

Parish Newsletter



**Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
23rd September 2018.**

No: 1669

Mark 9:30-37



Dear Friends,

Exploring Naas has been proving fruitful - and interesting! A great library, a gentle walkway by the canal, parks with space and playgrounds, shops with a variety of choice and - my favourite - some great coffee houses with good coffee! No, I am not taking a line from the Naas Tourist office, but it has been an interesting place in which to find my way.

That said, while we were on retreat last week, we were given an exercise by the director of allowing Christ, in our imagination, to take us around our parishes and to see what he sees. For me, this was difficult, as I know the place so little, and yet it was also one of the most powerful moments of the retreat for many of us. Where might Christ bring us and what might he show us in this town? Early morning risers faithfully bringing themselves into the mystery of God's shadow; an army of young people marching to our schools; shops and businesses where commerce and courtesy work well together; a hospital where the sick and injured are healed and comforted; homes where there are families with their tragedies and hopes, fears and joys; late-night revelers awaiting the buses and taxis that will safely bring them home; conversations on the streets in languages that intrigue and set the imagination racing.

Christ invites us to explore and to reimagine his presence in the ordinary and the everyday. T.S. Elliot, in the *Four Quartets*, said "We shall not cease from exploration, and the end of all our exploring will be to arrive where we started and know the place for the first time."

In a strange sense, Christ might ask us, in the autumnal reflectiveness, to explore our town with his eyes and to begin to see the presence of the Spirit at work, maybe for the very first time!

That might make a bigger difference than you think. The gift of seeing the Spirit at work in the everyday reality of our town and our lives is the well-spring of hope. This is not looking at our world and thinking how the Spirit *might* work there, or *should* work there or *could* work there, but simply looking at the shy presence of the Spirit where you might have missed a consciousness of that presence.

You might have noticed me walking a lot - yes, I have been a little lost at times! Yet it is a great chance to see the place for the first time - try it yourselves with fresh eyes!

Every blessing!

Fr Seán

Reminder:

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



AN INVITATION FROM BISHOP DENIS

In appreciation of your contribution to World Meeting of Families 2018, I warmly invite you to join me for a Mass of Thanksgiving in the Cathedral of the Assumption, Carlow on Friday September 28th at 7:30pm. Followed by refreshments in Cathedral Parish Centre. RSVP to bishopshouse@kandle.ie by Tuesday 25th September.



PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION

PRIEST ON DUTY: 085 708 8407

PARISH WEBSITE: www.naasparish.ie

NAAS & SALLINS PARISH OFFICE Tel 879730

Opening Hours: Monday to Friday 10am to 5pm

Naas e-mail: office@naasparish.net

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 1337879
FR. ALEX KOCHATT	Lakelands	045 898684
FR. MICHAEL FLATTERY	Sunday's Well	045 888112
FR. SEÁN MAHER	Sallins Road	045 897703
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Ms. HILDA CAMPBELL	Pastoral Admin Asst	045 879730
Fr. Mark Zygodlo	(Part time)	045 434069

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, Emer McCarthy and Dermot McGilloway

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"

Naas:

Frances Spillane, Sallins Road

Margaret (Peggy) Critchley, St Conleth's Place.



MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.

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

THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY WELCOMES YOU WITH

GREAT JOY!

NAAS:

ROBYN KALLIE DUNNE BYRNE, HUNTERSWOOD

DYLAN THOMAS MURPHY, MONREAD HEIGHTS

GAIA KRASOWSKA, MILLBANK

KATIE MARY BYRNE, KINGSFURZE

GUY MARSHALL MURPHY, OLDTOWN

TWO MILE HOUSE:

CILLIAN STEPHEN BROPHY, PIPERS HILL

CONOR JACK BROWNE, BALLYMORE EUSTACE

CHARLIE JAMES BROWNE, BALLYMORE EUSTACE

MOLLY ANN MURPHY, ATHGARVAN

GEORGE HARRY MURPHY, ATHGARVAN

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

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



Legion of Mary Annual Pilgrimage to Knock takes place on Sunday coming, 30th September. Cost €20 for Bus Only. Bus pick-up points and approximate times are:

8:10 Town House Hotel, Newbridge Road

8:15 Church of Our Lady and St David, Sallins Road

8:20 Apple Green Garage, Sallins Road

8:30 Sallins

8:40 Clane

9:00 Prosperous

You can book your place on the bus at the Parish Office, Sallins Road (€20 payable at time of booking). For more details or to book your place on the bus, phone Aileen on 087 995 9922 or Eileen on 087 262 8577.



FEAST AND MEMORIAL DAYS FOR THE COMING WEEK:

Thursday 27th: St Vincent de Paul.

Friday 28th: St Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

NAAS PARISH NEWS

Any candidate for First Communion or Confirmation who wants to apply for the Sacrament in this coming year 2018/2019 and who is outside the parish school system please make contact with Naas Parish office as soon as possible as registration closes on 19th October.

Divine Mercy Prayers will take place in Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane after 7:30pm Mass on Wednesday 26th September.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion in OLSD: new rota for Oct to Dec and a provisional timetable for Christmas Masses are now available for download from the groups section of the Parish website. Alternatively you may pick up a hard copy from the Parish Office, Sallins Road.

Arthritis Ireland church gate collection this weekend.

Naas Flower and Garden Club will resume on Thursday 27th September in the Care of the Aged Centre, Newbridge Rd. Demonstration by Beatrice Hartog on the theme 'Say goodnight to Summer'. New and past members most welcome.

SALLINS PARISH NEWS

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Tuesday coming 18th September from 10:30am—11am.

Sallins SVP shop are holding a toy event on Thursday 27th September, start 10am, lots of brand new toys.

TWO MILE HOUSE PARISH NEWS

Weekday Morning Mass is celebrated from Mon-Thurs at 9.15am. Friday eve Mass as usual at 7pm.

GENERAL NOTICES

Alzheimer Café, Naas takes place on the last Wednesday of every month 7-9pm in the Convent Tea rooms, McAuley Place. Those living with dementia, families, carers and professionals welcome. Different speaker each month.

Irish Guide Dogs are holding an Information and Volunteer Recruitment Day on Weds 26th Sept at Kavanagh's, Naas 11am-8pm. Tel: 0879307790.

Pope Francis in Ireland: a full colour commemorative publication containing pictures of the event and transcripts of all Pope Francis' homilies, speeches and addresses during his visit to Ireland is available from all Veritas stores and online for €4.99.

Little Blessing's Children's Liturgy Group—Volunteers urgently needed! Child-centred programme delivered during the Mass in Ballycane at 10.30am on select Sundays. Separate child-friendly Gospel followed by artwork/drama/singing. Children do not need to be enrolled, they can join in the Sundays that suit. For volunteers the commitment is until next June only. Please contact Parish Office on 045 879730.

Naas Active Retirement Members only meeting this Weds 26th Sept at 2pm in Naas Community Centre.

This weekend is the **50th Anniversary** of the death of Padre Pio. We have two events commemorating this

St Pio's Feast Day Mass: A Mass to celebrate the Feast of St Pio and the Jubilee Year of the Saint 1918/2018 will take place on Monday 24th Sept at 7.30pm in St Marys Church, Edenderry. The Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Denis Nulty. After Mass, St Pio's glove will be available to anyone wishing to be blessed. All are welcome!

Healing Mass - Caragh Pastoral Council have organised a Healing Mass that will be held on Saturday 29th September at 6:30pm in Our Lady & St Joseph's Church. A glove belonging to Padre Pio will be available after Mass. All welcome.

Vacancy for Organist, Blessington Parish.

Extensive knowledge of liturgical music required. 10am Sunday Mass and possibly mid-week rehearsals. Payment of fees based on the National Guidelines for Church Musicians. Please send letter of application to Fr Richard Behan P.P., Blessington

KARE are looking for volunteers to offer short overnight breaks to adults with intellectual disabilities. No qualification needed, just the desire to support a person with a disability in your community. For more details, email jennifer.alfaogbaje@kare.ie or tel 045 480200.



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 Finances:

Sallins: Baskets: €580 Envelopes: €415

Naas: Offertory: €3334 Development Fund: €3445

Two Mile House: €492

Sports Lottery Results

Naas: 13/09 (4-5-14-27) No Winner, Jackpot €4,750

Sallins: 17/9 (18-33-42) No Winner, Jackpot €2,650

MONTHLY COMMUNION MASS: As part of the preparation for the **Sacrament of First Communion**, next weekend, 29th/30th September, our 2nd Class children in the Parish are invited to the first of the monthly communion Masses. It is suggested that children cut out the template below, colour it in either in school or at home and bring it to Mass. The child's name and members of their family can be written into the rainbow and they will be prayed for during the Mass. There will be baskets placed on the altar where they can leave the angel as they come in. These baskets will then be brought up as part of the offertory procession. This is a nice opportunity for the children to learn the prayer written on the angel which can be said at home with their family.



Naas Parish Weekly Lotto Draw.

You could Win €2,700.....

on Wednesday, 26th September 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.



Parish Lotto



There was ONE WINNER of the Jackpot on Wednesday last, 19th September.

Numbers Drawn were 4-19-10-21;

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