

Parish Summer Newsletter:

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) Matthew: 14: 13-21

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The Transfiguration of Jesus.

The Gospel to-day gives us the Transfiguration of Jesus on the mountain. It is rich in material for reflection. There is always something awe-inspiring about mountains. On the top the air is clean and crisp. The panoramic view of the surrounding country-side lifts us from the hustle and bustle of the rat-race, and raises our mind and heart to God. The top of a mountain is a natural place for encountering God. It is small wonder then that in the Bible God often chooses a mountain top to reveal Himself and His plans. It was on Mount Sinai that God gave the Ten Commandments to Moses. Jesus gave his first teachings in the Sermon on the Mount. He often retired to the mountain at night to pray. He was crucified on Mount Calvary and ascended to heaven from Mount Olivet.

In today's Gospel he is Transfigured before his apostles on Mount Tabor. Peter, James and John are with him, and they will be with him in the agony of the garden. This will be a preparation for that ordeal. Jesus came not to destroy the law and the prophets but to bring them to completion. Christianity is not to be an abstract creed or code but a Person. ***Jesus Christ, true God and true man is to be "the way, the truth and the life."*** We are to listen to Him and follow Him.

For Jesus the Transfiguration was the turning point in his life. For the apostles it was an awe-inspiring experience. On Mount Tabor they didn't want to leave. In the Garden of Gethsemane they didn't want to stay. When Jesus was arrested they all fled.

The Mass is our mountain-top experience which prepares us for the trials of our day. The Mass is not a transfiguration but a transubstantiation, in which bread and wine are transformed into the glorious Risen Jesus. And in the joy and consolation of Communion we say with Peter, "Lord, it is good for us to be here." And we do not want to leave. But it is not to be. Soon we will hear the words, "The Mass is ended. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord." So we pick up our cross and leave to face the trials of the day. But having been to the top of the mountain we know that "nothing can separate us from the love of God made visible in Christ Jesus our Lord."

RECENT BAPTISMS:

Naas:

Achiazom Iaganyi Amadi-Obi, Oak Glade
Claire Christine Hartnett, Dún Na Riogh Avenue
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.



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

NAAS:

Betty Connolly, Sundays Well.

Paddy McDonald, Arconagh

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.



Parking Restrictions Owing to the building of the New Convent Primary School the overflow Car Park in the grounds of the Convent School will be unavailable for parking until further notice.

No Mass: Please note there will be **No** 7.30am and 7.30pm Mass tomorrow Monday, Bank Holiday, 7th August.

You can log onto www.parish.ie click on "current parish newsletter" or "parish newsletter past issues" for past or current issues of newsletter.

NAAS PARISH NEWS

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.

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SALLINS PARISH NEWS

Confessions every Thursday from 2pm to 4pm.

Thank You: We would like to thank the people for their generous donations at the recent collection at Bodenstown Cemetery Mass which amounted to €1,115. Thank you to all. This will go towards the continued maintenance of our graveyard. "We would also like to thank most sincerely those who work away quietly all year round on maintaining our cemetery to the high standard it is kept for our loved ones. Thank You"

TWO MILE HOUSE

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

GENERAL NOTICE

Naas Parish Lotto:

€6,250 that's the **Jackpot** on Wednesday coming 2nd August. There was no winner of the Jackpot last week. The Numbers drawn were **19-10-16-17**. 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.. All welcome. **Parish Lotto Tickets on sale on Tuesday night at Bingo.**

Sports Lottery Results:

Naas: 27/7 (8-11-22-26) No winner, Jackpot €3,400

Sallins: 31/7 (9-26-29) No winner, Jackpot €6,100

Finance:

Naas: Development: €2,855 Offertory: €3,350

Sallins: Envelopes: €280 Baskets: €635

Two Mile House: €650

Family Picnic Day

An Invitation from Bishop Denis.

Bishop Denis invites families and extended families to join him for a '**Family Picnic**', Sunday 27th August in Punchestown Racecourse from 1pm to 6pm. Official Opening at 3pm, **with Free Admission.** Bring your own picnic, there will be spot prizes for best picnic displays!



Feel free to bring a little extra food for a sharing table. The day will be a fun filled day with lots of entertainment for all! Activities will include Face Painting, 2k Track Walk, Pony Rides and lots, lots more. As a great afternoon of entertainment is promised "**We hope to see you there**". The event is being hosted by the Diocese of Kildare and Leighlin in preparation for World Meeting of families in August 2018.

Pilgrimage to Lough Derg Kildare and Leighlin 3 day pilgrimages from 13th to 15th August. Pick up in Naas at 7am, Sallins at 7.10am. Advance booking is essential. Phone Joe at 087 3815887.

Footpath Improvement Works in Sallins. Kildare County Council will be carrying out footpath improvement works on Main Street, Sallins and on the Kerdiffstown Rd, Sallins. Works are expected to commence on Tuesday 8th August and will take approximately 2 weeks to complete. Working hours each day will be between 8am and 6pm. Traffic and pedestrian management measures will be in place for the duration of the works and access to premises will be maintained. Your co-operation is very much appreciated and any inconvenience is regretted but unavoidable.

JOBSEEKERS Local Employment Service offers a free service to job seekers who are unemployed and in receipt of a social welfare payment, one parent family payment, early school leavers, people finishing a CE scheme. Training courses and employment initiatives are available. One to one Adult Career Guidance, interview skills and CV preparation. Phone Naas Office 895555.

The Moat Theatre Join Luka Bloom and local Musicians Pete Kavangh, Hally, the Cahill Sisters on Saturday 12th August at 8pm, to fundraise for 'Thriveabetes', Thrive with Type 1 Diabetes Conference, for those who live with Type 1 Diabetes. To book phone the Moat 045 883030.

Lost: Lady's glasses with clip-on shades last week in the town. If found please phone 087 2776816.