

Parish Newsletter



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Easter Sunday

16th April 2017.

John: 20: 1-9



The Garden: All Things New

I want to tell you the story, on this Easter Sunday, of two gardens. With apologies to Charles Dickens, let me say that the first garden started as the best of gardens and became the worst of gardens. The second was, for a little while, the worst of gardens, but it became the best of gardens. And so it is, to this very day.

The first garden is the place known as the Garden of Eden. It was a perfect place. Those who lived there had everything they needed, every beauty, every dream. It was the best of gardens. Still today its name symbolises all that is wonderful. But through human selfishness and ego, it became the worst of places. Or at any rate, the worst of decisions were made there, so that the place of perfection became the doorway to tragedy.

The second garden was outside the City of Jerusalem. At first sight, it appears to be the worst of places, for it was the place of death. You see, a wealthy man, Joseph of Arimathea, had a burial ground there. It was physically beautiful, mind you, and there was a tranquillity there, but it was the tranquillity of death. It is the Garden where they buried Jesus of Nazareth late one Friday afternoon... this morning we are reminded of Mary of Magdala who rushed one morning to that place to visit again the man who had turned around her life, for a second time he turned her life around as he called 'Mary.'

So this morning let us go together to a garden. Not necessarily in Jerusalem, but any garden: the yard in front of the church will do, or the grass by your home or apartment. Indeed, if you want, you can even go to a car park; the grass and trees are not the measure, now. And ponder, where you stand, that once there was a lovely garden that self-will and hell made ugly, and then there was a garden of death that God transformed into the eternal garden of life. And as you think of someone you love, who has gone through the portals of death, pause to see the Son of God. He dances in victory at the place called death. The battle has been won. Thanks be to God, and Amen!

Divine Mercy Sunday 23rd April.

The Feast of the Divine Mercy will be celebrated in the Church of Our Lady and St David, Sallins Road on Sunday next, 23rd April.

Confession: 1.30pm to 2.45pm

Holy Hour: 2pm with Benediction at 2.45pm

Mass: 3pm commencing with the Chaplet of The Divine Mercy and the Solemn Blessing of Image of the Divine Mercy. Public Veneration of the Image will take place after Mass.

All personal images of Divine Mercy brought to the Church on this day will be blessed.

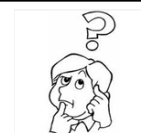


Easter Weekday Masses for Naas, Sallins and Two Mile House:

From Monday 17th April to Saturday 22nd April, inclusive, there will be
10am Mass Only at the Church of Our Lady and St David, Sallins Road, Naas.

Thought for the Week:

The resurrection gives my life meaning and direction
and the opportunity to start over no matter what my circumstances.



*The Lord is risen, it is true!" Through baptism
He calls us to proclaim new life to the world. Pray for those
who herald the Good News as priests, brothers and sisters
contact: Fr. Ruairi O' Domhnaill. Email
vocations@kandle.ie: www.kandlepriest.com*

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

Two Mile House:

Lorcan Fitzharris, Mullacash Middle.



Sallins:

Elizabeth Murphy, Carlow, formerly St. Brigid's Terrace

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.

RECENT BAPTISMS

Naas:

Harry James Curran, Newbridge Road.

Jack Gerard McCormack, Willow Grove.

Ann Mai McEllin, Willouise.

Cara Eve Murphy, Landen Park.

Sarah Bríd Power, Aylmer Park.

Rory David Moore, Morell Dale.

Caleb Steven Giblin, Woodland Park.

Olivia Rose Kate McDermott, Oldbridge Station.



Two Mile House:

Aoibhín Louise O'Connor, Stephens Lawns.

Padraig Brennan, Kilcullen.

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.'*

Easter Collection in support of the Priests of the Parish takes place at all Masses this weekend.

Couples in Christ: The 6pm Mass on Saturday 22nd April will be led by members of the Philippino Community from our Parish. The celebrant of the Mass will be Bishop Denis Nulty. During the Mass there will be an emphasis on the 'Vocation of Marriage'. If you are celebrating a significant Wedding Anniversary throughout the year and would like to receive a blessing from Bishop Denis please leave your names into the Parish Office. All are welcome to join us.

Alliance of the Two Hearts Family Healing Retreat led by Fr. Bing, takes place at the Glenroyal Hotel, Maynooth on Sat/Sun 22nd/23rd April. More details phone Marian at 086 3564365.

Catholic Grandparents Association are hosting the First Annual Retreat/Conference on Wed/Thur 26th/27th April at the Dominican Retreat Centre, Tallaght Village. For more details ph 098 24877.

Naas Thursday Active Retirement Association at the 2nd meeting which took place on 6th April in Ballycane, the decision was taken to postpone the formation of this group. Our sincere thanks to everyone involved in this effort. If it is decided to try again notices will be placed in Newsletter and Leinster Leader. For further clarification phone 087 2392613 (Mary).

Naas CBS parents assoc Annual Bake Sale on 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.

SALLINS PARISH NEWS

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

Sallins St Vincent de Paul shop are having a customer event on Thursday coming 20th April starting at 10am at the Waterways, on sale will be brand new clothes, shoes handbags and bric a brac all at great value prices.

Come join the 23rd Kildare Sallins Scouts Group 'Water Day Out' on Saturday 22nd April there will be numerous water activities (building of a monkey bridge) across the canal in Sallins.

GENERAL NOTICES

Parish Finances:

Sallins: Baskets: €635 Envelopes: € 470

Naas: Offertory: €4,135 Dev Fund: €4,030

Two Mile House: €711

Sports Lottery Results:

Naas: 06/4 (3- 4- 9-17, One winner Jackpot €1,000

Sallins: 10/4 (5 -20 -22), No winner Jackpot €3,700

Naas Parish Lotto:

There was **No Winner** in this week's Parish Lotto. The numbers drawn were **22-21-27-23**. Next draw on Wednesday 19th April. **Jackpot €2,250**.