

Parish Newsletter



**Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday 8th October 2017.**

No 1621

Matthew 21: 33-43

Solemn Novena To Our Lady Of Perpetual Help In The Church Of Our Lady And St David.

What Is The Story Behind The Image Of Our Lady Of Perpetual Help?

The image of Our Lady of Perpetual Help which is standing in the sanctuary for the duration of our Novena, is an icon, painted on wood, and seems to have originated around the thirteenth century. Traditionally, the image is also known as "Our Lady of Perpetual Succour." The icon (about 54 x 41.5 centimeters) depicts our Blessed Mother Mary, under the title "Mother of God," holding the Child Jesus. The Archangels Michael and Gabriel, hovering in the upper corners, hold the instruments of the Passion— St. Michael (in the left corner) holds the spear, the wine-soaked sponge, and the crown of thorns and St. Gabriel (in the right corner) holds the cross and the nails. The intent of the artist was to portray the Child Jesus contemplating the vision of His future Passion. The anguish He feels is shown by the loss of one of His sandals. Nevertheless, the icon also conveys the triumph of Christ over sin and death, symbolised by the golden background (a sign of the glory of the resurrection) and the manner in which the angels hold the instruments, i.e. like trophies gathered up from Calvary on Easter morning.



In a very beautiful way, the Child Jesus grasps the hand of the Blessed Mother. He seeks comfort from His mother, as He sees the instruments of His passion. The position of Mary's hands— both holding the Child Jesus (who seems like a small adult) and presenting Him to us – convey the reality of Our Lord's incarnation, that He is true God who became also true man. In iconography, Mary here is represented as the *Hodigitria*, the one who guides us to the Redeemer. She also is our Help, who intercedes on our behalf with her Son. The star painted on Mary's Veil, centered on her forehead, highlights her role in the plan of salvation as both the Mother of God and our Mother.

According to popular tradition, a merchant acquired the icon of Our Lady of Perpetual Help from the island of Crete and had it shipped to Rome towards the end of the fifteenth century. During the voyage, a terrible storm arose, threatening the lives of all on ship. The passengers and crew prayed to our Blessed Mother and were saved.

Once in Rome, the merchant, dying, ordered that the image should be displayed for public veneration. His friend, who retained the image, received further instructions: in a dream to his little daughter, the Blessed Mother appeared and expressed the desire for the image to be venerated in a Church between the Basilicas of St. Mary Major and St. John Lateran in Rome. The image, consequently, was housed at the Church of St. Matthew, and became known as "The Madonna of Saint Matthew." Pilgrims flocked to the church for the next three hundred years and great graces were bestowed upon the faithful.

After Napoleon's troops destroyed the Church of St. Matthew in 1812 the image was transferred to the Church of St. Mary in Posterula and remained there for nearly forty years. There, the image was neglected and forgotten.

By divine providence, the forgotten image was rediscovered. In 1866, Blessed Pope Pius IX entrusted the Image to the Redemptorists, who had just built the Church of St. Alphonsus down the street from St. Mary Major. As a boy the Holy Father had prayed before the image in the Church of St. Matthew. He ordered the public display and veneration of the image and fixed the feast of Our Lady of Perpetual Help as the Sunday before the Feast of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist. In 1867, when the image was being carried in a solemn procession through the streets, a young child was cured, the first of many recorded miracles attributed to Our Lady of Perpetual Help.

(Rosary Recited before Mass) You are welcome to join us in Prayer.

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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 the 10am Mass

Every Saturday after the 10am Mass.

New Safeguarding Policy recently updated is now displayed in all our Church Porches.

"This is the Lord's doing and it is amazing in our eyes." Being chosen to serve as a priest life is an amazing work of the Lord. Ask the Holy Spirit and our Blessed Mother to help you recognise and be faithful to your vocation. Are you being called to be a priest? *Contact: Fr. Ruairi O'Domhnaill. Email vocations@kandle.ie: www.kandlepriest.com*

FEAST AND MEMORIAL DAYS FOR THE COMING WEEK:

Wednesday 11th: St Canice, abbot

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

Naas:

Eileen Murphy, Ashgrove Avenue

Peter Lawlor, Newbridge Road

Kevin Hallahan, Morell Manor

Sallins:

Michael Freany, Shortwood, Sallins

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.

RECENT BAPTISMS

Naas:

Aoife Maura Brennan , Ard Na Laoi

Sarah Kate Brennan, Ard Na Laoi



Donnacha Martin James Dowling, Hunterswood

Jessica Iris Cullen, Oldbridge Station

Caleb Gary Cowin, Oldbridge Station

Cian James McKinlay, Sallins Wharf

Odhrán Pádraig Harmon, Canada



NAAS PARISH NEWS

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT - 'Naas Catholic Parish 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.'

Please note the email address for Naas Parish has now changed to office@naasparish.net.

Apostolic Work Society next meeting takes place on Tuesday coming 10th October at 7pm in the Community Centre, Sallins Road. New members welcome.

Mothers Prayers continue each Wednesday at the Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane, at 8.15pm.

Final Reminder on Friday coming 13th October is the 100th Anniversary of the last Apparition of Our Lady of Fatima. Please recite one decade of the Rosary at 12noon offering it for vacations to the Priesthood. Thank you. St. Joseph's Young Priest's Society.



Mass Change: Please note there will be **No 7.30pm Evening Mass in the Church of the Irish Martyr's, Ballycane during the coming week Monday Wednesday/ Friday, 9th/ 11th/ 13th October. Novena taking place in OLSD.**

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.

Altar Servers Club; If you are interested or curious about becoming an Altar Server, join Deacon Fergal and Hilda Campbell (Pastoral Assistant) on Friday coming 13th October from 4pm to 4.45pm in the room at the back of the Church, for 'Fun, Friendship and Faith'. Full information and Registration Form on our website, naasaltarservers.weebly.com or phone 089 403 7570.



Naas Active Retirement Association members only, meeting on Wednesday coming 11th October at 2pm in Naas Community Centre.

Naas Toastmasters Club next meeting Wednesday coming 11th October at 8pm in the Town House Hotel. Guests and new members most welcome.

SALLINS NOTICE

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Tuesday coming 10th October from 10.30 to 11am.

Confessions every Thursday from 2m to 4pm.

TWO MILE HOUSE

Weekday Morning Mass Monday to Friday at 9.15am as usual.

Mass Change: Please note there will be **No 7pm Mass in St. Peters Church, Two Mile House on Friday evening 13th October.**

GENERAL NOTICES

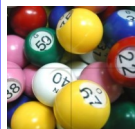
Parish Finances:

Sallins: Baskets: € 695 Envelopes: €470
Naas: Offertory: €3,330 Development €3,705
Two Mile House: € 745

Sports Lottery Results:

Naas: 28/9 (8-10-19-28) No winner, Jackpot €4,750.
Sallins: 2/10 (2-13-39) No winner, Jackpot €1,750.

Naas Parish Bingo continues every Tuesday night at 8.30pm, sharp in the Care of the Aged Centre, Newbridge Road, with Bigger Prizes and Jackpot. **Parish Lotto tickets also on Sale on the night. Lotto Jackpot €8,500**



Padre Pio's Glove will be the home of Kitty Reade, 44 Bishop Rogan Park, Kilcullen, **to-day Sunday 8th October** from 12 noon to 4pm. All are welcome.

National Day of Prayer for Children An Invitation to bring children and teenagers to represent your school, parish or youth group to a celebration in Cathedral of the Assumption, Carlow on Friday coming 13th October at 12noon, led by Bishop Denis. More details on www.kandle.ie

A Sincere Thank You from the Irish Cancer Society to all who collected and contributed to the recent Church Street collection which raised €1,232.06 at OLSD, €1,342.64 at Irish Martyr's, €350 in TMH and €487.26 in Sallins.

Team Hope Annual Shoebox Appeal Now it's that time of year again!! *"If you would like to give a little joy and love to a needy child this Christmas"* you can do so by donating a shoebox. Final date for



receipt of boxes will be **Friday 10th November**. You can leave your box/s into the Parish Offices Sallins Road or Ballycane, Axa Insurance Office, Dublin Road of Healy Exhauats, Monread Road. Last year thanks to your generosity 254,218 vulnerable children in 14 countries received an Irish shoebox gift through 'Team Hope Shoebox Appeal'.

Nuture presents Anam Girls Choir, Naas Gospel Choir and Catríona Conboy Singer/songwriter in concert on Saturday 14th October at 7.30pm in McAuley Place. Tickets available from Jam Music.

Bereaved? Need to Talk? Want to Talk?

Qualified counsellors are available every Thursday Night in the Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane from 8pm to 9.30pm. For further information phone 045 895629 or 086 8554852. This is a free, confidential and non denominational service.

CLOSING PRAYER FOR OUR FORTHCOMING NOVENA

*All powerful and merciful Lord
You gave us the picture of the Mother of your Son
to Venerate under the title of
Our mother of Perpetual Help
Graciously grant that in all the difficulties
of our lives we may be assisted by the
continuous protection of the Virgin Mary
and obtain the reward of eternal redemption.
You who live and reign forever and ever. Amen.*

Live Streaming of our forthcoming Novena at the Church of Our Lady and St. David will be broadcast live to the internet on www.nasparish.ie

‘YOU RAISE ME UP’

An EVENING OF SACRED , SPIRITUAL AND INSPIRATIONAL MUSIC WITH CELINE BYRNE AND GUESTS

Dearbhla Brosnan—Piano and Violinist and the Millicent Singers conducted by Alan Kelly. A wonderful evening of music is promised.

**Concert will take place on Saturday 21st October at 8pm in the
Church of Our Lady and St. David, Sallins Road.**

Tickets €15, now on sale from the Parish Office Sallins Road 045 879730 and Ballycane Office 045 895629. Also from Veritas and Barker & Jones.



You Could Win €8,500

on Wednesday coming, 11th October in Naas Parish Lotto Draw Simply Buy A €2 Ticket And It Could Be You

There was no winner of the Jackpot on Wednesday last, 4th October numbers drawn 16-19-14-28. Four Lucky Dip winners of €100 each: Mary McCormack, Margaret & Bosco Cowley, Marie Purtill, Ann Cully

Tickets are available from the Parish Office on the Sallins Road, or in The Church of the Irish Martyrs Ballycane . Lotto Envelopes are also available in the Church Porches, simply complete and drop it into the Parish office before the weekly draw.

Tickets can also be purchased from:- Menswear, Londis, Nolans Butchers, Barker & Jones, Stationery Store, Veritas, The Soda Bread Shop, Gouldings Hardware, Swans on the Green. Supervalu. Soda Bread Shop, Gouldings Hardware, Swans on the Green. Supervalu.

Remember you can join the Lotto anytime. *If you're not in you can't win!*

Name: _____

Address: _____

Contact Number: _____ Mobile: _____

Email: _____

Please choose four numbers between 1 and 28



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Jobseekers: Your Local Employment Service offers a free service to job seekers who are unemployed and in receipt of a social welfare payment, people finishing a CE scheme, people returning to the workforce. Training courses and employment initiatives are available. Interview skills and CV preparation. Phone Naas office on 895555 or Newbridge 435666 for more information.

Grow Community Mental Health Movement will start a new ‘GROW’ Support Group on Monday 16th October in the Kare Centre, Old School House, Dublin Road, Clane. For more details contact Leo on 086 8033124.

‘Would you like to volunteer, to help children improve their reading? County Kildare Leader Partnership is organising training for a programme called ‘Better Basics’ where volunteers support children in primary schools to improve their reading. Training will take place on Tuesday 17th October in County Kildare Leader Partnership offices, Naas. More information registration for the training, contact Áine at aine@countykildarelp.ie or 086 041 4223.

Thought For The Week:

Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them
and give thanks to the Lord.

