



EASTER in IRELAND

- In Ireland we celebrate Easter at the end of 6 weeks of LENT
- We celebrate with an EASTER TRIDIUM (3 days of religious services) Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday/Easter Sunday
 - HOLY THURSDAY- we remember the feast of The Last Supper, where Jesus washed the feet of the apostles and at a Mass the priest washes the feet of 12 men from the congregation



- GOOD FRIDAY- We Remember Story of the last hours of JESUS' Life and we pray the stations of the cross, each step of Jesus' last hours.

○ HOLY SATURDAY-



We light an Easter fire outside the church on Holy Saturday night. In Christian tradition, the **Easter fire** starts with the lighting of a **Paschal** candle, usually by a Priest or Pastor, to **symbolize** the Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Symbols of Easter

The Easter bunny and chicks are used as symbols for new life.

At Easter children receive Easter eggs, a recent tradition sees the Easter bunny deliver these eggs secretly on Easter Sunday morning.



Egg hunts are very common, where children go around gardens following trails looking for eggs. Sometimes the eggs are fake and sometimes they are chocolate.



In our homes sometimes we put up Easter decorations, or hang egg decorations on trees.

