Parish Wewsletter

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LAETERE SUNDAY

Today is the 4th Sunday of Lent, and as the Liturgical tradition holds - it is rather unique, as evidenced by the rose-colored vestment. Like the 3rd Sunday of Advent ('Gaudete Sunday'), the 4th Sunday of Lent is a break in an otherwise penitential season and it marks the halfway in our Lenten preparation for Easter. The 4th Sunday of Lent customarily is called "Laetare Sunday," meaning 'Rejoice.' Today the Church rejoices in joyful anticipation of the Easter mystery.

Just as last week there was a dominant image of 'water' that tied the Scripture Readings together, this week we have the image of 'light and sight' that does the same, 'giving us joy in our heart.' The central theme of today's readings is that God makes everything new, in and through Jesus Christ. We are children of the light, Baptised into the glory that is Christ. We are initiated into the life of Christ who is the light of the world.

The Gospel Reading from St. John presents to us 'Jesus as the light of the world.' We have today the marvelous story about the cure of a man born blind. Once the blind man is cured, he is able to see Jesus as his Lord, something the religious leaders were unable to do. Light and darkness, sight and blindness are the contrasting images in the Scripture Readings of this Sunday. The central message is that Christ

heals our spiritual blindness in our Baptism and makes us witnesses of the truth. The verse before the Gospel introduces the central point of our celebration, "I am the light of the world, anyone who follows me will have the light of life."

The entire liturgy today therefore, celebrates the mystery of Christ - the light of the world; the light that dispels the darkness of our minds and our hearts; the light that draws us to walk out of the shadow of our sins. So, as we consider the Scripture readings of to-day, let us look at what in our lives is darkness, the places where we are blind and try to shed light on them. Even though we have become light, we still must choose to put forth that light, to help others, to be a light for others. We must make sure that our community of believers is supported and that we show our love to each other.

To-day is Mother's Day and we give thanks for the many blessings motherhood paying tribute to all mothers who by loving their children enable their children to love themselves Mother's Dawl and others.



MOTHERS DAY PRAYER

God, our loving Father,

Look with kindness on all Mothers today;

Bless and reward them for their care:

Give them comfort in moments of sorrow

and joy in their work for their families.

Help them always to appreciate the importance of being a mother. Amen

Easter Sunday, 16th April 2017

There will be No 6pm Evening Mass in the Church of Our Lady and St David, Sallins Road on Easter Sunday.

PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION

PRIEST ON DUTY: 085 708 8407

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PARISH TEAM

FR. LIAM MORGAN Sallins Road 087 1337879
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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.

"The Lord looks on the heart." Are you being called to do the deeds of Christ as a priest if so contact: Fr. Ruairi O'Domhnaill. Email: voctions@kandle.ie

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

Naas:

Margaret Rose Kavanagh, Kingsfurze Terrace

Jim Power, Monread Meadows

Two Mile House:

Sabina Kennelly, Mylerstown Stud

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

RECENT BAPTISMS

Naas:

Sebastian Patrick Elliot, Kilcullen.

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 community.

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.

Scripture Reflection with Sr. Peggy continues on Tuesday coming 28th March, after the 10am Mass in the Parochial House. **Please note the venue** (blue door next to the parish office).

Divine Mercy Prayer Group takes place immediately after 7.30pm Mass in the Irish Martyrs Church, Ballycane, on Wednesday coming 29th March. All welcome. 1st Class Relic of St Faustina will be available on the night.

Stations of the Cross each Friday afternoon during Lent at 2.15pm in the Church of Our Lady and St. David, Sallins Road led by the Legion of Mary. Parishioners may like to join in with us on the Parish Radio.

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

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

Marian Movement Cenacle meets every month in the Church of Our Lady and St David, Sallins Road, after 10am Mass. Next meeting is on Saturday coming, 1st April. All welcome.

Coffee Morning each Wednesday after the 10am Mass in the Parochial House.

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

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

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, the children will be invited to participate in a child friendly look at the Gospel.

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

Plain Speakers Toastmasters next meeting tomorrow Monday 27th March at 8pm in Naas Town Hall. Guests are always welcome to come along and find out what Toastmasters is all about.

The Alzheimer Café Evening takes place on the last Wednesday of every month from 7pm to 9pm in the Convent Tea Rooms at McAuley Place, Sallins Road, (beside Parish Church). Next meeting on Wednesday coming 29th March, with a talk on Accessing Home-Help and Homecare Services.

Devoy Bridge Club Open Night takes place on Wednesday coming 29th at 7.30pm sharp at the Care of the Aged Centre, Newbridge Road. No partner needed, open to all levels of player. For more information phone Genie at 087 2281120.

Naas Flower and Garden Club next meeting takes place on Thursday coming 30th March at 7.45pm sharp in Naas Care of the Aged Centre, (Newbridge Road). There will be a Spring Garden Talk by Gardener Robert Miller of 'Altamount Gardens'. "Join us for what promises to be a very informative evening, a cuppa and a chat afterwards". Guests and new members always welcome.

Table Quiz in aid of Holy Child School, Ballycane, takes place on Friday coming 31st March at 8pm in Naas GAA Club, Sallins Road. Tickets on sale at school reception. A raffle will also be held on the night. You support would be greatly appreciated.

Thank You Irish Guide Dogs for the Blind wish to thank everyone who contributed to their recent annual Church Street collection which raised €881.80 for which they are very grateful.

Vincent de Paul, Naas; helpline number 045 897306

Trócaire Boxes are still available in the Church Porches or from the Parish Offices. *When you donate to Trócaire you're not just giving. You're joining the fight for justice.*

SALLINS NOTICE

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Tuesday coming, 28th March 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 bookings phone Rita Fanning on 086 0834807 or 0876535112. Spiritual Director Fr Alex. Each year Sallins Lourdes Pilgrimage invite a number of sick people from the Parish to join them on the Pilgrimage. If you or a member of your family would like to be considered you may contact Rita directly.

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.

GENERAL NOTICES

Parish Finances:

Sallins: Baskets: €1,170 Envelopes: €420 Naas: Offertory: €6,600 Development €4,120

Two Mile House: € 942

Sports Lottery Results:

Naas:16/3 (12-19-21-24), No winner Jackpot €5,800 Sallins: 20/3 (12-16-34) No winner, Jackpot €3,250

Tazie Lenten Vigil will take place on Wednesday 5th April from 9pm to 10pm in Eadestown Church. This will be an hour of mediation, quiet prayer and music. You are very welcome to join us.

Fundraising Coffee Morning in support of the Kildare Suicide Bereavement Support Group organised by the Garda Síochaná Retired Members Association, Naas Branch, takes place on Thursday coming 30th March from 11am to 12.30pm at the Ryston Social Club, Newbridge. More details ph Mick 086 2329910

Set Dancing Dance to live music every Tuesday in Haydens, Poplar Square, at 10pm. Free classes for beginners and improvers. All welcome. Enquiries to 087 6534693.

The Naas Easter Parade on Easter Sunday, 16th April at 3pm. If you are interested in participating in this year's Parade, or if you have any questions or require any further information please contact Deborah Callaghan on 086 8394919 or by email: organisers@naaseasterparade.com

Arthritis Ireland Kildare Branch will hold a talk on Osteoarthritis and Osteoporosis. What is the difference? in Aras Bhride Parish Centre, Kildare Town on Wednesday coming 29th March 8pm. All welcome. Free Admission, no need to book a place.



The World Meeting of Families comes to Ireland

Dublin has been personally chosen by Pope Francis to host the next World Meeting of Families in August 2018. Families from all over the world will gather in Dublin from 21st to 26th August to celebrate their lives together, to share their experiences from different parts of the world, to reflect on the different challenges they face and to grow together in faith. Planning for this great national and international celebration of faith is

well underway. Hosting this important event requires an enormous amount of planning and funding. In this regard a National Collection will take place at all Masses in our Parishes, next weekend Saturday 1st and Sunday 2nd April. Your support for this collection would be greatly appreciated.

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 are now available from the Parish Office, Sallins Road.



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A Message to You from Bishop Denis

"I want to take this opportunity to invite you to come to Carlow for this year's celebration of the Chrism Mass which will take place on Monday 10th April at 7.30pm in the Cathedral. During this Mass the Holy Oils that will be used across the diocese in baptisms, confirmations, ordinations and anointing of the sick will be blessed and the priests of the diocese will renew their vows of

ordination. We will be led in song on the night by the Diocesan Choir and, I am delighted that we will get to pray in song together, as a diocese, the newly composed 'Mass of St Patrick', by our own Fr. Liam Lawton I look forward to meeting and saying hello to as many of you as possible after the Mass over a cuppa next door in Carlow College". So put the date in your calendar because your presence will make all the difference!

Date For Your Diary: The Annual Golf Classic in aid of the Church of Our Lady and St. David Restoration Fund will take place, this year on Friday 26th May, 2017. Venue: Craddockstown Golf Club. Four person team event.

Naas Parish Lotto Draw

€3,750 that's the Jackpot in the Next Draw on Wednesday coming 29th March. There was no winner of the Jackpot on Wednesday last, 22nd March. **Numbers drawn were : 9—26—19—7.**

Four Lucky Dip Winners of €100 each: Margaret Houlihan, Peter McManus, Gerry Marsh, Michael & Elizabeth Dooley.

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: The Parish Offices, 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 contact the draw secretary or the Parish Office Sallins Road or Church of the Irish Martyrs.

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.

