

Parish Newsletter



**Second Sunday Of Easter
23rd April 2017.**

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John 20: 19-31



Divine Mercy – The Power To Forgive

This weekend we hear the words of St John as he describes the Risen Christ' appearance to the frightened disciples in that upper room. He offered them words of peace and encouragement and finally gave them the power to forgive sins. On this Divine Mercy Sunday, we celebrate God's great gift of mercy towards us... and as his forgiven children, our obligation to offer that same forgiveness to those who have hurt us.

When Leonardo da Vinci was painting his masterpiece, "The Last Supper," we are told that he had a quarrel with one of his companions. In revenge for the wrong he had received, he painted his companion's portrait as Judas in his great picture. After he had done this, his work was complete except for the face of our blessed Lord. It was da Vinci's

ambition to paint the noblest and most perfect portrait of Christ that had ever been put on canvas; but try as he did, he could not succeed. In the meantime, his conscience was working, and at last he took his brush and painted out his companion's portrait and forgave him his wrong. That night in his dreams da Vinci saw a splendourous vision of Christ which thousands have gazed at in wonder ever since.

What we desperately need to see of Christ is not finally some uplifting photograph of what his physical features looked like, but what his actions are like as he literally goes about living his very life in and through the lives of others. We are his disciples called to forgive; didn't Jesus die on the cross to wipe away our sins...

By "not forgiving" others, we are denying what "forgiveness" is all about according to God and the Bible. To say "I can forgive, but I can't forget" is only another way of saying "I cannot forgive." It is said that when the American Indians made peace, they buried hatchets in the ground, but they always left a part of the handle sticking out - just in case.

This kind of forgiveness we are challenged to become involved in will only be possible if we allow His word to live within us... "Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me." (Galatians 2:20) "

So how do we forgive... *the writer Norman Vincent Peale recommended a number of possible steps:*

- a. Repeat the Lord's Prayer, inserting your offender's name, "Forgive me my trespasses, as I forgive ..."
- b. Practice praying for the other person, asking a specific blessing for him.
- c. Speak to others in a kindly manner about the person.
- d. Write a letter of good will, even if you don't post it. Put it on paper.
- e. Study the reasons why the trouble came up and correct your part of the fault. Ask, "Is there any reason why people should get mad at me?"
- f. Pray God to help you make a permanent change in your attitude.

**The Feast of the Divine Mercy will be celebrated in the Church of Our Lady and St. David,
Sallins Road, To-day Sunday.**

Confessions at 1.30pm; Holy Hour at 2pm; followed by Mass at 3pm.

PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION

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PARISH TEAM

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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.

Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained." Is God calling you to be an instrument of God's mercy to others as a priest, "contact: Fr. Ruairi O'Domhnaill. Email vocations@kandle.ie:

FEAST AND MEMORIAL DAYS FOR THE COMING WEEK:

Tuesday 25th: St Mark, Evangelist

Thursday 27th: St Asicus, bishop

Saturday 29th: St Catherine of Siena, virgin and doctor

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

Naas:

Edward (Eddie) Maher, Devoy Terrace

Sallins:

Carmel Coffey, Halverstown



MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.

RECENT BAPTISMS

Naas:

Kyle Luke Bernard Parletti, The Paddocks.

Aleksander Julian Udala, Cleevaun.

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.

Conor Maituí McCabe, Pipers Hill.

Elsie Jacq, Gleann na Riogh Drive.

Tomás John O'Connor, Oldtown.

Evelyn Rose Shorten, The Willows

Sallins:

Christian McKiverigan, Sallins Park.

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.'*

Divine Mercy Prayer Group takes place immediately after 7.30pm Mass in the Irish Martyrs Church, Ballycane, on Wednesday coming 26th. All welcome

Coffee Morning resumes Wednesday coming 26th April after the 10am Mass in the Parochial House, (please note the venue). All welcome.

Arthritis Ireland Kildare Branch are hosting a talk on 'Osteoarthritis and Osteoporosis' tomorrow Monday 24th at 7.30pm in McAuley Place. Guest Speaker Clare Mullarkey, Physiotherapist. Admission is free

Naas Active Retirement Association Members only meeting on Wednesday coming 26th at 2pm in Naas Community Centre.

Naas Flower and Garden Club next meeting on Thursday coming 27th April at 7.45pm in Naas Care of the Aged Centre, Newbridge Road. (Beside Fire Station). There will be a Demonstration by Maeve Dukes. Guests and new members welcome.

Clothing Collection supporting the Friends of Calcutta, takes place on Wednesday coming 26th, at Ballycane Church Car Park. Items can be dropped off up **3pm sharp**. All enquiries to Michael at 087 9073074.

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

Parish Office is now open on Saturday from **10am to 1pm** to facilitate with Mass Cards, **only**.

Vincent de Paul Naas; helpline number 045 897306.

SALLINS NOTICE

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Tuesday coming, 25th April from 10.30am to 11am.

Clothing Collection supporting the Friends of Calcutta, takes place on Wednesday coming 26th, at the Church Car Park. Items can be dropped off up to **1pm sharp**. Enquiries phone 087 9073074.

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

Vincent de Paul Guardian Angels Conference, Sallins; As First holy Communion approaches there will be added expenses on families, Vincent de Paul can assist in total confidence. Please phone our **Helpline number 085 7052294**.

Sallins 43rd Annual Pilgrimage to Lourdes in conjunction with the Diocesan Pilgrimage, from 16th to 23rd July..... 7 nights full board in Hotel Jeanne D'Arc. Cost €819, deposit €200 required at time of booking. For bookings phone Rita Fanning on 086 0834807 or 087 6535112. Spiritual Director Fr. Alex.



TWO MILE HOUSE PARISH NEWS

Clothing Collection supporting the Friends of Calcutta, takes place on Wednesday coming 26th, at the Church Car Park. Items will be collected up to **6pm sharp**. All enquiries to Michael at 087 9073074

GENERAL NOTICES

Sports Lottery Results:

Naas: 13/4 (11-14-17-19), No winner, Jackpot €1,150

Novena Mass in Honour of Our Lady Of Perpetual Help in Clane Parish Church for four Monday Nights starting on Monday 1st May at 7.30pm. You are welcome to join us in prayer each evening.

Naas CBS Parents Association Annual Bake Sale to-day Sunday 23rd April, before and after all Masses at the Church of the Irish Martyrs in Ballycane. All donations of Baked Goods to sell will be greatly appreciated, committee members will be onsite from early Sunday morning to take in your delicious baked items. Please support.

St. Padre Pio's Glove will be at Malone's home, Shindella, Rathangan, Co. Kildare, on Sunday 30th April from 11.30am to 5.30pm. For any information phone Betty at 045 525094. Everyone welcome.

Church Street Collection in support of Family Carers Ireland takes place next weekend Sat/Sun 29th/30th April, to raise funds that will assist in providing much needed supports and services to Family Carers within the community.

Concert; Raising Voices and Raising Notes in Aid of the Jack and Jill Foundation on Friday 5th May at the 'Belfrey' Toughers, Newhall, Naas. Concert starts at 8pm sharp, doors open at 7.15pm. The Line-up includes Johnny Peters, Joni Harms and The Big C Choir MC on the night Liam Kett. Tickets €15 from the Parish office, Sallins Rd. Naas.

Trip To The Flicks!! Saturday 6th May at 11am. A free talk in Naas Library with Mario Corrigan and James Durney. Memories of going to the cinema in Co. Kildare. Do you remember your first visit to the cinema or do you have fond memories of visits to the "picture house" when you were a child? Come and share those memories with us as we take a casual stroll down memory lane through some of Kildare's classic cinemas. Book now on 045 879111 or email naaslib@kildarecoco.ie

County Kildare Leader Partnership are holding an information evening on the call for Expressions of Interest for Enterprise Development and Renewable Energy, on Tuesday 2nd May at 8pm in Co. Kildare Leader Partnership Office, Limerick Road, Naas.

Baby and Toddler Class with music and dance for 6 months to 4year olds takes place in the meeting rooms at Ballycane Church on Tuesdays from 10am to 10.45am. For more details or to book your place phone Sandra at 087-6996110.

Tea Dance in Clane GAA on Sunday 30th April at 3pm in aid of Cambodia Volunteer Project. Live music, raffle, refreshments. For tickets contact Catherine on 087 9008554.

Naas Parish Lotto Draw

€2,500 that's the Jackpot in the Next Draw on Wednesday coming 26th April.

There was **No Winner**, of the Jackpot on Wednesday last 19th April.

Numbers drawn were : 3—25—1—27.

Four Lucky Dip Winners of €100 each: Bridget Costello, Ms Aldridge, John Kehoe, Mary Foran.

We have increased our "Lucky Dip" prizes to €100, if the Jackpot is not won.

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, 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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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. Parish Lotto Tickets also on Sale every Tuesday night at Bingo.

Inaugural Kildare & Leighlin Diocesan Pilgrimage To Lourdes, led by Bishop Denis Nulty.



This is a unique opportunity to travel as a Diocese on pilgrimage with Bishop Denis Nulty as our leader and spiritual guide. It will be a time when, as a Diocese, we can come together with our Bishop and with people drawn from every Parish. The Pilgrimage takes place on 16th July for 5 nights at a cost of €719 per person sharing, a €200 deposit required at time of booking. Full board in Hotel Jeanne D'Arc. The pilgrimage is being organised in conjunction with Joe Walsh Tours. Booking Forms now available from the Parish Office, Sallins Road.

Hidden – But Still Among Us!! Would you like to Volunteer in the 'Guild of St. Philip'?? Prisoners are easy to forget, locked in institutions, they seem to disappear from society's sight, but prisoners still belong to society that incarnates them. Most will eventually be released and the experience they have in prison will greatly affect their ability to adjust to life 'outside' as law abiding citizens. That experience can be influences for the better through the action of concerned, informed citizens. If you wish to be involved please text 086 0462405 or email judy.p@hotmail.com The organisation is now recruiting volunteers.

Date for your Diary: 10th Anniversary Golf Classic, on Friday 26th May at Craddockstown Golf Club.



If you would like to participate as a team on the day, sponsor a Tee Box or prizes for the Golf Competition or Raffle, please contact the Parish Office on 045 879730.