

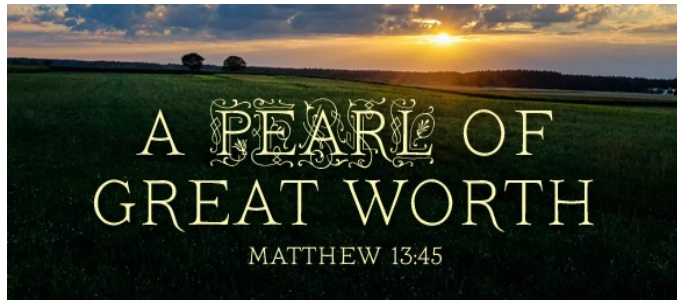
Parish Summer Newsletter:

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) Matthew: 13: 44-52

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Sunday 30th July 2017.



Jesus tells us that the Kingdom of God is like a treasure buried in a field. The Kingdom of God is like someone looking for rare and precious pearls. When one such pearl is found, the person who finds it sells every thing to own this priceless gem.

What are we to make of this today? Over the centuries, there have been countless kings, queens, generals and even dictators who claimed to have biggest and most powerful of kingdoms. In many of these cases, these 'kingdoms' have been gained through war, battles and much loss of life. These kingdoms were often maintained through fear and oppression. This is not the sort of Kingdom Jesus is describing or the kingdom he came create and establish.

It is worth noting that nowhere in the gospels does Jesus call it *his* Kingdom; it is God's Kingdom. God's Kingdom is not built on power, but through peace. It is not about fear, it is about faith. God's Kingdom is built on justice, mercy, forgiveness, compassion and concern for the poor. God's Kingdom is not a physical place somewhere; we won't find on any map. God's Kingdom is about relationships; God's relationship with us, and our relationship with each other. Jesus reminds us of this when he says, "**love each other as I love you**".

The Kingdom of God is about how we live our lives with each other as followers and disciples of Jesus. We are called to promote and build the Kingdom of God here and now as we prepare to enter into the fullness of the Kingdom at the end of time. But the challenge and responsibility is for us to be people of light where there is darkness, to be people of hope where there is despair and to be people of good news where there is fake news. The work of building God's Kingdom begins here and now. We are called to build God's Kingdom, not our own, and this '**Kingdom will have no end**'.

***If I don't help to build God's Kingdom who will? If I don't do it here, where will I do it?
If I don't do it now, when will I?***

Cemetery Mass at St. Corbans Cemetery will take place on Wednesday 16th August at 7.30pm. There will be **No evening Mass** in Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane, on this evening. **A reminder to attend to family graves during the coming weeks.** Please **Do Not** leave your bag or personal belongings visible in your car while visiting the Cemetery.

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

NAAS:

Mary McGarr, St Corbans Place

MAY SHE REST IN PEACE.



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

FEAST AND MEMORIAL DAYS FOR COMING WEEK:

Monday 31st July: St Ignatius of Loyola, priest

Friday 1st August: St John Mary Vianney, priest

"Ask and you shall receive. Seek and you shall find. Knock and it will be opened to you." Ask in prayer to know your vocation! Seek and find ways to serve! Knock on the doors of those who can help guide you! Are you considering following the will of God in the priesthood? *contact: Fr. Ruairi O'Domhnaill. Email: vocations@kandle.ie*

RECENT BAPTISMS:

Naas:

Leah Mia Kelly, Monread Crescent
Tommy Jack Gorey, Monread Crescent
Savannah Teresa Libin, Poplar Grove
Natalie Anna Henderson, Landen Park
Andrew Larry Walsh, Woodlands
Zach Joseph Cowley, Aylmer Park
Meghan Rose Dempsey, Morell Lawns
Joe Alexander Fitzsimons, Monread Crescent
Molly Anne Breen, Harolds Cross



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

Peters Pence Collection takes place at all Masses this weekend 29th/30th July.

First Friday 4th August:

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Church of Our Lady and St David, Sallins Road, after the 10am Mass until 6pm.

Sacrament of Reconciliation in the Church of Our Lady and St David on Thursday after 10am Mass and Friday, 9.30am-10am and after 10am Mass.

Marian Movement Cencale meets every month in the Church of Our Lady and St David, Sallins Road after 10am Mass. Next meeting is on Saturday coming 5th August. All welcome.

Annual Open Air Mass in Sarto Park takes place on **Friday coming 4th August at 7.30pm**. We welcome neighbours and friends from Sarto Road, Pacelli Road, St Martins Ave and surrounding areas to join with us and stay for a cuppa and a chat afterwards. We will have a raffle with all proceeds will go to local charities.

Eucharistic Adoration at the Church of the Irish Martyr's, Ballycane:

Monday and Tuesday 10am to 7pm.

Wednesday 10am to 9.30pm.

Thursday 10am to 7pm.

Friday 10am to 5pm. (during summer months) With the Day Chapel open throughout the day parishioners are welcome to call in to light their intentional candles.

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, please come forward to the sanctuary at Communion time.

Live Streaming of Services Please note that all services in the Church of Our Lady and St. David are broadcast live to the internet, covering the Sanctuary area. The purpose of the webcam is to broadcast Mass, Weddings, Funerals, and other Ceremonies for parishioners confined to bed or living away from home.

Booking Anniversary Masses; In order to make sure names are included for Anniversary Masses we kindly ask that people would contact the Parish Office Sallins Road or the Ballycane Office at their earliest convenience (at least a week in advance). The Anniversary Mass list is completed on Friday for the following week's Masses.



SALLINS PARISH NEWS

Peters Pence Collection takes place at all Masses this weekend 29th/30th July.

Confessions every Thursday from 2pm to 4pm.

TWO MILE HOUSE

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

GENERAL NOTICE

Naas Parish Lotto:

€6,000 that's the **Jackpot** on Wednesday coming 2nd August. There was no winner of the Jackpot last week. The Numbers drawn were **12-13-28-22**. You can join the Parish Lotto at anytime, tickets €2 per week available from the Parish Offices, Veritas and other outlets in town.

Naas Parish Bingo continues on Tuesday nights at 8.30pm sharp in Care of the Aged Centre, Newbridge Rd. All welcome. **Parish Lotto Tickets on sale on Tuesday night at Bingo.**

Sports Lottery Results:

Naas: 20/7 (2-17-25-27) No winner, Jackpot €3,250

Sallins: 24/7 (3-19-21) No winner, Jackpot €5,950

Finance:

Naas: Development: €3,000 Offertory: € 3,300

Sallins: Envelopes: €565 Baskets: €600

Two Mile House: €350

Kildare Suicide Bereavement Support Group.
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.

The Moat Theatre Join Luka Bloom and local Musicians Pete Kavangh, Cahill Sisters and Hally on Saturday 12th August at 8pm, to fundraise for 'Thriveabetes', Thrive with Type 1 Diabetes Conference, for those who live with Type 1 Diabetes, "so to keep it going they need your help". For bookings phone the Moat 045 883030.

South Kildare Citizens Information Service has Information Centres in Naas and Newbridge. The is **free, confidential and independent** and can provide you with information, advocacy and advice on all your rights and entitlements. **Free legal Advice** is held in Naas on 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm (none in August). Contact Naas office in advance on 0761 078280.