

Parish Newsletter

First Sunday of Lent
10th March 2019



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Parish Programme for Lent 2019

Lent is an old word that means Spring ... and traditionally, as the sun gets stronger and the days get longer we think of 'spring cleaning' our homes after the long dark winter. For Christians, Lent is a time during which we take time out of our busy, noisy lives to prepare for Holy Week and Easter – the high point of the Church's year. It is a time for 'spring-cleaning' our hearts! Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of this time of penance – a time when we make an effort to take stock of our lives; to recognise that we are not perfect, that there is always room for improvement and to make an effort to live as better people. The following are suggestions that we are proposing in our Parish during this Lenten Season to help prepare us for Easter: ***"Lent is what you do"***

Trócaire Box: An invitation to place at the centre of each and every home.

Weekday Mass: Usual times each morning in Naas, Sallins and Two Mile House.

Mass, Monday to Friday, each evening in C.I.M Ballycane at 7.30pm.

Mondays of Lent: Reflecting on the Sunday Gospel with Fr. Michael begins on Monday 11th March at 8pm in C.I.M Ballycane after Mass.

Tuesdays of Lent: Praying the Psalms with Fr. Séan begins on Tuesday 12th March, and will also take place on the 19th and 26th of March, at 8pm in C.I.M Ballycane after Mass.

Scripture Sharing: Tuesday mornings with Sr. Peggy, after the 10am Mass, in the Parochial House.

Fridays of Lent: Stations of the Cross at 12.30pm O.L.S.D Naas, beginning on 15th March.



Mass by candlelight, followed by ***Adoration and Benediction***, in C.I.M Ballycane beginning at 7.30pm.



PLEASE SEE INSIDE AN INVITATION, TO ALL PARISHIONERS, FROM BISHOP DENIS NULTY (PAGE THREE)

Lenten journey has begun, in the midst of a turn in the weather and all sorts of issues dominating our news and our minds. Yes, there is a lot to fill our thoughts. Our days are busy and our spare time is precious.

The Gospel today calls us to a sense of proportion. In so many ways, the different things that fill our days may well really be choking us. Three realities are examined in the Gospel of today: Firstly, there is physical fulfillment and security. No-one really wants to be hungry and insecure. We all look to good food and security of supply of same. Yet when this is offered to Christ in the desert, he refuses it. Something is more important than that...

The second reality is the reality of personal prestige and power. Again this is often something we crave. "Losing our stripes" is almost akin to physical pain and we enjoy the prestige that accompanies position in society and in rank. Enjoying the "power and the glory" is a strong human tendency. Yet again though, Christ suggests that this is not what he considers most important. Something is more important than that....

Life and death - maybe that is it. We could go without so much in terms of physical fulfillment and prestige, just to stay alive. After all neither physical prowess nor prestige and power could save us if we fell from the parapet of the tallest building - so maybe that is it - preserving life at all costs. Yet again, something is more important than that....

What is more important? This devil seems to have the right answers why does Christ not be more practical, realist, accommodating? This only means that they will have to cross swords again and again....

Crosses and swords, crosses and swords, now there is an idea. What about that? Watch this space.....

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Safeguarding Policy displayed in all Church Porches.

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN PARISH REPRESENTATIVES

Naas: Geraldine Faherty & Adrian King

Sallins: Keith Murphy, Emer McCarthy & Dermot McGilloway

Two Mile House: Paula Clancy & Suzanne Powell.

All of the above 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:

Monday 11th March: St Aengus, bishop and abbot

RECENT BAPTISMS

TMH:

Martha Henigan, Piper's Hill



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

Naas:

Tom Cleary, late of Cloughjordan, Co. Tipperary

Desmond Ring, Fishery Lane, Naas



MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.

NAAS PARISH NEWS

Lenten Station Collection in support of the Priests of the Parish will take place at all Masses today, 10th March. We thank you for your continued support and kindness to us.

MASS TIMES

CHURCH OF OUR LADY & 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

Tues and Thurs 7:30pm (during Lent)

SUNDAYS: Sat Vigil 7:30pm Sun 10:30am 12noon

CHURCH OF OUR LADY & 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 & ST DAVID, SALLINS ROAD

Every First Friday before the 10am Mass

Every Saturday after the 10am Mass

Spring/Summer Closing Time: OLSD Church, Naas will now be open every evening until **6pm**.

St. Joseph's Young Priests Society next meeting on Mon 11th March at 8pm in Ballycane Church.

The Parish Office, Sallins Road is now stocking a selected range of religious items including candles, gifts and magazines (Messenger, Magnificat, The Irish Catholic and more.) ***The Parish Office 'Shop' will now be open Monday to Friday 9.30am - 5pm and Saturdays 9.30am - 11.30am.***

Holy Face of Jesus Prayer Meeting every Wednesday after 7.30pm Mass/Prayer Services in Room 2, COIM, Ballycane.

The 4th Kildare Naas Scouts Group will participate at the 9am Mass in OLSD Church, Naas on St Patrick's Day.

Irish Guide Dogs for the Blind will hold their annual Church gate collection at Masses next weekend, 16th/17th March. *All support appreciated, thank you.*

SALLINS PARISH NEWS

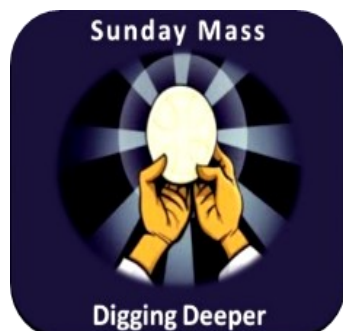
Confessions available in Sallins Church every Thursday from 2pm - 4pm.

TWO MILE HOUSE PARISH NEWS

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

DIGGING DEEPER – AN INVITATION FROM BISHOP DENIS

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,



As we gather across the diocese to celebrate the First Sunday of Lent, some of us have the very fresh memory of coming to church last Wednesday and being marked with ashes on our forehead. As we left the church and continued about our daily business, this very visible sign was saying something to those we met - about ourselves - about the community of faith of which we are a part and - about the journey we, together, are setting out on.

The journey of Lent to Easter is about our renewal, refreshment and healing through God's love and mercy. This is our annual retreat, our annual turning back to God; it is a powerful reminder to us that change can happen, fresh starts can be made, our friendship with God and, in turn, our family and the world, can be deepened and enriched.

This Lent, as your Bishop, I am inviting you personally to make the journey to Easter with me in a very particular way. Each of us, no doubt, will have our own unique journey to make as we turn our lives back to God. Alongside this, I am inviting you to a shared journey as a diocese this Lent. I am asking each of you to join me in reflecting on our Sunday Mass - digging deeper and renewing our belief in this central act of our Christian life. As Catholics, we believe that the Mass is the source and the summit of our lives. To say it is the source, is to say that what we celebrate in the Mass flows into our lives, nourishing it and shaping how we live; to say it is the summit, is to say that it is the highpoint of our Christian life together, a highpoint that we are invited to return to again and again.

So, what better time to turn our attention to what is central to our lives as Christians than in this time of Lent. By doing this I hope that when we renew our own baptism at Easter and welcome new Christians, and when we receive our Easter Holy Communion, that we will do so with a renewed sense of what the celebration of the Mass is about.

To help us do this, at my request, the Diocesan Commission for Liturgical Formation has prepared a set of resources that I am asking parishes to draw on and use. 'Sunday Mass – Digging Deeper' is a suite of resources that includes homily notes, hand-outs, video material as well as, for those who would like to dig even deeper, four Sessions exploring the Mass called 'Signposts on the Road to Emmaus'.

I am personally committing to take this time to renew my own sense of the Mass and its celebration. I'm inviting you, in the weeks ahead, to join me and parishioners from across the diocese in this particular Lenten journey. As we dig deeper into our Sunday Mass let us pray that our reflection will be a source of nourishment and renewal for us all and for our celebration of the Mass in our parishes in the years ahead! I pray God's abundant blessing on each of you in this season of renewal.

+ ***Bishop Denis***

Over the next four weeks, we will be dedicating half of our newsletter to this exploration of the Sunday Mass which will be broken into four parts as follows:



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| Part One: | The Introductory Rites |
| Part Two: | The Liturgy of the Word |
| Part Three: | The Liturgy of the Eucharist |
| Part Four: | The Concluding Rites |

Please see the Kandle website, www.kandle.ie for times and venues of "Digging Deeper" sessions taking places in nearby Parishes or call into the Parish Office for more details.

The Season of Lent



Lenten Poem by Ann Weems

Lent is a time to take time to let the power
of our faith story take hold of us,
a time to let the events get up and walk around in us,
a time to intensify our living unto Christ,
a time to hover over the thoughts of our hearts,
a time to place our feet in the streets of
Jerusalem or to walk along the sea and listen to his Word,
a time to ponder and a time to wonder....
Lent is a time to allow a fresh new taste of God!
Perhaps we're afraid to have time to think,
for thoughts come unbidden.
Perhaps we're afraid to face our future, knowing our past.
Give us courage, O God, to hear your Word
and to read our living into it.
Give us the trust to know we're forgiven
and give us the faith to take up our lives and walk.

GENERAL NOTICES



Olympic Flame: Young local musicians get together in aid of Naas Special Olympics at the Moat Theatre, Wednesday 20th March at 8pm. Please support. Tickets available from The Moat and Naas Parish Office, Sallins Road.

Nás Na Riogh Active Retirement Association: Next meeting in McAuley Place Community Centre, Wednesday 13th March from 2pm to 4pm. *All new members are welcome!* All enquiries to Ina McCarthy please, 085 8777 619.

Barrier into small church car park will be locked from 2.35 - 2.50 pm on school days. No access will be permitted in or out of the car park at that time, for health and safety reasons. Please contact Parish Office if you have any queries.

Parish Finances:

Sallins: Baskets: € 620 Envelopes: € 390

Naas: Offertory: € 3723 Development Fund: € 3600

Two Mile House: € 640

Trócaire Lenten Campaign 2019 highlights the injustice faced by many in the developing world. *Trócaire boxes are now available in the Church porches or from the Parish Offices.* Please take one for your home or workplace. This is a proud Irish tradition of supporting the work of Trócaire in the poorest and most disadvantaged places of the world. In donating to Trócaire you're not just giving, you're joining the fight for injustice.

Lost: Prescription sunglasses on 28th February. If found, please drop in to Parish Office. Thank you!

Naas Toastmasters Club International Speech Contest. Meeting 8pm weds 13th March, Naas Townhouse Hotel. Guests welcome.

St Marys Past Pupils Union is holding a table quiz to raise money for TY activities, 21st March, 8pm in McCormacks. €10 per person, tables of 4.

Sports Lottery Results

Naas: 28/02 (4-6-10-27) No Winner, Jackpot €8,350

Sallins: 04/03 (6-19-22-24) No Winner, Jackpot €3,100



Naas Parish Weekly Lotto Draw

You could Win € 3,200

on Wednesday, 13th March in the Parish Lotto Draw

The draw takes place at **6.30pm** 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, 6th March.

Numbers Drawn were ; 28 15 16 22

Winners of the Lucky Dip 4 x €100 prizes were:

A. Kelly, Anon, B. Toner, A. Kelly