

Parish Newsletter

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

9th April 2017

No 1595

John: 21: 1-11



WHEN THE CHEERING STOPS...

They say a 'week is a long time in politics' but I feel it's also true in other aspects of life. The preacher can be applauded as 'a great man, kind words, nice story and a short homily,' but when he tackles challenging

topics like 'sinfulness, marriage, abortion' there is the risk that the acclaim can diminish. People were happy with Jesus as he fed and cured them but now that he's called them to love one another the cheering stops.

When he emerged on the public scene he was an overnight sensation. He would try to go off to be alone and the people would still follow him. The masses lined the streets as he came into town. On Palm Sunday leafy palm branches were spread before him and there were shouts of "Hosanna". In shouting Hosanna they were in effect saying "Save us now Jesus". Great crowds came to hear him preach. A wave of religious expectation swept the country.

But the cheering did not last for long. There came a point when the tide began to turn against him. Oh, you didn't notice it so much at first. People still came to see him, but the old excitement was missing, and the crowds were not as large as they had been. His critics now began to publicly attack him. That was

something new. Earlier they had been afraid to speak out for fear of the masses, but they began to perceive that the fickle public was turning on him. Soon the opposition began to snowball. When they discovered that they could not discredit his moral character. They began to take more desperate measures. Before it was all over a tidal wave welled up that brought Jesus to his knees under the weight of a cross.

Why did the masses so radically turn against him? How did the shouts of Hosanna on Sunday transform into the shouts of crucify him on Friday? I am not just talking about the immediate events that may have brought it about, but the deeper root causes. What were the underlying issues? In five days it all fell apart. Why?

1. Jesus begins to speak about commitment... the account of the Rich young man...sell everything... give the money to the poor... follow me...
2. Jesus suggests that all people are worth loving... Jesus empties the temple of the moneychangers and once emptied he welcomes the lame, the poor, the sick, the blind man and other outcasts of society... the influential must have got uncomfortable...
3. Jesus spoke more and more about the cross... many had misunderstood the 'kingdom' as referring to Israel... now that the building wouldn't make them rich and powerful they weren't as interested... the cross isn't attractive.

Lord help us to enter into this week that asks our commitment, acceptance of our sinfulness and the crosses that life gives us...help us to bear it for love of you.

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 23rd April. Preparation of the Feast should consist of:

1. Novena of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy commencing on Good Friday, 14th April.
2. Confession on or before the Feast.
3. Holy Communion to be received on the Feast Day.
4. Acts of Mercy performed (by deed, word or prayer) on days prior to Feast.
5. Sermon by Priest on Divine Mercy Sunday.



Easter Collection in support of the Priests of the Parish will take place at all Masses on the weekend 16th /17th April. As always *Thank You* for your kind support and generosity.

PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION

PRIEST ON DUTY: 085 708 8407

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NAAS AND SALLINS PARISH OFFICE Tel 879730 Fax 894287

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Opening Hours: Monday to Friday 10am to 1pm

PARISH TEAM

FR. LIAM MORGAN Sallins Road 087 1337879

FR. JOE O'NEILL Sundays Well 045 876197

FR MICHAEL FLATTERY SALLINS ROAD 045 897703

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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.

Blessed are they who come in the Name of the Lord!" Are you being called to proclaim Jesus 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:

Cynthia Higgins, Sarto Road

Peter Millham, Roseville

William (Bill) Byrne, Lakelands



MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

RECENT BAPTISMS

Naas:

Ruairi Patrick Scott, Aylmer Park

James Timothy Martin, The Drive, Pipers Hill

Charlie James Thornton, Alderwood Court

Evelyn Kathy Rickaby, Castlesize Vale

Lucia Jacob Smullen, Crookstown

Sallins:

Mila Charlie Gibbons, Chapel Mews

Samuel Christopher O'Loughlin, The Orchard

Danann Joseph Donohoe, Millbank

Harrison Benjamin Bryan, The Willows

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.

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.'*

Chrism Mass You are warmly invited to join with Bishop Denis for the annual celebration of the **Chrism Mass** in the Cathedral, Carlow tomorrow Monday, 10th at 7.30pm. Parking available in Carlow College; entrance opposite the Court House on the Old Dublin Road. See kandle.ie for map.

Kill Parish Penitential Service will take place on Tuesday coming 11th at 8pm in St. Brigid's Church.

Naas Parish Penitential Service will take place on Wednesday coming 12th April at 8pm in the Church of Our Lady and St. David, Sallins Road.

St Joseph's Young Priests Society next meeting takes place tomorrow, Monday 10th April 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 11th April at 7pm in the Community Centre, Sallins Road, New members welcome. If you can knit or sew come along.

St Pio Prayer Group next meeting on Wednesday coming 12th at 7.10pm at the Church of The Irish Martyrs, Ballycane. All most welcome.

A Journey With The Cross: Good Friday Ecumenical Celebration, journeying through Naas with the Cross in prayer between our churches. Staring at Our Lady and St. David, Sallins Road at 7pm, St. David's Church of Ireland at 8pm and continuing to Irish Martyr's, Ballycane for 9pm.

Polish Easter Tradition: The Blessing of the Easter Foods is a tradition dear to the hearts of every Polish family. As an Expression of their gratitude to God for all his gifts, both of nature and grace, they have the food of their table sanctified with hope that Spring, the season of the Resurrection, will also be blessed by God's goodness and mercy. This year on Holy Saturday 15th April Fr. Tadeusz Durajczyk has organised the blessing to take place in the Church of Our Lady and St. David at 4.30pm

Flowers for Easter; We would greatly welcome donations of flowers, yellow and white, to enhance our Churches for Easter. If you could leave them on the Sanctuary or in the sacristy on or before Tuesday coming 11th, we would be most grateful.

Naas Tidy Towns Clean Up Want to get involved? We need you! Next clean-up tomorrow Monday 10th from 7pm to 8.15pm. Meet at Mill Lane (canal end). If you would like to be involved just turn up on the night. Litter pickers and gloves provided. More details from Vourneen at 086 813 8821.

Newsletter Deadline for all notices for newsletter next weekend 16th April to be with the parish office by Tuesday coming 11th at 12noon.

The Parish offices will be closed on Friday coming 14th April, Good Friday, re-open Tuesday 18th.

Veritas Shop will be closed on Good Friday 14th, re-open on Saturday 15th at 9.30am.

Plainspeakers Toatmasters next meeting tomorrow Monday 10th at 8pm in Naas Town Hall.

Naas Toastmasters Club next meeting Wednesday coming 12th at 8 pm in The Town House Hotel.

Church Street Collection next weekend 15th/16th April is in aid of the Froebel-HOPE teacher education partnership in the slum schools of Kolkata, India. Local student Kathleen O'Reilly will be teaching in these schools and spending some time teaching children with special needs.

Vincent de Paul, Naas; helpline number 045 897306

SALLINS NOTICE

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Tuesday

coming, 11th April from 10.30am to 11am.

Tuesday Club; Would you like to volunteer to put away the tables and chairs after the club meetings, at approx. 4.30pm, every second Tuesday in the Community Centre. If interested ph: 045 866276.

TWO MILE HOUSE PARISH NEWS

There will be No Weekday morning Mass, next week (Holy Week) in St. Peter's.

Easter Dues in support of the Priests of the Parish will take place at all Masses next weekend 15th/16th April. Envelopes are being delivered to all homes this week and they will also be available in the Church Porches.

GENERAL NOTICES

Parish Finances:

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| Sallins: Baskets: | €680 | Envelopes: | €465 |
| Naas: Offertory: | €3,100, | Development | €3,505, |
| Two Mile House: | € 300 | | |

Sports Lottery Results:

Naas:30/3 (6-17-27-28), No winner Jackpot €5,950

Sallins: 3/04 (4-17-20) No winner, Jackpot €3,250

Naas Parish Lotto Draw: €2,000 that's the Jackpot on Wednesday coming, 12th April. There was ONE Winner on Wednesday last, 5th April. Numbers drawn were: 3 - 7 - 4 - 26

Trocaire Boxes may be left in the baskets provided on the steps of the altar on Holy Thursday. Alternatively you may leave your box into the Sacristy or the Parish Offices. Please do not leave in the Church Porches "*Thank you*"

RSA Check It Fits: "Child safety in cars" The service is quick, it's easy and it's Free, taking place at TOYOTA Crossing Motor Centre, Monread, Naas on Tuesday 11th April from 10am to 5.30pm.

Naas GAA Annual Hurling and Camoige Easter Fun camp from 18th to 21st April, inclusive for boys and girls aged 5 to 14 years. Early registration is recommended. Forms are available from local schools or email pronaasjhs@gmail.com and a form will be emailed to you.

Thank You: McAuley Place would like to thank all those who helped make our Gala Fundraising Concert on the 25th of March such a resounding success. We would especially like to thank all those who attended and our dedicated volunteers, who put their own time and effort into making the night the best it could possibly be. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Naas, Sallins and Two Mile House Parishes:

Holy Week and Easter Timetable: April 13th — April 16th 2017

Holy Thursday 13th April

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| MORNING PRAYER: | 10am in the Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane. |
| NAAS PARISH CHURCH: | 7.30pm – Mass of the Lord's Supper |
| BALLYCANE: | 7.30pm – Mass of the Lord's Supper |
| SALLINS: | 7.30pm - Mass of the Lord's Supper |
| TWO-MILE HOUSE: | 7.30pm – Mass of the Lord's Supper |
| ADORATION: | Following the 7.30pm Mass in the Church of Our Lady and St David, Sallins Road, and in the Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane, there will be quiet prayer / adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, ending with night prayer at 10.00pm. |

Good Friday 14th April

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| MORNING PRAYER: | 10am in the Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane. |
| NAAS PARISH CHURCH: | 3pm – Liturgy of the Lord's Passion 7pm – Stations of the Cross |
| BALLYCANE CHURCH: | 5pm – Liturgy of the Lord's Passion 9pm – Ecumenical Prayer around the Cross |
| SALLINS CHURCH: | 3pm – Liturgy of the Lord's Passion 7.30pm – Stations of the Cross |
| TWO-MILE HOUSE: | 3pm – Liturgy of the Lord's Passion 7.30pm – Stations of the Cross |
| ECUMENICAL PRAYER: | 8pm - Prayer in St. David's Church of Ireland 9pm - Prayer around the Cross Service, Ballycane |

Holy Saturday 15th April

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| MORNING PRAYER: | 10am in the Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane. |
| CONFESSIONS: | 10am to 1.00pm in the Church of Our Lady and St. David, Sallins Road. |
| BLESSING EASTER FOOD: | 4:30pm in the Church of Our Lady and St. David, Sallins Road for the Polish Community. |
| NAAS PARISH CHURCH: | 9pm - Easter Vigil |
| BALLYCANE: | 9pm - Easter Vigil |
| SALLINS: | 9pm - Easter Vigil |
| TWO-MILE HOUSE: | 9pm - Easter Vigil |

Easter Sunday 16th April

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| NAAS PARISH CHURCH: | 9am and 11am. No 6pm evening Mass on Easter Sunday in Our Lady and St. David's Church. |
| BALLYCANE: | 10.30am and 12noon |
| SALLINS: | 10am and 12noon |
| TWO-MILE HOUSE: | 11am |
| SUNRISE LITURGY: | 6.15am: Gather at Punchestown Racecourse Gates. Sunrise due at 6.23am. <i>'On the first day of the week at the first sight of dawn'.</i> |