



**“Do
You
Believe
This?”**

In our Gospel lesson we find a family experiencing a crisis. Lazarus and his sisters, Martha and Mary, were close personal friends of Jesus. Jesus spent time in their home. They had shared many enjoyable evenings together. When Jesus heard that Lazarus was ill, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." By the time Jesus finally made his way to the home of Martha and Mary, their brother was already dead.

Our Gospel lesson is more than just a story about a family in crisis. It is about the crisis of the world that at time promotes sin and death rather than mercy and hope. The purpose of today's Gospel story is to reveal Jesus as the Resurrection and the Life. Before going to Lazarus Jesus speaks with Martha who accepted him as the Resurrection and the Life. Moments later Jesus – who is facing his own mortality - raises Lazarus from the dead.

As we prepare to celebrate the greatest event in the history of the human race – the Resurrection of Jesus Christ — Jesus gives hope to all of us — not just the hope that there is life after death, but also a hope that there is life after life. What do I mean by that? Everyone needs hope. We need hope that our life matters today, but we also need hope that there is more to life than this life tomorrow. To put it simply, everybody wants to know that they matter. We want to know that our life makes a difference here on earth and hopefully that somehow life continues after our journey on earth is over.

In other words, every human being on this planet longs for significance and security. Nobody knows that better than the God who made us and that is exactly why He sent His son, Jesus Christ.

Jesus made the following six statements never repeated anywhere else in the Bible. In those statements, He explains to us two very crucial things – Who He Is and Who we can become.

They are known as the "I am" statements.

"I am the resurrection and the life"

"I am the good shepherd"

"I am the bread of life"

"I am the door"

"I am the vine"

"I am the Light of the world"

Living in a world very much in need of hope, Jesus turns to us. He asks us the same question he asked Martha... "Do you believe this?"

World Meeting of Families comes to Ireland from 21st to 26th August 2018

when families from all over the world will gather in Dublin to celebrate their lives together. Planning for this national and international celebration of faith is well underway and the hosting of this important event requires an

SACRISTY OUR LADY AND ST DAVID: Tel 856925

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Opening Hours: Monday to Friday 10am to 1pm

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.

"Did I not assure you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?" Do you believe Christ may be calling you to see the glory of the Blessed Trinity through a vocation to the priesthood? contact:

Fr. Ruairi O'Domhnail or Email: vocations@kandle.ie:

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

Sallins:

John Behan, St Brigid's Terrace



MAY HE REST IN PEACE

RECENT BAPTISMS

Naas:

Tom Patrick Nolan, Caragh Green

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.

Róisín Mairead Malone, The Paddocks

Poppy May Mason, Kings Court



Two Mile House:

Austin Declan Canice Brady, Stephenstown Court

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.

Don't Forget! Chrism Mass 2017 You are warmly invited to join with Bishop Denis for the annual celebration of the **Chrism Mass** in the Cathedral, Carlow on Monday, 10th April at 7.30pm followed by a cuppa in Carlow College. Please come early to be sure of a seat! Parking available in Carlow College; entrance opposite Court House on the Old Dublin Road. See kandle.ie for map.



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

Friday. It will also be used during the Easter vigil.

Stations of the Cross continues on Friday coming at 2.15pm in Our Lady and St David's Church.

On Friday Evening coming, the 7.30pm Mass in the Church of the Irish Martyrs Mass will be celebrated by candlelight followed by a half hour period of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

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

Naas Local History Group "Naas Revisited" talk by Stan Hickey, with film footage of Naas taken 50 years ago, will be held in the Town House Hotel on Monday 3rd April at 8pm. All Welcome

Naas Wednesday Active Retirement Assoc, members only meeting, on Wednesday coming, 5th April at 2pm in Naas Community Centre.

Coffee Morning each Wednesday after the 10am Mass in the Parochial House, **please note venue**.

Naas Thursday Active Retirement Assoc meeting Thursday coming, 6th April at 2.30pm in Ballycane Church Meeting Rooms. New members welcome

Hazelmere Residents Association Meeting takes place on Thursday coming, 6th April at 8.15pm in Meeting Room No 1 at Ballycane Church.

Vincent de Paul Naas helpline 045 897306.

SALLINS NOTICE

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Tuesday coming, 4th April from 10.30am to 11am.

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

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 booking contact: Pádraig Fanning 088 222 2222

St Vincent de Paul, Sallins Helpline 085 7052294.

TWO MILE HOUSE PARISH NEWS

Weekday morning Mass, Monday to Thursday, at 9.15am and Friday evening at 7pm.

Two Mile House Parish Liturgy Group are inviting young people to volunteer with some of the ceremonies during Holy Week and Easter. Parents are invited to nominate Teenagers and Young Adults by getting in touch with Gerard Gallagher on 086 2347220 or leave a message in the Sacristy.

GENERAL NOTICES

Parish Finances:

Sallins: Baskets: € 605 Envelopes: € 500

Naas: Offertory: € 2,765 Development €3,505

Two Mile House: € 540

Naas Parish Lotto Draw:

€4,000 that's the Jackpot on Wednesday coming, 5th April. There was **No Winner** on Wednesday last, 30th March.

Numbers drawn were: 4 - 10 - 17 - 9

Sports Lottery Results:

Naas: 23/3 (3-16-17-26) No winner Jackpot €5,950

Sallins: 27/3 (15-20-36) No winner, Jackpot €3,400

Celebrating Family at Knock Shrine – Preparation for WMOF2018.

Join us at Knock Shrine for a Family Day of Faith, Inspiration and Sharing on Saturday 8th April in the Rest and Care Centre from 11am with Mass at 3pm celebrated by Archbishop Diarmuid Martin. *Activities and workshops will be provided for children (5 years and over) and young people attending.* For more information phone 094 93 88100; email: faithrenewal@knockshrine.ie

Naas No Name Club: No Name Clubs are run by and for young people aged 15 -18 years, who come together in a safe and lively environments where

NAAS PARISH CHURCH: 7.30pm – Mass of the Lord's Supper
BALLYCANE: 7.30pm – Mass of the Lord's Supper
SALLINS: 7.30pm – Mass of the Lord's Supper
TWO-MILE HOUSE: 7.30pm – Mass of the Lord's Supper

ADORATION: Following the 7.30pm Mass in the Church of Our Lady and St David, Sallins Road, and in the Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane, there will be quiet prayer / adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, ending with night prayer at 10.00pm.

Good Friday 14th April

MORNING PRAYER: 10am in the Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane.

NAAS PARISH CHURCH: 3pm – Liturgy of the Lord's Passion
 7pm – Stations of the Cross
BALLYCANE CHURCH: 5pm – Liturgy of the Lord's Passion
 9pm – Ecumenical Prayer around the Cross
SALLINS CHURCH: 3pm – Liturgy of the Lord's Passion
 7.30pm – Stations of the Cross
TWO-MILE HOUSE: 3pm – Liturgy of the Lord's Passion
 7.30pm – Stations of the Cross

ECUMENICAL PRAYER: 8pm - Prayer in St. David's Church of Ireland
 9pm - Prayer around the Cross Service, Ballycane

Holy Saturday 15th April

MORNING PRAYER: 10am in the Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane.

CONFESSIONS: 10am to 1.00pm in the Church of Our Lady and St. David, Sallins Road.

BLESSING EASTER FOOD: 4:30pm in the Church of Our Lady and St. David, Sallins Road for the Polish Community.

NAAS PARISH CHURCH: 9pm - Easter Vigil
BALLYCANE: 9pm - Easter Vigil
SALLINS: 9pm - Easter Vigil
TWO-MILE HOUSE: 9pm - Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday 16th April

NAAS PARISH CHURCH: 9am and 11am