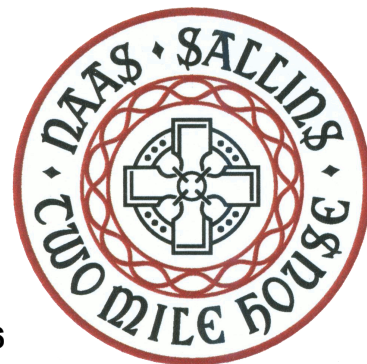


Parish Newsletter

**Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ
Sunday 3rd June 2018.**



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Mark 14: 12-16, 22-26



There are two instances in human life where an ordinary person would encounter the sacred notion "Take and eat, this is my body given up for you." One is in the infancy of life when many mothers offer their very bodies for the well-being of her child. The second is our spiritual infancy (which we are living even as you read this), where Christ offers his body for the well-being of our very selves.

For us to have a sacrament, we require the physical elements of water, oil, bread, wine, rings, and/or physical people present. We don't believe that we can just pray for someone's soul and they'll be saved, but we demand attention be paid to the *Corporal Works of Mercy*. The hungry should be fed. The naked clothed. It is why we build hospitals, food pantries, and shelters. Its why we invest in schools to nurture the whole person body and mind.

It is also why we take such great offense to violence done against the flesh, when bodies are cheapened to be clogs in the machine of exploited labour or when bodies are reduced to serve as objects of gratification through human trafficking or abusive relationships.

We believe that we do and will experience God in the flesh and nothing illustrates this belief with greater fervour than Jesus coming to us with his own body, with the same love of a nursing mother, and saying "Take this. Take me. I love you with such intensity that my very body is for you."

On the Feast of Corpus Christi, it isn't uncommon to focus on the miracle of transubstantiation and the beautiful theories and doctrines which describe the miracle of the Eucharist. This is good to do. But it doesn't hurt to also remind ourselves of another reality.

Scientist have performed experiments with animal primates in which they showed that primate babies who do not have contact with the skin of an adult of their species will not develop normally and in often cases die. Although unethical to do such an experiment on human beings, it is assumed that human persons would respond the same as the animal experiments. It is deduced that if we, as a new born, do not have contact with a body to which we can connect, we will shrivel. What a grace it is that in our spiritual infancy, our tender time of spiritual growth here on this planet, God provides us with this contact as well. Jesus gives us his body to be near, to embrace us and to soothe us. The closer and more often we come, the more holistic our development will be. We celebrate this grace every Sunday, but especially today on the Feast of Corpus Christi.

A personal message from Fr Liam.

On the 28th of March, (during Holy Week 2018), I was diagnosed with Prostate Cancer. On Wednesday next, the 6th of June, I will undergo surgery. According to the Medical Consultant, my full recovery is assured and the outcome will be excellent. Thank God! The surgery, and subsequent recovery will necessitate taking time off from Parish Ministry. I share this personal information with you, so as to avoid misinformation and unnecessary speculation as to my absence. If you have a spare prayer going this coming Wednesday, include me!

Kind regards,

Fr Liam.

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SACRISTY OUR LADY AND ST DAVID: Tel 856925

BALLYCANE OFFICE AND SACRISTY : Tel 895629

Opening Hours: Monday to Friday 10am to 1pm

PARISH TEAM

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

FR. JOE O'NEILL Sunday's Well **045 876197**

FR. MICHAEL FLATTERY Sallins Road **045 897703**

FR. ALEX KOCHATT Lakelands **045 898684**

DN. FERGAL O'NEILL Parish Deacon **086 3816 133**

Ms. HILDA CAMPBELL Pastoral Admin Ass. **045 879730**

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

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

Sallins:

John Curran, Sallins Bridge

MAY HE REST IN PEACE.

RECENT BAPTISMS

Naas:

Scott Mark Byrne, Sallins Pier

Megan Catherine Brennan, Kerdiff Avenue

Cian Michael Cummins, Aylmer Park

Louis Nico Webberley, Blessington Road

Two Mile House:

Holly Ann Hughes, Limerick

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.

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

FEAST AND MEMORIAL DAYS FOR THE COMING WEEK:

Monday 4th: St Kevin

Tuesday 5th: St Boniface, bishop and martyr

Wednesday 6th: St Norbert & St Jarlath, bishops

Thursday 7th: St Colman, bishop

Friday 8th: The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

Saturday 9th: St Columba (Colum Cille) Abbots and Missionaries

Novena Prayer to the Most Sacred Heart

O Divine Jesus, who said,

"Ask and you shall receive",

I kneel at your feet.

From whom shall I ask if not from you,

whose heart is the source of all blessings.

With a lively faith in you,

I come to ask.....

Share your petitions silently with the Sacred Heart.

I admit I am most unworthy of your favours, Jesus,

but this is not a reason for me to be discouraged.

You are the God of mercies and you will not refuse a contrite heart.

Look with pity on me,

I beg you, and your compassionate Heart will find in my weakness a motive for granting my request.

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on me.

Amen.

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'*

Exam Mass Bouquets now available from the Parish Offices.

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.

Bank Holiday Monday 4th June there will be 10am Mass only in the Parish in Our Lady and St David's Church.

Parish Office at the Irish Martyrs Church will be closed from Monday 4th June and will re-open on Tuesday 19th June. Lotto Office opened as usual on Wednesday from 4.30pm.

Scripture Sharing continues on Mondays **11th June** at **8.15pm** in the Parochial House. (Bring a Bible).

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

The Wednesday Coffee Morning in the Parochial House is suspended for the summer months and will resume in September.

Found: Small sum of money found on Sallins/Adjacent to Maxol on Friday 25th May. Contact Parish Office.

St Vincent de Paul Naas helpline 045 897306

SALLINS PARISH NEWS

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Tuesday coming 5th June from 10.30am -11am.

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

Sallins Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place on 23rd June for 7 Nights, Full Board staying at the 'Jeanne d'Arc Hotel'. For bookings phone Rita Fanning on 087 6535112 or 086 083 4807. Spiritual Director Fr. Michael Flattery.

Each year Sallins Lourdes Pilgrimage invite a number of sick people from Sallins Parish on their Pilgrimage. If you or a member of your family would like to be considered you can contact Rita.

Sallins Conference of St Vincent de Paul contact phone number 085 7052294.

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.

GENERAL NOTICES:

Parish Finances:

Sallins: Baskets: € 870 Envelopes: € 345
Naas: Offertory: €3,000 Development Fund: €3,730
Two Mile House: € 455

Sports Lottery Results

Naas: 24/5 (10-13-14-17) No Winner, Jackpot €2,350
Sallins: 28/5 (17-32-33) No Winner, Jackpot €2,050

St Pio's Glove will be in Fitzpatrick's House, Kilberry, Athy on Saturday 9th June from 12noon to 5.30pm. Phone Ann 085 1696189. All welcome.

Kandle Family Fun Day: Do you remember Puncchestown? Well, if you enjoyed Puncchestown, you'll love what we have planned for the Kandle Family Fun Day, taking place in the grounds of Carlow College, St Patricks on Saturday 16th June from 2pm to 6pm. Official opening by Bishop Denis will take place around 3 pm, after the Garda Band. More details on www.kandle.ie

Indoor Bowls at Monread Community Centre commencing on Tuesday 5th June at 8pm. For more information phone 087 7538664.

Donnelly Mirrors Employees (Naas) re-union in aid of St Brigid's Hospice, The Curragh takes place on Friday 29th June at 8pm in Tougher's, Naas. For tickets phone Lily 085 1452959; Tim 085 2280150; Vera 086 6076762.

Kildare and Leighlin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes, led by Bishop Denis Nulty takes place on 16th July for 5nights at a cost of €739 per person sharing, staying at "Hotel Solitude". 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.**

Reflection on Exams:

Exams are a test of knowledge or skill,

They have their importance.

However, they are not a measure of the worth of the individual.

They indicate one aspect of us, but

we are much more than any one exam can show.

Success or failure does not give the full measure of our worth.

Each one of us is unique and precious with our own gifts and talents.

God made us that way.

He wants us to use those talents.

Exams can be an anxious time, but remember,

We are more than our exam results.

We are loved for who we are, not for our achievements.

God wants us to discover all our wonderful gifts.

O good Saint Joseph of Cupertino, help us.

World Meeting of Families. Festival of Families:

Croke Park– Saturday 25th—How to get your Ticket: Please be aware that tickets for the Festival of Families will be very limited. If you want to guarantee yourself and your family tickets for this evening with Pope Francis in Croke Park on 25th August **the only way to do this as of now** is to book at least one day at the RDS Congress taking place from 22nd to 24th August. This gives you the option of selecting a ticket for the Festival of Families and /or the Closing Mass for no additional cost. An adult ticket for a day at the congress costs €38 (concessions €33). All U18's are free but must be registered with an adult. Don't forget our Diocesan Day at the Congress is Wednesday 22nd August. The Parish will provide Bus Travel to the Festival on Wednesday 22nd, Saturday 25th and Sunday 26th at a cost of €10 per person per day.

One Day & Three Day Registration at the WMOF Congress in the RDS. As of now, people can book for either three days or one day – **however, it is no longer possible to book a one day registration for Friday.** ***There is a real possibility that in the coming weeks bookings will reach capacity for the RDS for all three days.*** **We have been advised to let parishioners know the importance of registering soon** if they wish to attend one or three days at the Congress. Again, our Diocesan Day is Wednesday and we are fortunate that as of now this has not reached capacity and can still be booked.

Mass in the Phoenix Park with Pope Francis—Sunday 26th August.

The Final Mass for WMOF2018 will be a Free Ticketed Event. Every adult and child in attendance will require a ticket to access this venue. At the moment the tickets for the Final Mass in the Phoenix Park are not directly available. First level of access is available for people attending the three day of Congress that takes place from 22nd to 24th August. Booking a three day event or a one day registration to the WMOF2018 Congress guarantees the opportunity at the same time to book a Free Ticket to the Final Mass at time of registration. **(subject to change).**

Naas Parish Weekly Lotto Draw.

You could Win €1,250.....

on Wednesday, 6th 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, 30th May .

Numbers Drawn were 24-21-9-28; Four Lucky Dip winners of €100 each:

Adrian Reynolds, Elaine Canty, Rita Clancy, Sarah and Mark Ginty.

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.