

Parish Newsletter

**Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of The Universe
20th November 2016**

No 1576

Luke 23: 35-43



THE FEAST OF CHRIST UNIVERSAL KING

If history did not tell the story, who would believe that - nearly 2,000 years after an obscure Galilean peasant, who gained some local notoriety as a wandering preacher and healer, and was executed by the Romans who were very touchy about any perceived threat to their imperial domination - there would not be a single nation

in the world where this obscure peasant was not worshipped and acclaimed as a king, a king whose kingdom shall never end, and who by his power holds the universe together? Fantastic, isn't it! Where in this world can one go and not discover somewhere a group of people who confess Jesus as Lord and King? In countries rich and poor, large and small, with repressive or democratic governments, the church which Christ has gathered into one body, and of which he is the head, is present and growing.

While this weekend we celebrate Christ's 'Kingship,' we must also acknowledge what lay at the heart of the kingdom he set about building. It is a kingdom centred on his commandment that '*we love God and love one another as he has loved us*'. In his kingdom, as depicted on Holy Thursday night 'the master' is the one who washes the feet of the disciple.

AND BISHOP DENIS WILL BE WITH US

Following on from an initiative of the newly formed **Naas Parish Pastoral Council**, **Bishop Denis Nulty has accepted an invitation** to offer a 'Mass of Thanksgiving' in the **Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane at 7:30pm on Wednesday 30th November** to which all are welcome. In this Mass – which itself is a prayer of thanksgiving – we take the opportunity to **Thank all those involved in lay-ministry** in so many and varied ways in our parish. Some serve our parish in very visible ways- perhaps as a Reader or Eucharistic Minister, Lotto Ticket Promoter, Cantor or Church Collector. Then others serve behind the scenes, Cleaning and Decorating our Churches, Collection Counter, attending meetings, visiting the Sick, Co-ordinating Rotas etc.

On this evening we say a **"Thank You"** to all who Minister among us... who take to heart the Lord's command that we serve each other.

"May Christ the King continue to bless your service among us".

Inaugural Kildare & Leighlin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2017 led by Bishop Denis Nulty.



Next year 2017, a unique opportunity is being put before us, to travel as a Diocese on pilgrimage with Bishop Denis Nulty as our leader and spiritual guide. The pilgrimage takes place on 16th July for 5 nights at a cost of €719 per person sharing. Booking Forms are available from the Parish Office, Sallins Road. You can also contact the Pilgrimage Leader, Rita Fanning on 087 6535112.

The Pilgrimage is being organised in conjunction with Joe Walsh Tours and there will be a dedicated assisted section for sick pilgrims who may wish to travel.

PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION

PRIEST ON DUTY: 085 708 8407

PARISH WEBSITE: www.naasparish.ie

NAAS AND SALLINS PARISH OFFICE Tel 879730 Fax 894287

Opening Hours: Monday to Friday 10am to 5pm

Naas email naasparishoffice@gmail.com

Sallins email sallinsparishoffice@gmail.com

SACRISTY OUR LADY AND ST DAVID: Tel 856925

BALLYCANE OFFICE AND SACRISTY : Tel 895629

Opening Hours: Monday to Friday 10am to 1pm

PARISH TEAM

FR. LIAM MORGAN Sallins Road 087 1337879

FR. JOE O'NEILL Sundays Well 876197

FR MICHAEL FLATTERY SALLINS ROAD 089 4985973

FR ALEX KOCHATT LAKELANDS 888599

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SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN PARISH REPRESENTATIVES

Naas: Andrew Fagan and Geraldine Faherty

Two Mile House: Anita Comer Julian

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

MASS TIMES

CHURCH OF OUR LADY AND ST. DAVID , SALLINS ROAD

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

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

CHURCH OF THE IRISH MARTYRS, BALLYCANE

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

FEAST AND MEMORIAL DAYS FOR THE COMING WEEK:

Monday 21st: Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Tuesday 22nd: St Cecilia, virgin and martyr

Wednesday 23rd: St Columban, abbot and missionary

Thursday 24th: St Andrew Dung-Lac, priest and companions, martyrs.

Friday 25th: St Catherine of Alexandra, virgin and martyr

THOSE WHO DIE IN GRACE GO BUT TO GOD

AND GOD IS VERY NEAR"

Naas:

Sheena Walsh, Kingsfurze Avenue

Jane Dunne, Hazelmere



MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

RECENT BAPTISMS

Naas:

Will Osborne, Craddockstown Road

Thomas Frederick Lacey, Pipers Hill

Will Henry Kelly, Sallins Park

Mark James Diamat, Roseville



Ally May Algar, Castlesize Grove

James Ryan Blake, Racecourse Gate

Jack Antione McKenna, Oldtown Villas

Liam Eoghan Keogh, Ashgrove Avenue

Lucy Fiona Howell, Sallins Bridge

James Michael Tully, Lakelands

Samuel Thomas Tracey, Kilcullen

Sienna Alexandra Lunny, Johnstown

For those requesting the Sacrament of Baptism two weeks notice is required. Further details of Baptisms in Naas, Sallins and Two Mile House Parish at www.naasparish.ie/sacraments/baptism.



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.'*

Advent Station Collection in support of the Priests of the Parish will take place at all Masses next weekend, 26th/27th November.

Winter Closing Time for safety and security reasons during the Winter it is necessary to close the Church of Our Lady and St David, Sallins Road at **4pm**.

To-day, Sunday marks **'World Remembrance Day for Road Crash Victims'** and it provides us with an opportunity as road users to reflect on the loss of loved ones, the suffering of families and others bereaved by someone killed on our roads. Please, before you take to the roads, remember, a crash can happen in a second, but the memories, hurt and pain will live with you forever. **"Drive carefully"**

Advent Preparation for Christmas: You are invited to pray and study the Advent Sunday readings on each Tuesday during Advent, commencing on Tuesday coming 22nd November after 10am Mass in the room at the back of the Church of Our Lady and St. David.

Christmas Mass Bouquet Cards are now available from the Parish Offices.

Divine Mercy Prayer Group takes place immediately after 7.30pm Mass in the Irish Martyrs Church, Ballycane on Wednesday coming, 23rd November.

Naas Community Men's Shed 25 Card Drive takes place every Wednesday night at 8pm in the Shed at Rathasker Road. New members welcome.

Naas Toastmasters Club next meeting on Wednesday coming 23rd at 8pm in The Town House Hotel. Guests and new members always welcome. (Naastostmasters.com)

Naas Flower and Garden Club are holding their *Annual Charity Gala Evening* in support of St. Brigid's Hospice (The Curragh) on Thursday coming 24th November at 7.45pm in St Mary's College, Sallins Road. Demonstration by Christine Hughes titled *"The most wonderful time of the year"*. Crafts and Christmas Gift ideas will be on sale on the evening. Tickets €15 to include supper and are available at the door on the night or from any member of the club.

Book Launch 'Nás na Ríogh' - 'Reflections & Recollections'. A new book on the history of Naas written by local historian, Larry Breen will be launched by well known historian Liam Kenny on Thursday coming 24th Nov at 7.30pm in the Chamber of the Town Hall, Main St. All welcome.

Table Quiz organised by St Mary's College Naas Past Pupils Union takes place in McCormack's Pub, on Thursday coming 24th Nov at 8.30pm. All monies generated will go to school funding.

Table Quiz organised by St Mary's College Parents Association on Friday coming 25th November at 8pm in Naas GAA Club. Tickets available from the school and now also available in Barker and Jones.

Songs of Praise Concert: Ballycane Church Choir are presenting a 'Songs of Praise Concert' at

Ballycane Church on Sunday coming 27th November from 6.30pm to 8pm. Admission is free. The concert will consist of hymns and songs we love to sing throughout the year, all welcome to come and enjoy!

SALLINS NOTICE

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Tuesday coming, 22nd November from 10.30am to 11am.

Advent Station Collection in support of the Priests of the Parish will take place at all Masses next weekend, 26th/27th November.

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

Cake Sale and Monster Raffle in support of the **Senior Citizens Annual Christmas Party**, takes place **to-day**, Sunday 20th November after 10am and 12noon Masses. Donations of baked goods would be much appreciated. If you would like to bake a cake or goodies, you can leave them into the Community Centre from 9am.

TWO MILE HOUSE PARISH NEWS

Weekday morning Mass at 9.15am, Monday to Thursday, at St Peter's Church.

Two Mile House National School is now taking names for enrolment for September 2017. Please contact the office at 045 871200 for more details.

GENERAL NOTICES

Parish Finances:

Sallins: Baskets: € 805 Envelopes: € 510
Naas: Offertory: €3,620 Development €3,575
Two Mile House: € 745

Sports Lottery Results:

Naas: 10/11 (15-19-21-24), No winner, Jackpot €3,100
Sallins: 14/11 (7-33-40) No winner. Jackpot €6,400

Kerdiffstown House (SVDP) Christmas Fair at Kerdiffstown House, Johnstown (next to Johnstown Garden Centre) takes place **to-day** Sunday 20th November from 12noon to 5pm with free parking and free admission and will include Santa's Grotto.

Peter McVerry Trust Christmas Party night in aid of the Trusts' Homeless Services in the Kildare area will take place on Thursday 1st December in the Killashee House Hotel. Tickets including dinner, drinks reception and lots of entertainment, with Mundy, Kathy Nugent and many more. Join us for a great night in support of the homeless. Tickets available from eventbrite.ie

Naas Parish Lotto Draw

€4,750 that's the Jackpot in the Next Draw on Wednesday coming 23rd November. There was no winner of the Jackpot on Wednesday last, 16th November. **Numbers drawn were : 13—15—26—3.**

The Priests of the Parish would like to sincerely thank all those who worked so hard to sell tickets in these very difficult economic times and we hope people will continue to support us into the future. After another very successful year, our Parish Lotto continues into 2017 commencing on Wednesday, 14th December 2016. If you think you could even sell a couple of tickets, on a weekly basis, to your friends, family or neighbours please contact the Parish Office, Sallins Road, or the draw Office at the Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane, or from the Promoter in your area. Further information can be had from the Draw Secretary on 086 1635994.

Tickets cost €2 each, or an Annual Membership costing €90. You can also pay by Standing Order where €8 per month will be deducted from your bank account. For further Information you contact either of the Parish Offices or the Draw Secretary.

Tickets can also be purchased from the following outlets:- Menswear, Londis, Nolans Butchers, Barker & Jones, Stationery Store, Veritas, The Soda Bread Shop, Gouldings Hardware and Swans on the Green. Remember you can join the Lotto anytime.

If you would like to join the Parish Lotto Draw or renew your Annual Subscription please complete your details below and return it to any of the Priests, The Parish Office Sallins Road or Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane.

If you're not in you can't win!!

Name: _____

Address: _____

Contact Number: _____ Mobile: _____

Email: _____

Please choose four numbers between 1 and 28 (inclusive) and write them in the boxes →

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Trócaire Remembrance Mass to mark the Month of the Holy Souls, and we would like to remember the people who are no longer with us today, who are part of the Trócaire family - (these include supporters, donors, people from the communities we work with, staff, partners, family members and friends here in Ireland and overseas). We invite you to join us tomorrow Monday 21st November at 7pm in St Joseph's Oratory, St Patrick's College, Maynooth. Celebrant: Father Gearóid Dullea. Refreshments will be served RSVP Grace Kelly by e-mail to grace.kelly@trocaire.org or phone 01-629 3333.

Christmas Fair at McAuley Place selling art, crafts, jewellery and a range of handmade gifts on Saturday and Sunday coming 26th/27th Nov from 10am to 5pm. **Santa Claus will arrive on Sunday 27th at 12noon**, and "he wants all the girls and boys to come and see him and give him your letters". **Free admission.**



Sound Seekers is a charity that partners with hospitals, schools and communities to ensure a positive and long-term impact on the lives of people who are deaf or hard of hearing in the developing world. Their Vision is to see a world where none is disadvantaged by deafness. **Specsavers Hearcare** has partnered with this charity to help raise awareness and collect any old unwanted hearing aids that people may have at home. They could make a big difference to a child or adult in need. Also any financial donation would be greatly appreciated. Call into Specsavers in Naas or Newbridge any time to donate. Thanking you so much in advance.

Chair Yoga Classes takes place every Monday at Ballycane Parish centre from 3.15pm to 4.15pm Phone Katherine 085 1196555 or just come along.

Tommy Fleming in concert in association with Newbridge Parish Lourdes Fund in Cill Mhuire Church, Ballymany, Newbridge on Friday 2nd December at 8pm. Tickets on sale from Newbridge Parish Centre at 045 431121 or the Kiosk, Main Street, Newbridge.