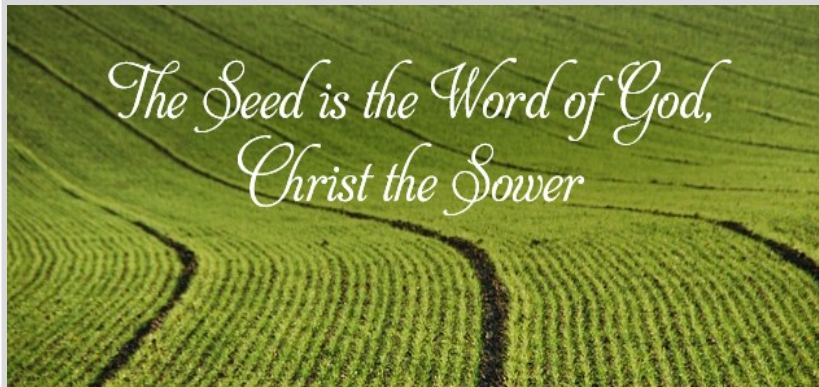


Parish Newsletter

**Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
17th June 2018.**

No: 1655

Mark 4: 26-34



The Seed of Faith planted in Our Hearts is like the Mustard Seed.

If you were to Google mustard seed, you would quickly discover that the mustard seed is not the smallest of the seeds. And while the mustard tree can grow to be quite large, it is certainly not the largest of the trees. What we have to understand is that Jesus is not at all concerned with these facts. Jesus is trying to paint a picture for us. He's giving an illustration to make a point. So, what's the point?

What begins as the smallest little bit of a thing, when planted and watered and nurtured, grows and develops and becomes well-rooted, strong and sturdy. Jesus says, faith is like that! God the Father plants the seed of faith in the hearts of all his children. The seed of faith planted in our hearts is like the mustard seed. It takes just the smallest amount of faith. Just a little bit.

In baptism, the seed is watered. At the Eucharistic table, the seed is fed by Jesus' body and blood. The seed is nurtured with reconciliation and compassion and healing. The seed is warmed by the fire of love. Then slowly, over time, almost undetected, that little seed of faith in us sprouts and grows to be like the majestic cedar or sturdy cyprus or grand oak or tall pine.

Our tiny faith can grow to be strong, well-rooted, unshakable. And it only takes the smallest amount. Isn't that wonderful for us humans. Why? Because we have our questions, the what ifs and whys of life. We have our doubts and fears, our desire to seek out facts and our need for proof. But Jesus doesn't give us facts and he certainly doesn't give us proof. Jesus gives us an illustration. He says even if our faith is so small that it is merely the size of a mustard seed, all is not lost. That little bit is enough.

So let us rejoice today and be mindful that faith the size of a mustard seed can already be found in all our hearts. If we nurture and feed this little bit of faith with Jesus' body and blood in the Eucharist we share here today, then it can grow and become unique, beautiful, majestic, strong and sturdy. Our little bit of faith can grow to become just like the cedar, just like the cypress, just like the oak, just like the pine. And it all begins with faith the size of a mustard seed.

Pope Francis visit to the World Meeting of Families in Dublin 25th-26th August 2018.

Tickets for the Papal Mass, which will be held in the Phoenix Park on Sunday August 26th at 3pm will go online at the [worldmeeting2018.ie website](http://worldmeeting2018.ie) on Monday June 25th. If you intend to travel to the park for Mass, you must have a ticket to gain entrance.

We are very mindful of those who do not have a computer or have access to the internet and may be feeling excluded from the process. With this in mind you are invited to come to the room over the Parish Office (use side entrance) from 9am on Monday 25th June where we will provide computer access and assistance with booking your ticket.

The fourth and final collection in support of the Pope 's visit to Ireland and World Meeting of Families 2018 takes place in all our Parishes this weekend, 16th and 17th

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SACRISTY OUR LADY AND ST DAVID: Tel 856925

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PARISH TEAM

FR. LIAM MORGAN Sallins Road **087 133 7879**

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New Safeguarding Policy recently updated is now displayed in all our Church Porches.

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN PARISH REPRESENTATIVES

Naas: Geraldine Faherty and Adrian King

Sallins: Keith Murphy

Two Mile House: Mary Valentine, Paula Clancy and Suzanne Powell.

They can be contacted through the Parish Office, Sallins Road, Naas. Phone 045 879730.

Diocesan Designated Liaison Person: Ms Joan Treacy, C/o Bishop's House, Dublin Rd, Carlow. 085 802 1633

FEAST AND MEMORIAL DAYS FOR THE COMING WEEK:

Wednesday 20th: The Irish Martyrs

Thursday 21st: St Aloysius Gonzaga, religious

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

Naas:

Thomas Connolly, Artizan's Cottages

Therese (Pearl) Warren, McAuley Place

Two Mile House:

John McHale, Dunshane

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.

RECENT BAPTISMS

Naas:

Holly Aoibh Freeman, Main Street

Andrew Benedict Halibas, Dun na Ríogh Glen



MASS TIMES

CHURCH OF OUR LADY AND ST. DAVID , SALLINS ROAD

WEEKDAYS: Mon-Fri 7:30am 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 GUARDIAN ANGELS, SALLINS

WEEKDAYS: Tues and Fri 10am

SUNDAYS: Sat Vigil 6:30pm Sun 10am 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

Henry Pdraig Orpen, Kilcullen Road

Natalie Jane Poslusna, Lakelands

Nylla Olivia Cully, Cois na Feadáin

Sophia Aine Walsh, Landen Park

Ollie Edward Dowling, Devoy Quarter

Catherine Rose Jennings, Sycamore Springs

Joseph Lee Nelson, Monasterevan



Two Mile House:

George William Eustace, Corbally

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 whole community'

Weekday Mass Change for June, July and August:

There will **Only be** 7.30pm Mass on Wednesday evenings in the Church of the Irish Martyr's, Ballycane. Adoration at the Irish Martyrs Church will finished at **5pm on Fridays** during this period. Mass will be celebrated as usual on Friday evenings at 7pm in Two Mile House.

St Joseph's Young Priests Society

Annual Pilgrimage to Knock

Please join us on our Annual Pilgrimage on Saturday 23rd June, with the main celebrant, Bishop Denis Nulty. Bus €20, including refreshments. Departing from various locations in Naas from 8am onwards with pick-ups in Sallins and Clane.

Contact Maureen 087 2077044 or John 086 8563773.

Summer Collection in support of the Priest of the Parish will take place at all Masses next weekend, 23rd/24th June.

Scripture Sharing with Fr. Michael will resume in September.

St Pio Prayer Group next meeting on Wednesday coming, 20th June at 7.10pm in the Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane. All most welcome.

Parish Office at the Irish Martyrs Church will re-open Tuesday coming 19th June.

Ballycane Church Grounds: Sincere thanks to all who helped with the summer clean-up of Ballycane Church Grounds. We had 34 volunteers on the night. A wonderful community spirit and a great job.

NAAS TIDY TOWNS NEEDS YOU! Judging season is upon us so we are asking all proud Naas people to keep an eye out for litter or unsightly weeds, especially in your own locality. The few pieces of litter you pick up can make all the difference! Can you help at our clean-up on Monday at 7pm? Meet at Monread Park Car Park to litter pick general area. Litter pickers provided. Come and join in the fun and help make Naas the best!

The Wednesday Coffee Morning in the Parochial House is suspended for the summer months.

Cemetery Mass at St Corbans Cemetery will take place Wednesday, 15th August 2018 at 7.30pm.

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

SALLINS PARISH NEWS

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Tuesday coming 19th June from 10.30am -11am.

Summer Collection in support of the Priest of the Parish will take place at all Masses next weekend, 23rd/24th June.

Cemetery Mass at Bodenstown will take place on Sunday 1st July at 12noon. There will be NO 12noon Mass in the Sallins Church on that day.

Lourdes: The Sallins Pilgrimage Group will travel to Lourdes on Saturday coming 23rd June with Spiritual Director Fr. Michael. We wish them all a safe and spiritual journey.

TWO MILE HOUSE PARISH:

Weekday Morning Mass is celebrated from Monday to Thursday at 9.15am. Friday evening Mass as usual at 7pm.

Cemetery Mass at Two Mile House will take place on Sunday 8th July at 11am.

GENERAL NOTICES:

Parish Finances:

Sallins: Baskets: € 630 Envelopes: € 510

Naas: Offertory: €2,860 Development Fund: €3,625

Two Mile House: € 400

Sports Lottery Results

Naas: 7/6 (6-21-23-27) No Winner, Jackpot €2,650

Sallins: 11/6 (8-20-31) No Winner, Jackpot €1,150

Kildare Suicide Bereavement Support Group:

The Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane will be closed from Friday 29th June to Monday 16th July for painting. Therefore, there will be no Counsellors available on Thursday 28th June; Thursdays 5th and 12th July. Counselling Service will resume on Thursday 19th July.

Lough Derg: Kildare Three Day Pilgrimage from Friday 6th—Sunday 8th July and Monday 13th—Wednesday 15th August. For more information contact Michael 087 6697902 or Joe 087 3815887.

Eadestown Church Choir present a *Midsummer's*

Night Concert in support of The Jack & Jill Children's Foundation on Thursday 21st June at 8pm in The Church of the Immaculate Conception, Eadestown with Patrick Hyland, Tenor, The Ballymore Eustace Brass Concert Band and other Special Guests. Tickets available from The Jack & Jill Charity Shop Main Street Naas or online from www.jackandjill.ie

A Musical Night with Arthur O'Neill playing Clarinet and Saxophone takes place on Friday 22nd June at 7pm in the Arts & Culture Centre, McAuley Place. Proceeds in support of McAuley Place. Tickets on sale at the desk.

Save for Winter: St Vincent de Paul have €5 fuel (coal and oil) Stamps available in 'Vincent's' Clothes Shop, Friary Road. These may be redeemed through local suppliers.

Lost: *Shopping Bags* lost at Dunne Stores, Newbridge on Sunday last. Phone Parish Office.

Kildare and Leighlin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes, led by Bishop Denis Nulty, takes place on 16th July for 5 nights at a cost of €739 per person sharing, staying at "Hotel Solitude". The Pilgrimage is being organised in conjunction with Joe Walsh Tours. Booking Forms are now available from the Parish Office, Sallins Road. €200 Booking Deposit required at time of booking. Spiritual Director Fr. Liam Morgan.



We would like to extend an invitation to those who are sick in our Parish to join us on our Pilgrimage. If you or a member of your family or if you know of someone who would like to be considered you may contact any of the Priests directly or the Parish Office on 045 879730.

Update on WMOF 2018: Ticket Information

For the WMOF Congress in the RDS August 22nd—24th 2018

One day registration for the Congress is now closed. You can still register for a five day ticket on line for €68 at www.worldmeeting2018.ie. This gives you full access to the three days in the RDS as well as the option of booking a free ticket for the Festival of Families on Saturday subject to availability and the Closing Mass on Sunday 24th. Children under 18 are free but must be registered with an adult.

For the Festival of Families on Saturday, August 25th 2018

Tickets for the Festival of Families have been available to the General Public for over a year for anyone booking for one or more days to attend the Pastoral Congress in the RDS. As availability has now reduced due to a great demand, tickets are now only available for people booking to attend three days of the Pastoral Congress in the RDS and is subject to availability.

Each Diocese in Ireland will receive a limited allocation of tickets to the Festival of Families for a family group from each parish to be able to be present at the event. This allocation still has to be determined for all Dioceses including Kildare and Leighlin.

For the Final Mass or Knock:

Tickets are free and will be available from www.worldmeeting2018.ie on 25th June 2018. You will need a ticket for the event at Phoenix Park. From the 25th of June, you can book your ticket through an online form on www.worldmeeting2018.ie. Your ticket will be sent to you by email closer to the event. You must choose which event you would like to attend – Phoenix Park or Knock. You will not be able to get tickets for both. The Mass is a free event but you will need a ticket to gain entry. Every adult and every child attending will need a ticket. Under 18s must be accompanied by an adult.

See <http://gov.ie/en/about-the-phoenix-park/> for very helpful advice on the following steps:

Get a ticket – plan your transport – Prepare for a long journey

Naas Parish Weekly Lotto Draw.

You could Win €1,750.....

on Wednesday, 20th June in the Parish Lotto Draw

The Draw takes place at 7pm at the Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane and all are welcome to attend the draw.

There was No Winner of the Jackpot on Wednesday last, 13th June .

Numbers Drawn were 11-25-20-24; There were four Lucky Dip winners of €100 each:

Tickets are available from the Parish Offices and all our other usual outlets.



Parish Bingo continues every Tuesday night at 8.30pm sharp, in the Care of the Aged Centre, Newbridge Road, with bigger prizes and Jackpot. Parish Lotto tickets on Sale at Bingo.

