

# Parish Newsletter



**Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
26th February 2017.**

**No 1589**

**Matthew:6: 24-34**



**“And the Lord said “ I have seen the sorrow of my people, I have heard their cry to be free”.**

Pain is the most universal of human experiences. All of us experience pain at some level of our being. It may be physical or spiritual, mental or emotional. It may be caused by illness of some sort or trauma of some kind. All of us experience pain.

Perhaps you are afflicted by illness at this moment in time, addiction, depression or have suffered the grief of bereavement. Maybe you carry a burden from the past, perhaps today you are coping with unemployment, the prospect of emigration or financial pressure.

This year here in the Parish, we would like to offer you the opportunity to join with us in uniting your pain with the pain of others as we offer it to the Lord and pray for His healing in our lives.

During the season of Lent the pain of Jesus comes sharply into focus. In Holy Week we will follow His steps as He walks the way of the Cross. The Risen Christ on Easter Sunday reminds us that pain and death never have the last word. If Christ can claim victory over death itself, then He can claim victory over our pain no matter how deep it is or how long we have carried it for.

## **What is the Garment of Pain?**

The Garment of Pain is a simple way of drawing together the experience of pain of many people in a way that we may support one another in prayer.



## **How does it work?**

Over the period of Lent we will invite you to place a piece of material - roughly the size of the template on the **Back Page** of this newsletter - in the

baskets provided in the churches. The cloth represents whatever your particular pain in life happens to be. During Lent we will remember in all our Masses the intentions of those who have placed their cloth in the baskets. During the final days of Lent the pieces of cloth will be sewn together to form one big Patchwork Quilt.

During the Mass of the Last Supper on Holy Thursday we will place the cloth on the altar to symbolically unite our suffering with the offering of Christ in the Mass. On Good Friday the cloth will be draped over the cross in the church which is the focus of our prayer that day, it will also be used during the Easter Vigil.

## ***“Christ pierces the darkness of all human suffering”***

As Scripture says ‘*when you approach the suffering of others take off your shoes because the ground on which you are standing is holy ground*’.

The Easter fire which we light on Holy Saturday to begin our celebration of the Easter Vigil reminds us that Christ pierces the darkness of all human suffering through the light of His Resurrection. On this night we will place our cloth in the Easter fire as a sign of trust in Christ who is the light in our darkness.

**So how do I take part?** Choose a piece of cloth to represent your pain in life whatever it may be. During Lent your intention will be remembered at all Masses. Perhaps you might like to join us for Mass on one of the days and to pray for those who have placed cloth in the basket.

## ***A Prayer for Lent***

*Lord Jesus Christ,  
how often you gazed on your people and took pity on them.  
Look with mercy on me and all who  
carry pain in their lives.*

*May this season of Lent be a turning  
point in our lives  
that we may begin to live the joy and  
peace for which we are created.*

*Mary, our Mother,  
walk this Lenten road with us.  
That with you, we may experience  
in our hearts the joy of the Risen Christ.     **Amen***

## PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION

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### PARISH TEAM

**FR. LIAM MORGAN** Sallins Road 087 1337879

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### SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN PARISH REPRESENTATIVES

**Naas:** Andrew Fagan and Geraldine Faherty

**Sallins:** Keith Murphy

**Two Mile House:** Mary Valentine

They can be contacted through the Parish Office, Sallins Road, Naas. Phone 045 879730.

*"Thus should one regard us, as servants of Christ." Are you being called to serve the Lord and others in the priesthood?  
contact: Fr. Ruairi O'Domhnaill. Email  
[vocations@kandle.ie](mailto:vocations@kandle.ie): [www.kandlepriest.com](http://www.kandlepriest.com)*

### FEAST AND MEMORIAL DAYS FOR THE COMING WEEK:

**Wednesday 1st March: Ash Wednesday  
Day of Fast and Abstinence**

**"THOSE WHO DIE IN GRACE GO BUT TO GOD  
AND GOD IS VERY NEAR"**

#### Naas:

Mary Connery, Cherry Grove

William Denny, Morell Close

Millie McEvoy, Osberstown Stud

#### Sallins:

Peter Mulhall, St Brigid's Terrace

**MAY THEY REST IN PEACE**

### NAAS PARISH NEWS

**PARISH MISSION STATEMENT** - *'The Catholic Parish of Naas, in Communion with Christ and with one another and guided by the teaching of the Second Vatican Council, endeavours to welcome, serve and nourish the whole community.'*



## MASS TIMES

### CHURCH OF OUR LADY AND ST. DAVID , SALLINS ROAD

**WEEKDAYS:** Mon-Fri 7.30am and 10am , Sat 10am

### CHURCH OF THE IRISH MARTYRS, BALLYCANE

**SUNDAYS:** Sat Vigil 6pm Sun 9am, 11am and 6pm

**WEEKDAYS:** Mon, Wed and Fri 7.30pm

**SUNDAYS:** Sat Vigil 7.30pm Sun 10.30am, 12noon

### CHURCH OF OUR LADY AND THE GUARDIAN ANGELS, SALLINS

**WEEKDAYS:** Tuesday and FRIDAY 10am

**SUNDAYS:** Sat Vigil 6.30pm Sun 10am and 12noon

### CHURCH OF ST. PETER, TWO MILE HOUSE

**WEEKDAYS:** Friday 7pm

**SUNDAYS:** 11am

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

### CHURCH OF OUR LADY AND ST. DAVID , SALLINS ROAD

Every First Friday before and after the 10am Mass  
Every Saturday after the 10am Mass.

### Mass Times; Ash Wednesday 1st March:

Our Lady and St David: 7.30am and 10am

Irish Martyr's: 7.30pm

**The Lenten Station Collection in support of the priests will take place at all Masses next weekend 4th and 5th March.**

**Preparation for Easter** You are invited to join with Sr. Peggy for Scripture Reflection on the Tuesday Mornings of Lent after 10am Mass in the Parochial House, commencing on Tuesday coming 28th February, **Please note venue** (next to Parish Office, blue door). **Lent is a time to take stock and reflect, to enter more deeply into the life, death and resurrection of Jesus.**

### First Friday 3rd March 2017:

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** in the Church of Our Lady and St David, Sallins Road, after the 10am Mass until 4pm.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation** in the Church of Our Lady and St David on Thursday after 10am Mass and Friday, 9.30am-10am and after 10am Mass.

**Coeliac Hosts** We would like to remind you that low gluten hosts are available for distribution at every Mass in all Churches. If you need to receive a low gluten host, come forward to the sanctuary at Communion time.

**Marian Movement Cenacle** meets every month in the Church of Our Lady and St David, Sallins Road, after 10am Mass. Next meeting is on Saturday coming, 4th March. All welcome.

### **Eucharistic Adoration**

Monday and Tuesday 10am to 7pm.

Wednesday 10am to 7pm and from after the 7.30pm evening Mass until 9.30pm.

Thursday 10am to 7pm.

Friday 10am to 7pm.

**If you could give a commitment to spending One Hour with the Lord**, please speak with Anne Begley or you can phone John Murphy at 086 8563773 or Maureen Long at 087 2077044.

**Car Park Change of Code; Please Note** With effect from Wednesday coming 1st March the present **'Barrier Code'** will **No** longer be operative. The Church Car Park is for the sole use of Parishioners attending Mass, Funerals and all other Church Services.

**Naas Tidy Towns Needs Your Help;** Do you live on either the Dublin Road or Newbridge Road? Would you be free to help out for an hour a week during the day to litter pick on either of the above. If interested please ring Ann on 086 3988084.

**Naas Tidy Towns is Looking for a 'LockUp' in the Town.** Would you know of a suitable lockup in the town where the Tidy Towns could store their equipment??? If so phone Bill at 087 9424488 or Vourneen at 086 8138821.

**Mothers Prayers** at the Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane on Wednesdays at 8.15pm

**Naas Musical Society** presents **'Some like it Hot'** from Saturday coming 4th March to Friday 10th, nightly at 8pm, in the Moat Theatre, with a special family show on Sunday 5th at 6.30pm. For tickets phone the Moat at 883030. Concessions for Senior Citizens on Tuesday 7th.

**St. Mary's College** Annual Transition Year Musical **'Anything Goes'** takes place from Wednesday 8th to Saturday 11th March. Tickets on sale from the school from tomorrow Monday 27th at lunchtimes **only** or on the door on the night.

**Vincent de Paul Naas; helpline number 045 897306.**

### **SALLINS NOTICE**

**The Lenten Station collection in support of the priests will take place at all Masses next weekend 4th and 5th March.**

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** on Tuesday coming, 28th February from 10.30am to 11am.



**Ash Wednesday, there will be Mass at 10am on Wednesday coming 1st March.**

**Confessions** available in Sallins Church every Thursday from 2pm to 4pm.

**Vincent de Paul Helpline number is 085 7052294.**

### **TWO MILE HOUSE PARISH NEWS**

**Weekday morning Mass resumes tomorrow Monday 27th February at 9.15am.**

**Weekday Masses for Lent:** Monday to Thursday at 9.15am and Friday Evening at 7pm as usual.

### **GENERAL NOTICES**

#### **Parish Finances:**

Sallins: Baskets:	€ 745	Envelopes:	€ 395
Naas: Offertory:	€3,720	Development	€3,980
Two Mile House:	€ 675		

**Naas Parish Lotto Draw: €2,750 that's the Jackpot in the Next Draw on Wednesday coming 1st March.** There was **No Winner**, of the Jackpot on Wednesday 22nd February: **Numbers drawn were :11 — 28—27—8.**

**Naas Parish Bingo** takes place every Tuesday night at 8.30pm sharp in the Care of the Aged Centre, Newbridge Road, with **BIGGER** Prizes and Jackpot. All welcome.

#### **Sports Lottery Results:**

Naas: 16/2 (2-9-8-13), No winner, Jackpot €5,200

Sallins: 20/2 (22-23-26) No winner, Jackpot €2,650

**Trócaire Lenten Campaign 2017** highlights the injustice faced by many in the developing world who have to cope with drought and increasing temperatures because of climate change **Trócaire Boxes are now available in the Church Porches or from the Parish Offices. Please take one for your home or workplace. In donating to Trócaire you're not just giving, you're joining the fight for justice.**

**Public Talk on Suicide Prevention** (over 18's only) takes place on Thursday coming 2nd March at 7.30pm, on the 1st floor Vista Primary Care, Naas. This talk will be of interest to the general public, including parents, educational and healthcare professionals, who want to learn how to effectively intervene and help anyone who may be struggling with suicidal feelings. Talk presented by Ken Hannaway. **Free Admission**

**Thank you** to all who supported the Scoil Bhride Church street Collection last weekend. "Your generosity is very much appreciated."

# LENT 2017..... AN INVITATION TO JOIN US!

**Garment of Pain** please see the front page of the Newsletter. (An invitation from Naas Parish Liturgy Group)

**Morning Mass** Monday to Friday in the Church of Our Lady and St. David at 7.30am and 10am.

**Evening Mass** Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday in the Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane at 7.30pm.

**On Friday Evenings** Mass in the Church of the Irish Martyr's Ballycane, will be celebrated by **candlelight** followed by a half hour period of **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**.



**Scripture Reflection** with Sr. Peggy will take place on Tuesday Mornings during Lent, after the 10am Mass in the Parochial House, **please note the venue**, (next to the parish office).

**Coffee Morning** each Wednesday after the 10am Mass in the Parochial House, (**please note the venue**) beginning on Wednesday 8th March.



**Stations of the Cross** each Friday during Lent at 2.15pm in the Church of Our Lady and St. David, Sallins Road and will be led by the Legion of Mary.



**Parishioners may like to join in with us on the Parish Radio.**

**For the Children of Our Parish:** On Sundays of Lent during the 10.30am Mass in the church of the Irish Martyr's Ballycane, the children will participate in a child friendly look at the Gospel through storytelling, singing, art, with a lot fun promised!



***Lent a time to take stock and reflect, to enter more deeply into the life, death and resurrection of Jesus.  
We hope you can join us for some of the above activities. Lent is about what you do!***

Please cut along the outer dotted line as the template for your piece of material to be used in the Garment of pain.