

# Parish Summer Newsletter:

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

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**Sunday 5th August 2018**

**John 6:24-35**



## **St John Vianney, priest (1786-1859)**

We celebrate his memorial/feast on August 4<sup>th</sup>. He is recognized as Patron Saint of Parish Priests. He was a man of great humility and determination.

He wanted to become a priest but had to overcome great obstacles: difficulties in his training because of limited schooling and challenges in his priestly tasks because of difficult times. His failure to understand the Latin caused him great challenges in the seminary. But after a lengthy struggle and great perseverance he was ordained a Priest.

He was appointed to a Parish at Ars, you could say at the back of beyond. People were indifferent to the church and religious practice, and quite comfortable with their style of living. Worried what to do, he undertook severe periods of fasting and long periods of prayer to begin his ministry. He celebrated the Mass and heard confessions and visited the sick and helped the poor.

His work hearing confessions was his most remarkable accomplishment. It developed so much that in the winter months he was to spend 11 to 12 hours a day reconciling people with God. In summer this was increased to 16 hours. What a commitment!

As a preacher he was not that clear or intelligent but sincere and simple which attracted and moved many people. He was a very holy priest and celebrated the Mass with great meaning and devotion.

The Curé taught his parishioners primarily by his witness and lifestyle.

He died aged 73. The bishop presided over his Funeral Mass with about 300 priests and over 6000 people in attendance. He was canonized by Pope Pius XI in 1929 and named Patron of Parish Priests.

*"All good works, together, do not equal the sacrifice of the Mass since they are all human works, while the Holy Mass is the work of God."*

*"One need not say much to pray well, we know that Jesus is there in the Tabernacle. Let us open our hearts to him, let us rejoice in his sacred presence. That is the best prayer."*

*"Come to communion, come to Jesus. Come to live from him in order to live with him".*

## **Welcome to Fr. Séan**

This weekend we extend a warm welcome to Fr. Séan Maher, a native of Graiguenamanagh, Co. Kilkenny. Séan brings with him a rich pastoral experience of ministry which includes a period spent as Chaplain to the Irish Community in Paris.

He has completed further studies in Sacred Scripture and we hope to draw upon his years of study and his particular passion and interest in God's Word.

*Séan, we pray God's blessing upon your ministry among us and be assured of a warm and kind welcome from the people of Naas, Sallins and Two Mile House.*

*Fr. Liam*

## **Family Prayer for World Meeting of Families 2018.**

God, our Father,

We are brothers and sisters in Jesus your Son,

One family, in the Spirit of your love.

Bless us with the joy of love.

Make us patient and kind,

Gentle and generous,

Welcoming to those in need.

Help us to live your forgiveness and peace.

Protect all families with your loving care,

Especially those for whom we now pray:

(we remember our family members and others by name).

Increase our faith,

Strengthen our hope,

Keep us safe in your love,

Make us always grateful for the gift of life that we share.

We ask this, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Mary, mother and guide, pray for us.*

*St Joseph, father and protector, pray for us.*

*Saints Joachim and Anne, pray for us.*

*Saints Louis and Zéile Martin, pray for us.*

**THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY WELCOMES  
YOU WITH GREAT JOY!**

**Naas:**

Lily Jessica Mahon, Oldtown Demesne  
Elle Madeleine Travers, Abbey Road



**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:**

For those requesting the Sacrament of Baptism two weeks notice is required. More details from the Parish website; [www.naasparish.ie](http://www.naasparish.ie)

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

Wednesday 8th: St Dominic, priest  
Saturday 11th: St Clare

***“THOSE WHO DIE IN GRACE GO BUT TO GOD”***

**Naas:**

Karen Craven, Fr. Murphy's Place  
Kitty Herbert, Ashgrove Drive



**Two Mile House:**

Paul Lynch, Dunstown

***May they rest in peace***

**Naas Parish News:**

**Down Syndrome Ireland, Kildare Branch** are holding a Photography Exhibition “Who Am I?” at McAuley Place, Naas. 14th-18th August.

**Cemetery Mass at St Corbans Cemetery** takes place on Wednesday 15th August at 7.30pm. There will be no evening Mass in the Church of the Irish Martyrs, 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, at any time.**

**Sallins Parish:**

**Many Thanks** to all who maintain Bodenstown Cemetery and who helped prepare the Cemetery for our annual Mass. Thank-you also for everyone's generosity in donating €1180 for the upkeep of the Cemetery.

**Two Mile House Parish:**

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

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

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

**General Notices:**

**World Meeting of Families 2018, Dublin** are seeking stewards and Holy Communion Team volunteers for the closing Mass in Phoenix Park on Sunday 26th August. Go to [www.worldmeeting2018.ie/en/Get-Involved/Volunteer/Volunteer-for-One-Day](http://www.worldmeeting2018.ie/en/Get-Involved/Volunteer/Volunteer-for-One-Day) for more info.

**Tickets for Closing Mass of WMOF** are sold out. When issued, tickets will be printed with a barcode but no name so they are transferrable if you would like to pass them on to anyone. If you don't know of anyone who would like your spare tickets, they can be dropped into the Naas Parish Office.

**Date for the Diary – Bishop Denis** warmly invites you to the Cathedral in Carlow for the opening of The World Meeting of Families on Tuesday, August 21<sup>st</sup> at 7.30pm. Kildare and Leighlin will open this historic event with a specially prepared Evening Prayer. Over 150 choir members, as well as young people and families from across the diocese will take part. Light refreshments will be available before the liturgy begins. More details to follow.

**Viatres Christi** would like to thank the Priests and Parishioners of Naas, Sallins and Two Mile House for the warm and friendly welcome and for the wonderful collection of €5000.

**Camphill Community, Dunshane** are holding a coffee morning on Tuesday 14th August, 10-12. Coffee, tea, cakes and homemade crafts.

**Lough Derg:** Kildare Three Day Pilgrimage from 13th - 15th August. For more info contact Michael 087 6697902 or John 086 0076679.

**Finance: Naas:** Development: €3,060 Offertory: € 3, 025

**Sallins:** Env: €520 Baskets: €645: **Two Mile House:** €415

**Sports Lottery Results**

Naas: 26/7 ( 19-20-25-27) No winner, Jackpot €3,700

Sallins: 30/7 ( 28-29-35) No winner, Jackpot €1,600

**Naas Parish Lotto:**

**€3,500** that's the Jackpot on Wednesday coming, 8th August. There was No winner; Numbers Drawn were: 10-15-19-21. 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.