

# Parish Summer Newsletter:

**Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)**

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**Sunday 19th August 2018**

**John 6:51-58**

## Going to the Pope like Beggars



Why are we looking forward to the Pope's visit? Because he has called us. Someone we trust is coming. What reasons do we have for trusting? To answer, we must look at our experience.

Pope Francis reminded us of this, using "the words that Jesus once said to the disciples who asked him: 'Teacher [...] where do you live?' He replied, 'Come and see' (*Jn* 1:38). Jesus looks at you and invites you to go with him. Dear young people, have you noticed this look towards you?" (*Letter to Young People in Preparation for the Synod*, Jan 13, 2017).

This is exactly what happened to the first disciples after they met Jesus. What made them follow that man? They followed Him because He met their expectations. Once they had felt this correspondence, following it meant going to find Him the next day, and the day after that. And the more their certainty about Him grew, the more their desire grew and the more reasons they had to trust Him, and so to follow Him.

What face does Christ wear for us today? His face reaches us today through the encounter with the Pope here in Ireland to which we've been called by Christ Himself, present in history through His vicar, the bishop of Rome. The way the Mystery uses to call us is a historical fact, a concrete circumstance: right now, the leader established by Christ – the Pope – is calling us to welcome him to Ireland and to meet him. This summer, the Mystery is calling us in this way, and He will know how to help us answer the many questions we have in these confused and difficult times.

We go to meet the Pope as beggars, begging Christ for this new way of knowing that He promised to those who follow Him with the simplicity of a child so that we will be able to live our faith in this time that Pope Francis calls "a change of epoch".

As St. Paul says, we do not even know what to ask for. Full of the desire to have an attitude of begging, let us ask Christ, "Give me even this attitude, because by myself I don't know how to have it." This is why we await the Pope by praying to the Holy Spirit, because it is the Holy Spirit that comes to help us – as St. Paul says – to give us what we cannot even imagine, to place us in that attitude of asking that allows us to recognise the answer when it comes.

## Cemetery Mass

Sincere thanks to all who were involved in the organisation of the Cemetery Mass and to all who attended in such large numbers. It was a lovely occasion and a fitting way to remember all our loved ones. Thank-you also for your support of the collection held at the gates of the Cemetery. I wish to acknowledge the generosity of Mongey Communication who provided the sound system free of charge.

Our renewed thanks.

## THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY WELCOMES YOU WITH GREAT JOY!

### Naas:

Keela Aioibhe Byrne, Oldbridge Station  
Tadhg Seán O'Toole, Sallins Bridge  
Harry Christopher Doyle, Jigginstown  
Melvyn Russell Azevedo Collins, Sallins Park  
Isla Patrice Dando, Oldtown  
Harry Joseph Cahalan, Oldtown  
James William Friel, Oldtown

### Sallins:

Mae Cannon, Kill

### Two Mile House:

Alannah Josephine Jeffers, Kilcullen  
Kit Crosbie, Primrose Garden  
Ethan Louis Tuttle, Stephenstown Gate  
Kellsey Mae Fahey, Clane



### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

For those requesting the Sacrament of Baptism two weeks notice is required. Details from Parish website.

**Solemn Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help** for Naas, Sallins and Two Mile House Parishes. From Friday 5th to Saturday 13th October inclusive.

**Mass times for next weekend 25/26th August** will remain as normal. There will be no changes due to the Papal visit/WMOF.

### Naas Parish News:

In the week in which we welcome **Pope Francis** to Ireland for the WMOF, we will be showing the documentary "Francis - The Pope from the New World" in the foyer of Ballycane Church on Monday 20th August at 7:30pm. This beautiful documentary gives a great insight into the heart and mind of the current Bishop of Rome. All are welcome.

**Naas Musical Society** is holding its annual OPEN NIGHT this coming Thursday at 8pm in The Town House Hotel. Come meet the committee, members of the production team and existing members and hear all about our plans for the new season. We are looking for stage crew, Singers, painters etc. Contact Tina 0876023025 for further info.

**Naas Local History Group** Heritage Week walk in the Steps of St Corban, Thursday 23rd August assemble Lawlors Hotel at 7.15pm. All Welcome.

**Naas Toastmasters Club.** Meeting Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> August at Naas Townhouse Hotel at 8.00pm.

### Sallins Parish News:

**Eucharistic Devotion** is suspended for July and August.

**Confessions** take place Thursdays from 2 to 4 pm.

### Two Mile House Parish News:

**Weekday Morning Mass** is celebrated from Monday to Thursday at 9.15am in St Peter's Church. Friday evening Mass as usual at 7pm.

### General Notices:

**Ringling of the Bells** - The Bishops of Ireland have invited all Churches to ring their bells simultaneously to mark the opening of the WMOF on Tuesday August 21st at 7pm. The bells will ring for 15 minutes.

### **Opening Ceremony for World Meeting of Families in Carlow Cathedral**

Bishop Denis extends a warm welcome to all from across the diocese to join him in Carlow Cathedral on Tuesday 21st August for the official opening ceremony at 7.30pm. With a choir of over 150 and pilgrim visitors from Russia, Belarus and Poland this promises to be a special moment in the life of the diocese.

**Finance: Naas:** Development: €3,100 Offertory: € 3,685

**Sallins:** Env: €380 Baskets: €605: **Two Mile House:** €395

Refreshments in St Leo's College from 6pm; Gathering followed by Killeshin Pipe leading us into the Cathedral for our prayer. Free parking in Carlow College, St Leo's and all town public car parks. All Welcome!

**Diocesan Stand at WMOF in RDS:** Come and say hello at the diocesan stand in the exhibition hall of the RDS during the Pastoral Congress of the WMOF. We're at stand number 111-112.

**Parish Bus Times:** Please pick up a copy of the **WMOF booklet** for final Parish bus departure times from Ballycane and other useful info.

**Tickets for Closing Mass of WMOF** are sold out. Tickets are transferrable if you would like to pass them on to anyone. Any spare tickets can be dropped into the Naas Parish Office.

**Hope Cottage, Family Support Service for Kildare and West Wicklow** offer support to families impacted by substance misuse. This is a FREE and non-judgemental service to those over 18. Contact Noreen on 083 3796852/045 877991

**Tower of Allen** - will be open as a part of Heritage Week in Kildare from Saturday 18th until Sunday 26th August from 10am to 6pm.

**New Indoor Bowls Club** Monread community Centre, Maudlins Ave. Starts Tuesday 28th August at 8pm. For information call 0879011181.

### Feast & Memorial Days during the coming week:

Mon 20th: St Bernard, Abbot and Doctor

Tues 21st: St Pious X, Pope

Weds 22nd: The Queenship of Mary

Fri 24th: St Bartholomew, Apostle

**"THOSE WHO DIE IN GRACE GO BUT TO GOD"**

### Naas:

Peter Kennedy, Jigginstown

Brendan Houlihan, The Paddocks



### Sallins:

Patricia Bulger, formerly, St Bridget's Terrace

**May they rest in peace**

### **Sports Lottery Results**

Naas: 9/8 ( 2-18-24-25) No winner, Jackpot €4,000

Sallins: 13/8 ( 14-31-39) No winner, Jackpot €1,900

### Naas Parish Lotto:

**€4,000** that's the Jackpot on Wednesday coming, 22th August. There was No winner; Numbers Drawn were: 5-19-20-22. There were four Lucky Dip winners of €100 each. You can join the Parish Lotto at anytime, tickets €2 per week from the Parish Offices, Veritas and other outlets in the town.