

Parish Newsletter



**Second Sunday of Lent
12th March 2017.**

No 1591

Matthew: 17: 1-9



LIVING IN THE TRANSFIGURATION, BEGINNING RIGHT NOW

The Christian Vocation is a "participation in the Divine Nature." We are being transfigured in Christ. This transfiguration will only be complete when the entire person, including the body, is fully redeemed and transformed. The effects of the transfiguration involve the entire created order; it too will finally be reconstituted in Jesus Christ and handed back to the Father. The followers of Jesus, the Transfigured One, now walk in His Way and are being transformed into His likeness.

The Beloved Disciple John in his first Letter to the early Churches, encouraged them to persevere and live differently by referring to the event that occurred on that Mountain.

"See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God. Yet so we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed.

We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. Everyone who has this hope based on him makes himself pure, as he is pure." (1 John 3)

The Lord Jesus has shown us the way up the mountain. He has invited us into a new way of living in Him through living within the communion of the Church. Living in that Church we are invited to go into the world and invite all men and women, through the waters of Baptism, into the new communion of love where they can begin the process of conversion and transfiguration.

As we reflect on the Transfiguration of Jesus on this Second Sunday of Lent, let us enter more deeply into the mystery by living in the Transfiguration now. It truly is good for us to be here.

Let us draw encouragement from the account of the Transfiguration of Jesus Christ and respond to the invitations of grace in our daily lives in order to grow more fully into the Image and likeness of Jesus Christ our Saviour and Lord revealing His Transfigured glory to a world waiting to be born anew. Our Lenten observance is an invitation into an ongoing transformation in Jesus Christ.

Please Note There will be **No** Stations of the Cross taking place on Friday coming 17th (St Patrick's Day). Stations resume on Friday 24th at the later time of 3.15pm (Confirmation in Our Lady and St David's).

St Patrick's Day Masses: 16th/17th March 2017

Our Lady & St David:	Thursday :	6pm (Vigil)
	Friday:	9am (Bilingual) and 11am (4th Kildare Scouts Group will be participating in the 9am Mass)
Irish Martyrs:	Thursday :	7.30pm (Vigil)
	Friday:	10.30am and 12noon.
Sallins:	Thursday:	6.30pm (Vigil)
	Friday:	10am and 12noon.
Two Mile House:	Friday:	11am.

There will be **No Evening Mass** on St Patrick's Day, 17th March, in either Our Lady and St David's Church or the Irish Martyrs Church, Ballycane.

PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION

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PARISH TEAM

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DN. FERGA O'NEILL Parish Deacon 086 3816133

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.

"God has called us with a holy calling... according to His own purpose and grace." If you think God is offering you the grace of a vocation to the, call? If you are considering a vocation to the priesthood contact: Fr. Ruairi O'Domhnaill. Email vocations@kandle.ie: www.kandlepriest.com

FEAST AND MEMORIAL DAYS FOR THE COMING WEEK:

Friday 17th: Saint Patrick, Principal Saint of Ireland

Christ be beside me: Christ be before me:

Christ be above me never to part.

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

Naas:

Anne (Annie) O'Brien, Patrician Avenue

Kathleen Mullins, St Martins Avenue

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Trócaire Boxes are now available in the Church Porches or from the Parish Offices.

***In donating to Trócaire you're not just giving,
you're joining the fight for justice.***

RECENT BAPTISMS

Naas:

Daragh Michael James Sheehan, Lakelands

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.

Indy Clara-Mai Proctor, Mountain View

Lochlann Finan, Dublin

Sallins:

Áine Kate Valentine, The View, Sallins Park

Aoibheann Siobhán Lynch, Sallins Pier

Wiktor Sulkowski, Hunterswood

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.*

Scripture Reflection with Sr. Peggy continues on Tuesday mornings during Lent, after the 10am Mass in the Parochial House. **Please note the venue** (blue door next to the parish office).

Coffee Morning each Wednesday after the 10am Mass in the Parochial House, **(please note the venue)** (blue door next to the parish office).

Deadline: Items for the Parish Newsletter relating to the weekend of 19th March, is 12noon on Tuesday coming 14th March.



St Joseph's Young Priests Society next meeting takes place tomorrow, Monday 13th March at 8pm in the Parish Centre at the Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane. Adoration from 8pm to 9.30pm.

Apostolic Work Society next meeting takes place on Tuesday coming 14th March at 7pm in the Community Centre, Sallins Road. New members always welcome.

St Pio Prayer Group next meeting on Wednesday coming 15th March at 7.10pm at the Church of The Irish Martyrs, Ballycane. All most welcome.

Daffodils for the Church: We would greatly appreciate donations of Daffodils to enhance our Altar for St Patrick's Day. If you could leave them in the Sanctuary area in the buckets provided on or before Thursday coming we would be most grateful.

Plainspeakers Toastmasters next meeting tomorrow Monday 13th at 8pm in Naas Town Hall. Guests are always welcome to come along and find out what Toastmasters is all about. Visit our website on www.plainspeakers.com.

Daffodil Day: Local Volunteers needed to collect at Eurospar, Tesco Dublin Road and Tesco Monread, on Daffodil Day, Friday 24th March. Collectors are needed from 10am to 10pm, if you could spare even one hour, it would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Kay Callaghan on 086 3827979. *'The Irish Cancer Society needs your support'.*

SALLINS NOTICE

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Tuesday coming, 14th March from 10.30am to 11am.

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

Parent and Toddler Group meet each Monday from 10am to 12noon in Sallins Community Centre. Come along with your little ones and meet other parents. €2 per family including refreshments.

Thank You from the Disabled Drivers Association for the proceeds of a recent Church Street collection which raised €274.23.

'Sallins Celtic Soccer Club' is embarking on a major fundraiser in conjunction with 'Lip Sync Battles Ireland' in the Westgrove Hotel in Clane on Saturday, 1st April at 8pm (doors open at 7pm). This fun evening is taking the country by storm and seems to be the new 'Strictly Come Dancing'! Tickets from 087 9256729.

TWO MILE HOUSE PARISH NEWS

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

Annual Pilgrimage to St Patrick's Well on Friday 17th March, weather permitting and by kind permission. The pilgrimage will take place at Killashee House Hotel, after the 11am Mass in St. Peter's Church..... heavy footwear is advised.

Irish Guide Dogs for the Blind Annual Church collection takes place at the 11am Mass on Sunday coming 19th March.

GENERAL NOTICES

.Parish Finances:

Sallins: Baskets:	€ 675	Envelopes:	€ 295
Naas: Offertory:	€3,190	Development	€3,155
Two Mile House:	€ 580		

Naas Parish Lotto Draw:

€3,250 that's the Jackpot on Wednesday coming, 15th March. There was **No Winner** of the Jackpot on Wednesday last, 8th March:

Numbers drawn were : 7— 11—14—25.

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: 02/3 (3-5-17-19), No winner, Jackpot €5,500

Sallins: 06/3 (14-18-40) No winner, Jackpot €2,950

Naas UTD: 06/3 (11-14-23-23) No winner, Jackpot €3,000

Irish Guide Dogs for the Blind Annual Church Street Collection takes place at all Masses in Naas and Sallins on Saturday/Sunday 18th/19th March. Your continued support will be appreciated by all visually impaired people and families of children with Autism

Information Sessions on the call for Expressions of Interest for the new LEADER-Rural Development Programme takes place on Tuesday coming 14th March at 8pm in the County Kildare Leader Partnership Office, Jigginstown Commercial Centre, Newbridge Road.

The Naas Easter Parade will be taking place this Easter Sunday, 16th April. If you are interested in participating contact Deborah Callaghan by email: organisers@naaseasterparade.com or phone Deborah on 087 9256729.

Easter Charity Concert with Fr. Liam Lawton: IT Tallaght in association with the Children's Educational Development Fund Charity presents Liam Lawton in concert with special guests, Darren Holden 'High Kings' Star with St. Jude The Apostle Children's Choir at Mount Argus Church Dublin on Thursday April 6th. All proceeds going to the CEDF School's Programme in Uganda. Tickets from the Naas Parish Office or online at www.eventbrite.ie

CELEBRATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA

The International Centennial Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima will visit our Parish tomorrow Monday 13th March. The statue will arrive at the Church of Our Lady and St. David before the 10am Mass and will remain there for the duration of Mass and depart shortly afterwards. All are welcome to come and spend some time in prayer **'Let us respond to Our Lady's call for prayer and Reparation to restore holiness in family life'**.

On 11th January 2017, Pope Francis blessed six statues of the Immaculate Heart of Mary and conferred upon them the title of "International Centennial Pilgrim Image of Our Lady of Fatima." Each of these pilgrim images have since been sent from the Eternal City to a continent, where their pilgrimage will be focused. As the Pilgrim statue for Europe tours Ireland, don't miss this golden opportunity to have yourself, family, friends and parish consecrated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.



This year marks the 100th anniversary since Our Lady first appeared in Fatima, Portugal on 13th May 1917. The apparitions continued once until 13th Oct 1917. The Vatican has confirmed that the Holy Father Pope Francis will travel to Fatima to mark the centenary of the apparitions.

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

Additional Evening Masses: For the duration of Lent, in the Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane Mass will be celebrated on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evenings at 7.30pm.

Also on Friday Evenings Mass in the Church of the Irish Martyr's Ballycane at 7.30pm will be celebrated by candlelight followed by a half hour period of **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**.

The Little Blessings Children's Liturgy Group: On each Sunday of Lent during the 10.30am Mass in the Church of the Irish Martyr's, Ballycane, the children will be invited to participate in a child friendly look at the Gospel.

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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 - 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 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 which is the focus of our prayer that day. It will also be used during the Easter Vigil.

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