

Parish Newsletter

Third Sunday of Lent
24th March 2019



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Lk: 13:1-9

In a world where immediacy has become the norm, the Gospel of today asks a simple question:

What happens when things go wrong?

"Things going wrong" is not avoidable, nor is it even unlikely, but it seems to carry a weight for many of us that moves into the stressful and causes great anxiety and even anguish. Some would criticize the "snowflake mentality" and the lack of resilience but, truthfully, the tendency to react to adversity takes many forms in many generations.

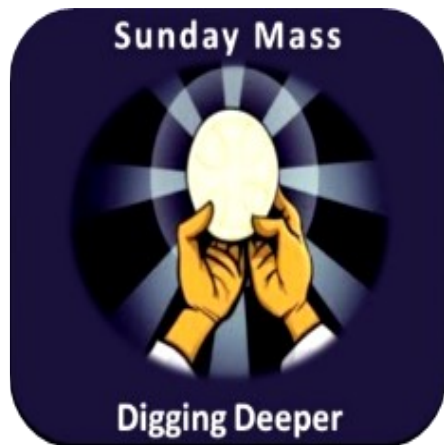
Christ in the Gospel today offers two steps in a wise and healthy reaction to adversity. When he is told of the death of some worshippers from his own district in the Temple, just as they were about to make sacrifices and at the command of one who was meant to be from their own tradition, he begins by saying that they are not to blame. Guilt can be crippling and wrongful assumptions of guilt can cause harm and damage to a person's self worth and wellbeing. Ill winds can blow, whether we have done right or wrong and misleading associations will only serve to foment the hurt. Instead, Christ suggests, live conscientiously, with a sensitivity towards right actions, whatever the consequences, and hold on to your dignity and integrity.



The next piece of wisdom comes from the world of gardening. Little enough can cause crops to fail, particularly in extreme climates. From year to year, disappointment in harvests can cause people to look for a scapegoat—the tree is wrong, that must be it. The voice of the gardener is the voice of Old Wisdom, that sees beyond the immediate. Sometimes you just have to wait for your dreams to come true. It may not happen this year, it may not happen next year but it is no reason to tear up the ground in angry disappointment. Stop, and put the rotten mass of broken dreams at the base of the tree of life, who knows but this year it might bear fruit?

Thank you to the 4th Kildare Naas Scouts Group who participated in and helped out with Mass on St Patrick's Day in OLSD, Naas.





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 Two: The Liturgy of the Word, We Come Together to Listen to God Speaking to Us

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.

A GLOSSARY OF TERMS

Liturgy – refers to all the official public prayer rituals of the Church

Lectionary – the name of the liturgical book from which the readings are proclaimed. Taken from the bible, the scripture texts have been specially selected for each celebration of liturgy. There are 3 lectionaries: 1. for Sundays, feasts and seasons 2. for weekdays in ordinary time and 3. for ritual celebrations (i.e. weddings, funerals etc.)

Lector – the Latin word for Reader, sometimes used for the parish Reader.

Liturgical Year – beginning on the First Sunday of Advent, in the LY the Church celebrates the whole mystery of Christ from the Incarnation until the day of Pentecost and the expectation of Christ's second coming through the seasons of Advent, the Christmas Season, Lent, the Easter Season and Ordinary Time. The highpoint of the year is Easter; the highpoint of the week is Sunday. The readings are chosen specifically for the season we are in within the LY.

Lectern – the place in the sanctuary area reserved for the proclamation of the readings. This is the table of God's word. Often called the Ambo.

THE IMPORTANCE OF THE LITURGY OF THE WORD GOD IS SPEAKING TO US TODAY

We are God's people and we believe that God continues to speak to us today both as a community and individually. As Catholics, we believe that the scripture texts in the Bible are the inspired Word of God. Each time these scriptures are proclaimed in the liturgies of the Church God is speaking directly into the very circumstances of our lives, nourishing us and calling us to faith. God has a word to say to us. These are not history lessons or stories of long ago. As St Paul said, the Word of God is alive and active. These are the words that bring us life – the words we need to listen to in the midst of all the words and false messages with which we are constantly bombarded. This is God's living word for us today.

What does a Reader do?



Parish Readers put the word of God out into the midst of the assembly who have gathered. They speak a message from God to us, sharing a word of faith. As ministers of the liturgy, they are called to prepare well – preparing to read aloud the text in a manner that is clear, audible and conveys an understanding in faith of the text. This faith understanding can only come about by the Reader praying with the text.

What are we called to do?

When God shares his word with us he awaits our response: 'Be doers of the word and not hearers only' (James 1:22) What is God saying to me? to us? How can I actively welcome this word into my life? How am I being called to live and share this word with others?

The Word of the Lord—Christ is present in the Word

At the end of the reading, the reader proclaims; 'The Word of the Lord'. This is a faith statement, like the faith statement we hear later in the Mass—'The Body of Christ'. It declares that Christ is present among us through his word. The Church teaches that 'Christ is present in his word, since it is he himself who speaks when the holy scriptures are read in the Church...' On a Sunday, with the rest of our community, we get to meet Christ present in his word. Do we come prepared for this encounter?

A Word on Silence... Silence is one of the most essential elements of the Mass. Both our own interior silence and the shared external silence in the church building during and between the readings, helps us to really listen to God speaking to us and to begin to hear what God is saying to us. Silence creates a space for God.

THE SHAPE OF THE MASS

INTRODUCTORY RITES

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

CONCLUDING RITES

Liturgy draws on all our senses.... We *taste, see, hear, touch and smell* within our liturgical celebrations. This dialogue of prayer, this communication between ourselves and God, engages our whole body. And what our body experiences in all its senses is important. From week to week, when we *see* the reader proclaiming from a Ritual book, the Lectionary, rather than from a Missalette (which we will put in the bin or recycle afterwards) we unconsciously come to understand that these words are different to other words. These are sacred words.

Exploring the Introductory Rites

- ◆ **First Reading:** We sit to listen to God's word to us. Usually from the Old Testament, this First Reading is typically chosen to link with the Gospel. While these texts were written under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit centuries ago, they continue to speak to us. They are the living story of God's relationship with God's people today. In a moment of *silence* at the end of the reading we briefly reflect on what we have heard.
- ◆ **Responsorial Psalm:** The Psalm is taken from the Book of Psalms in the Old Testament, often called the Christian prayer book. Jesus, as a faithful Jew, prayed with these texts. It is a response to the First Reading so it will reflect the mood or sense of the Reading, i.e. praise, thanksgiving, petition...Psalms were originally written to be sung which is why the preference is to sing them within the Mass.
- ◆ **Second Reading:** Ideally another reader will proclaim this reading, giving us a variety of voice which can assist our listening. This text is taken from the New Testament. Often we hear from one of the letters of St Paul – letters he wrote to some of the early Christian communities who had questions about their faith or who were coping with particular situations that had arisen. In the seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter this second reading will be chosen to make a link with the message of the season and the other two readings. In Ordinary Time, the assigned text is often part of a semi-continuous reading of a particular book or letter of the New Testament over a series of weeks.
- ◆ **Gospel Acclamation:** We take a moment of *silence* to ready ourselves for the first highpoint of our Mass – the proclamation of the Gospel. Through a series of actions, we underscore the importance of the Gospel. We *stand and sing* an acclamation, joyfully welcoming the Gospel. We may also *see* a Gospel procession in which the Book of the Gospels is carried, accompanied by candles and incense.
- ◆ **Gospel:** A priest or deacon proclaims the Gospel, beginning with special words of introduction before incensing the book, if incense is being used. As he does so, we mark our foreheads, lips and heart with the Sign of the Cross – we pray that these words of faith that *Christ proclaims to us* will find a place in our thoughts, words and deeds. The Lectionary for Sundays is organised in a three-year cycle, with a particular Gospel taking precedence each year. Year A – Matthew; Year B – Mark; Year C – Luke. We hear from John's gospel every year during Lent and Easter and in part of Year B.
- ◆ **Homily:** We *sit* to listen to the priest-celebrant 'breaking open the word' that has been proclaimed into the very life of the community who have gathered. In the *silence* that follows we can each take a moment to claim these words for ourselves and our own life. *What difference will these words of faith make to me?*
- ◆ **Creed:** The Creed contains the central teachings of our faith, a faith that is nourished through our celebration of the Mass. We *stand* to personally affirm this faith.
- ◆ **Prayer of the Faithful:** As a community of faith we turn to our God praying for the needs of all humankind. In these petitions we hear the struggles and pain of our families, communities and world and we know that our God, the God of love and compassion, will listen to us and respond.

"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"*. Next meeting on Monday 25th March. This will also take place on Monday 1st and 8th April in Kill Church at 8pm, after the 7.30pm evening Mass. All are welcome.

PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION

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Opening Hours: Monday to Friday 10am to 1pm

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Fr. Michael Flattery	Sunday's Well	045 888112
Fr. Seán Maher	Sallins Road	045 897703
Dn. Fergal O'Neill	Parish Deacon	086 3816133
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Fr. Mark Zygadlo	(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: Mr Mick Daly

Deputy Diocesan Liaison Person: Ms Michele Hughes

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FEAST AND MEMORIAL DAYS FOR THE COMING WEEK:

Monday 25th: The Annunciation of the Lord

RECENT BAPTISMS

Ciara Emma Brennan, Ard na Laoi

Viea Taylor, Millbrook Court

Hugo Thomas King, Connecticut

Martha Esme Hennigan, The Drive

Kate Mary Dunning, Sundays Well



"THOSE WHO DIE IN GRACE GO BUT TO GOD

AND GOD IS VERY NEAR"

Christopher Grainger, Sherlockstown, Sallins

MAY HE REST IN PEACE.



NAAS PARISH NEWS

Divine Mercy Prayers after the 7.30pm Mass in COIM, Ballycane on Wednesday 27th March.

Parish Finances:

Sallins: Baskets: €745 Envelopes: €430

Naas: Offertory: €3650 Development Fund: €3775

Two Mile House: €757

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

TWO MILE HOUSE PARISH NEWS

Weekday Morning Mass will be celebrated this week on Thursday 28th March ONLY, at 9.15am. Friday evening Mass as usual at 7pm.

You are invited to attend a very special moment in the life of our Parish where 6 members of our Parish will receive a Beni Merenti Medal for their service. Bishop Denis Nulty will present them at Mass on Friday 5th April, 7pm, TMH. All welcome, light refreshments after.

SALLINS PARISH NEWS

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

GENERAL NOTICES

Mission Appeal for St Patrick's Missionary Society at all Masses next weekend. All support appreciated.

Irish Guide Dogs for the Blind: A big thank you to all who donated to our fundraiser. €1,522 was raised.

Naas Flower & Garden Club: Meeting, Thursday 28th March at 7.45pm, Care of the Aged Centre. All welcome.

Naas Inner Relief Road: Open meeting in respect of KCC's proposal, Osprey Hotel, 7.30pm, Monday 25/03.

St Marys College Guest Speaker Evening: Adam Harris of AsIAm.ie, Wed. 27th March at 7.30pm, Assembly Hall.

Naas Parish Weekly Lotto Draw: 20/03 (2-17-12-22) No Winner, Jackpot €3,700

Sports Lottery Results: Naas: 14/03 (3-16-17-23) No Winner, Jackpot €8,650. Sallins: 19/03 (19-23-24-28) No Winner, Jackpot €3,300.