of Brian Merriman's playful and colourful satire, The Midnight Court. By 7pm, I'm in wellingtons, waterproof pants and raincoat to witness Waterford Minors' attempt to play championship hurling against Limerick in wind and rain on waterlogged Fraher Field.

By now it's Thursday, and yesterday's news that Cartamundi's Waterford board game factory will close slowly starts to sink in. Employees soon to be out of work. Foreign banks go under. Inflation and interest rates rise. Volatile times. I've just been back to Friars'Walk for lunch. When the weather changed, I dawdled rather than tackle up for the brief bike commute to Parish Office.

Shock when I saw the Sun had suddenly burst through thick clouds and the heavy rain was like dazzling pencil-thin columns of wet light falling from above, hitting and bouncing on the concrete paving.

What had been dull, dreary and forbidding, in an instant inspired, uplifted and excited me. Easter-like, what had deadened and dragged me down now brightened and enlivened. We can't have a world without heavy rain and hardship, but with the wounded, rejected and exterminated Son of God now transfigured, transformed and glistening, we find hope erupting from within ourselves, everyone and everything as we evolve towards oneness and wonder, life and love without end. We're on our way. Happy Easter.

Fr. Ned

Thank You

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.

Easter Collection

The Easter Collection for the support of the Priests of the Parish will be taken up at Easter Masses. 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 after Holy Communion 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

Our Masses are live streamed 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](#)

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 a day of fast and abstinence.

Easter Water

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



Easter Triduum

The three 24-hour periods of the Triduum include the major feasts for all four days at the heart of the Easter celebration: the evening feast of Holy Thursday (also called Maundy Thursday), Good Friday, Holy Saturday, and Easter Sunday. The Easter Triduum memorializes the suffering, death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Holy Thursday

On Holy Thursday, the Triduum begins for Catholics with the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper, during which bells are rung. The bells will then remain silent until the Easter Vigil Mass. The altars are stripped of ornamentation, leaving only the cross. Holy Communion will be placed on the Altar of Repose.

Good Friday

On Good Friday, the day of Jesus' Crucifixion, we read the Passion, ritually unveil and venerate the cross and distribute Holy Communion. We also pray the Stations of the Cross.

Holy Saturday

On Holy Saturday, we hold an Easter vigil service, which represents the faithful awaiting the resurrection of Jesus Christ after his burial. This service includes a ceremony of light and darkness, in which a paschal candle is lit to represent the resurrection of Christ. The Easter Vigil is considered the pinnacle of the Easter Triduum.

Easter Sunday

Easter Sunday marks the end of the Triduum and the beginning of the seven-week Easter season that will end with Pentecost Sunday. Easter Sunday is a joyous celebration of resurrection and rebirth of Jesus and mankind.