

Parish Newsletter



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SAINT PATRICK'S DAY



17 March has a particular resonance in this island. For whatever reason, our national feast day has an impact and a sense of celebration that is unique and special.

At the heart of this celebration is the story of a young man who came to these shores initially as a refugee and slave, in fear and trembling, but who came to understand our people and who, in the freedom of love, wanted to offer them his life and the gift of faith that was the light of his life. It is a simple story of offering to others what is important and dear to oneself.

Today, that life will be remembered all over the world. In the jungles of northern Thailand, people will gather at the grave of an Irishwoman who went there in a similar fashion, to share what was precious and to live among people in love. Nigeria chose Patrick as one of their patron saints to celebrate and remember the Irish missionaries who worked there. New York, Boston, Sidney, and many other cities will come to a stand-still in celebrations for this feast day. A broad horizon of celebration!

A broad horizon - that might be the key to understanding this day in a changing Ireland. We have people who have come here from all over the world, with hope for a life that will be happy and prosper. What unites us all now? Old narrow nationalisms, unfortunately too common in many countries across Europe, would curtly close the door on the hope that is offered by fresh citizens who choose this place. Yet this is the very wellspring of hope and the heart of what we celebrate today.

Walking in Dublin, one cannot but be conscious of the sounds of different languages, the cultures that offer something new and the excitement and cheer of the gathering of nations in this once Viking station on the Liffey. It is an icon of the new hope in our country. What makes it specific and unique? From the quays, from the heart of that old station, you can always see the horizon, with the beauty of the setting sun. That horizon, the possibilities of that dream is what makes it specific and unique. The foundation stone of this day was someone who set out into that horizon with faith, with a real sense of offering in love what will last - Look to the horizon! Set out in hope! Simply offer to others what is dear to yourself!

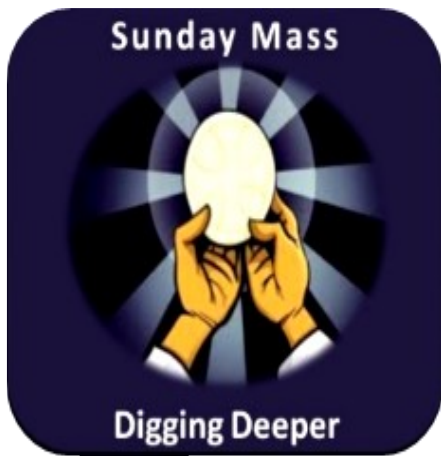


Happy Saint Patrick's Day!

Please note that there will be **NO** 7.30am Mass in OLSD, Naas and **NO** 7.30pm Mass in COIM, Ballycane tomorrow, Bank Holiday Monday 18th March.

PARISH PROGRAMME FOR LENT 2019

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, <u>each evening</u> in C.I.M Ballycane at 7.30pm.	
Mondays of Lent:	Reflecting on the Sunday Gospel with Fr. Michael takes place on Mondays at 8pm in C.I.M Ballycane after Mass.	
Tuesdays of Lent:	Praying the Psalms with Fr. Séan takes place on Tuesdays 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. Mass by candlelight, followed by Adoration and Benediction , in C.I.M Ballycane beginning at 7.30pm.	



Diocesan Initiative - 'Digging Deeper', an exploration and teaching on the Sunday Mass

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

Part One :The Introductory Rites, We Come together To Meet the Lord

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.

SUNDAY AS THE HIGHPOINT OF OUR WEEK

From the very beginning, the early Christian communities realised the importance of Sunday. It is the day of Jesus' **Resurrection**, a day of **joy and rest**, as well as **charity**. Sunday is the **Lord's Day**, the day when we are called **to remember** what God has done and continues to do for us. This, then, is the day the Lord's people are called to **keep holy**, together. The observance begins with the evening of the preceding day.

SUNDAY - EUCHARIST - COMMUNITY

Early Christians did what Jesus had asked them to do; they gathered and celebrated the meal Jesus had shared with them, the Eucharist. We also know this as the Mass. This gathering of the community on a Sunday to celebrate the Eucharist gave rise to a basic principle of the Church: ***There can be no Sunday without the Eucharist and no Eucharist without an assembly of the faithful. This principle endures to this day.***

It led Voltaire to declare, "If you want to kill Christianity, you must abolish Sunday." As members of the Christian community, we are each called to gather with the rest of our faith community on a Sunday to celebrate the Eucharist. The Sunday Mass is the place where we gather as a parish, as a community, as the People of God. This is at the heart of the life of the Church. It is the highpoint of our Christian life, where God nourishes us to go out and live as Christians.



A GLOSSARY OF TERMS

Church - those called together or gathered by God: ecclesia

Eucharist - Derived from the Greek word 'to give thanks'. It can refer to the consecrated Bread and Wine, as well as the whole of the Mass

Order of Mass - The texts and sequence of the Mass that does not change from week to week

Roman Missal - The ritual book that contains all the prayers and rubrics (instructions) to be observed in the celebration of Mass in any situation

Assembly - another name for the congregation. It highlights that God calls us together as one body of people

Presider - the priest celebrant who leads the celebration of Mass

CALLED BY GOD, WE GATHER WITH CHRIST AND ONE ANOTHER: *all are welcome, all are wanted, all are needed*

***"We Christians have been called one-by-one: no one of us is Christian by pure chance. No one."* Pope Francis**

As baptised members of the Church, we are part of a faith community called by God. When we gather for Mass on a Sunday we do so in response to God's personal invitation to each one of us. Ever before the Mass begins, each of us is called, welcome, wanted and needed.

We are not here to simply 'get Mass'. As Catholics, on a Sunday we are obliged and are called to join with the rest of our community to offer our worship, our praise and thanksgiving to God. We are here to **celebrate Mass** - this inserts us into the heart of the Mass, calling all of us to be **active participants** rather than silent spectators. That is why we need to come ready to pray, ready to be attentive to the words and actions that unfold in our midst.

And when we gather in the name of the Lord we know that Christ is with us. For Christ told us where two or three are gathered in his name that he is there. (Matthew 18:20) From the beginning of Mass, therefore, we are invited to welcome Christ present in his people. ***Look around next time you are at Mass and see the face of Christ in those who have gathered with you!***

THE SHAPE OF THE MASS

INTRODUCTORY RITES

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

CONCLUDING RITES

THE PURPOSE OF THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

Each of us, individually or with our families, make our way to Sunday Mass. As we enter the Church, we bless ourselves with holy water as a reminder of our common baptism. We may greet friends and strangers who have come with a common purpose. Taking our place, we genuflect towards the tabernacle reverencing the presence of Christ in the reserved Sacrament and we pause for a moment of silent prayer, preparing ourselves to enter into this great act of worship with the rest of our faith community.

The Mass itself begins with the Introductory Rites - a series of words and actions that begins with the *Entrance Procession*, and its accompanying hymn, and ends with the *Opening Prayer or Collect*.

The function of the Introductory Rites is to enable us as a community, coming from different places and with a variety of concerns, to become aware of ourselves as a gathered assembly; establishing a unity or communion among us and preparing us to listen to the Word of God and to celebrate the sacrament.

Exploring the Introductory Rites

- ◆ **ENTRANCE PROCESSION AND HYMN:** This procession of the priest celebrant and ministers through the body of people is a visible reminder to us that we gather as the Body of Christ. Christ is with us and we stand together as a sign of welcome and reverence for his presence among us. Our hymn unites us in one voice of praise. The priest reverences the altar with a bow and a kiss as the altar is a symbol of Christ at the heart of this assembly.
- ◆ **GREETING:** All make the sign of the Cross and the priest celebrant greets us from the Chair in words taken from Scripture. These words remind us that in our gathering, the God of the Trinity, the God of grace, love and peace, is with us and working upon us through this celebration.
- ◆ **PENITENTIAL ACT:** Before we enter deeper into the Mass we take one more moment to prepare ourselves, using one of three prayer options given to us in the Missal. Conscious that we all likely come with things we would like to change in our lives, behaviours we would like to be different, in the Confiteor we acknowledge before our brothers and sisters that we have sinned, and we ask for their prayers. But even greater than our sin, we trust in the enduring mercy and love of God, and so we can pray in confidence, Lord, have mercy. On some Sundays, especially in Easter Time, in place of the usual Penitential Act, the blessing and sprinkling of water to recall our baptism may take place.
- ◆ **GLORIA:** On Sundays outside of Lent and Advent, on solemnities and feasts, the Gloria is sung or recited. In this joyful hymn of praise the gathered assembly unites with the heavenly choirs. Within this hymn we recall the five actions of the Mass we are each called to: we are here to praise, bless, adore, glorify and thank our God.
- ◆ **OPENING PRAYER / COLLECT:** The Introductory Rites conclude with an opening prayer, called the Collect. This prayer gathers (or collects) all our prayers into one prayer of the day. It has a four-fold pattern of 1) an invitation from the priest celebrant to the assembly to pray, 2) a brief silence to gather the prayers of our hearts into one, 3) the prayer itself proclaimed by the priest celebrant and 4) our assent to the prayer in our 'Amen'. The silence within this prayer can help create a sense of unity among the assembly. Like all our prayers in the liturgy, we make our prayer to God the Father, through Christ and in the Holy Spirit. This can be a timely reminder to us that the celebration of the Mass is the action of Christ and of the people of God, united in common worship.

"Signposts on the Road to Emmaus" - Kill Parish will be running this four night Programme during Lent in conjunction with the *Diocesan Initiative "Digging Deeper"*. This will take place on Monday 18th & 25th March and also Monday 1st and 8th April in Kill Church at 8pm, after the 7.30pm evening Mass. All are welcome.

PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION

PRIEST ON DUTY: 085 708 8407

PARISH WEBSITE: www.naasparish.ie

PARISH OFFICE Tel.: 045 879730

Opening Hours: Monday to Friday 10am to 5pm

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SACRISTY OUR LADY AND ST DAVID: Tel 045 856925

BALLYCANE OFFICE AND SACRISTY : Tel 045 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
Dn. Fergal O'Neill	Parish Deacon	086 3816133
Ms. Hilda Campbell	Pastoral Admin.	045 879730
Fr. Mark Zygodlo	(Part-time)	087 7076708

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:

Sunday 17th: St Patrick, principal patron of Ireland

Tuesday 19th: St Joseph, spouse of Blessed Virgin Mary

RECENT BAPTISMS

Rory David O'Meara, Oldtown Walk

Abbey Lynn Forde, Millbridge Way

Oscar Edward Campbell, Finlay Park

Jack Michael Fitzgerald, Hillside

Aoibhín Cara Duffy, Oakfield Park

Matthew Edward Gill, Oldbridge Station

Hannah Mary Valentine Blake, Racecourse Gate

Layla Hilda Kelly, Radharc An Chaislean

Joshua Martin Foran, Kilcullen

Enzo Luca Salerno, Newbridge



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

Patrick McNamara, Prosperous, formerly St Corbans Place

John Donaghy, Hazelmere

Sr Maureen Connolly, late of Sallins & Pacelli Rd.

Desmond Short, Kilcullen



MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.

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

NAAS PARISH NEWS

'Mother's Prayers' Annual National Weekend in Knock: 22nd to 24th March, Queries to 087 6184110.

Padre Pio: Meeting Wed. 20th March after 7.30pm evening Mass in Ballycane. Benediction & Prayers.

SALLINS PARISH NEWS

Sallins 45th Pilgrimage to Lourdes, 14th June, 7 nights, please phone Rita Fanning on 087 6535112.

TWO MILE HOUSE PARISH NEWS

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

GENERAL NOTICES

Daffodil Day, Friday 22nd March, Please support: Mary & Vera will be outside Bank of Ireland, Naas. Also, **Naas Scouts Coffee Morning,** Scout Den 9.30am-1pm. All proceeds will go towards the Irish Cancer Society.

Naas Easter Parade: If you are interested in participating, please contact Deborah 086 8394919.

Naas CBS Parents Council Annual Bake Sale: Sunday 24th March after all Masses, COIM, Ballycane.

Naas Parish Weekly Lotto Draw: 13/03 (11-13-23-1) No Winner, Jackpot €3,450

Sports Lottery Results: Naas: 07/03 (4-5-15-16) No Winner, Jackpot €8,500. Sallins: 11/03 (3-12-23-26) No Winner, Jackpot €3,200.

Parish Finances Two Mile House: €580

Sallins: Baskets: €708 Envelopes: €370

Naas: Offertory: €3,005 Development Fund: €4,320