

# Parish Newsletter



**Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
3rd March 2019**

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## **LENT**

This week sees the beginning of Lent, our special time of intense prayer and deep listening to the Word of God.



While we now associate Lent with Easter, its origins are a little different. In the early days of the Church, when almost all baptisms were adult, catechumens (those preparing for imminent baptism) were anointed forty days before baptism and spent the next forty days in intense prayer, fasting from things that were not necessary and separating themselves from anything

contrary to the Christian life. This became so powerful an experience for many that whole communities decided to join in this quest for authentic Christian life and it became a yearly practice.

Prayer becomes a deep listening to the Word of God, fasting becomes a discipline that allows for solidarity with those who have not enough to eat or who cannot eat because of illness, almsgiving allows for a tenderness of the heart to take effect in acts of genuine kindness.

We are about to begin our Lenten journey, allowing ourselves the chance to dare again to say to one another and to the world that we are seeking God and seeking ways to live faith authentically. In the midst of commercialism and consumerism, partisanship and trends, we dare to cry "Stop!" and we look for something simple, deep and fresh that reminds us that we are children of a God who loves us and calls us to life.

*Ash Wednesday begins our Lenten journey. Two things are specific to this day:*

- ♦ Fast and Abstinence, which means we do not eat meat and those who are aged between twelve and sixty are called to limit food to two small meals and one main meal. This allows us to discipline ourselves in what we eat and how we treat the gift of food.
- ♦ Ashes mark our forehead, in a gesture of beginning with what has been described as "the deadest of all dead things." These ashes come from last year's palm branches. They have served their last purposes. In the Gospel, the tree of the Cross is a sign of both death and life. It begins with the poignancy of death and moves to a new appreciation of the gift of life. In these days, we choose to leave aside that which leads to death and hurt and to choose again the path that leads from death to Life.



*Enjoy the freshness of this spectacular spring! Let a real sense of joy in simplicity and new life be part of your Lenten journey. Move from death to life in these forty days!*

***Please see details of our Parish Lenten programme on the back page of this newsletter.***

**Lenten Station Collection in support of the Priests of the Parish will take place at all Masses next weekend 9th and 10th March. We thank you for your continued support and kindness to us.**

## PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION

**PRIEST ON DUTY: 085 708 8407**

PARISH WEBSITE: [www.naasparish.ie](http://www.naasparish.ie)

NAAS & SALLINS PARISH OFFICE Tel 879730

Opening Hours: Monday to Friday 10am to 5pm

Naas e-mail: [office@naasparish.net](mailto: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
Dn. Fergal O'Neill	Parish Deacon	086 3816133
Ms. Hilda Campbell	Pastoral Admin Asst.	045 879730
Fr. Mark Zygadlo	(Part-time)	087 7076708

**Safeguarding Policy is 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:** Paula Clancy and 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:

Tuesday 5th March: St Kieran, bishop  
Wed. 6th March: Ash Wednesday  
Day of Fast & Abstinence

### RECENT BAPTISMS

#### NAAS:

Rory Henry Wrafter, Oldbridge Way  
James Glen Quinn, Oldbridge Station  
Sibyl Eileen Leacy, St Josephs Road  
Billy Louis Merrins, Radharc An Chaislain  
Fionn Sean Moloney, Finlay Park  
Theodore Thomas Martin, The Drive  
Cillian James Burke, Sarto Park



#### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

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

## 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 the 10am Mass  
Every Saturday after the 10am Mass

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

#### Naas:

David Andrews, The Waterfront, Naas

#### TMH:

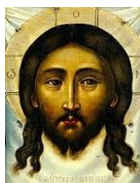
Padhraic McDonagha, Mullacash, TMH

**MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.**



### NAAS PARISH NEWS

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) along with Communion & Confirmation items. **The Parish Office 'Shop' will now be open Monday to Friday 9.30am - 5pm and Saturdays 9.30am - 11.30am.**



**Novena in Honour of the Holy Face** commenced on Monday 25th February, and takes place before the 7.30am and 10am Masses in OLSD Church and will conclude on Tuesday 5th March (Shrove Tuesday), which is the Feast Day of the Holy Face.

**Holy Face of Jesus Prayer Meeting** every Wednesday after 7.30pm Mass/Prayer Services in Room 2, COIM, Ballycane. Please call Caoimhe on 085 2525 612 if you would like more information.

**Mothers Prayers:** In Ballycane Church continues every Wednesday at 8.15pm. All welcome.

**Naas Apostolic Work Society:** Next meeting will take place on Tuesday 5th March at 2pm in the meeting rooms at the Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane. New members welcome.

**Spring/Summer Closing Time:** The Church of Our Lady and St David, Naas will now be open every evening until 6pm.

**Little Blessings Children's Liturgy Group** will take place during the 10.30am Mass at Ballycane Church next Sunday, 10th March. All children over four are welcome. Participants will hear a child friendly version of the Gospel or other Bible story along with related artwork, drama or music. Children can join at any stage.

**The annual Church gate collection for Spina Bifida Hydrocephalus Ireland** (Kildare Branch) will take place at Masses next weekend, Saturday and Sunday, 9th and 10th March. All support is greatly appreciated.

**4th Kildare Naas Scouts** would like to thank everyone who supported their recent Church gate collection. *We really appreciate your generosity.*

### SALLINS PARISH NEWS

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

### TWO MILE HOUSE PARISH NEWS

Please note that there will be **NO Morning Mass in Two Mile House from Monday 4th February to Tuesday 5th March inclusive. Morning Mass will resume as normal on Ash Wednesday, 6th March. Friday evening Mass as usual at 7pm.**

### GENERAL NOTICES

**Kildare and Leighlin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes, led by most Reverend Bishop Denis Nulty**, will take place from 1st - 6th August 2019 at a cost of €759 per person staying at the 'Hotel Agena'. The Pilgrimage is being organised in conjunction with Joe Walsh Tours. Booking forms are now available from the Parish Office, Sallins Road.

**Diocesan Adoration Committee** invite you to a day of Prayer held in Mount St Anne's Retreat and Conference Centre, Killenard on Saturday 9th March, to begin at 9.45am. *Full details, including programme, can be found in the Adoration Chapel.*

**The Annual Memorial Mass for Deceased Civilian Employees** of the Defence Forces including the Curragh Camp, Devoy Barracks Naas, Magee Barracks Kildare & Coolmoney Camp will take place on Friday 8th March at 10am in St Brigid's Church, the Curragh Camp. Relatives and friends of the deceased are invited to attend. Refreshments after Mass in McDonagh Catering Centre until 12 noon.

**Towards Peace** is a service offering spiritual support to those who have experienced abuse perpetrated by Church personnel, individually or institutionally. Towards Peace provides spiritual support through one-to-one spiritual sessions with a qualified spiritual companion. Visit [www.towardspeace.ie](http://www.towardspeace.ie) or phone 01 505 3028 for more information.

**Solemn Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help** - St Coca's Church, Kilcock from Monday 11th March to Friday 15th March nightly at 8pm. Mass & guest speakers each evening.

**"Buy a Brick":** The Parents Association and teachers of Mercy Convent have launched the "Buy a Brick" campaign to supplement the funding, which has been provided by the Department of Education, for the school construction project which is now underway. The money raised through this initiative will assist with the funding for a variety of school items. If you would like to support us, please contact the school on 045 876410 or visit our website at [www.mercyconventprimarynaas.com](http://www.mercyconventprimarynaas.com) and click on the "Buy a Brick" icon to make your donation. *Thank you to all for your support with this!*

**Newbridge College are hosting a Fashion Show/ Lunch** on Friday 8th March at 1pm in the Keadeen Hotel in aid of Mustard Seed Communities Ireland. Ticket cost is €65 which includes a four course lunch and prosecco reception. Raffle on the day too! Enquiries to 085 7164597, or please email [mustardseedfashionshow@gmail.com](mailto:mustardseedfashionshow@gmail.com).

**Save the Date! Friday 26th April** A Celebration of Music & Song - Gala Concert which will take place in the Church of Our Lady and St Davids, Naas. This is a joint fundraiser for both St Marys College and CBS, featuring Celine Byrne, Patrick Hyland, The Baldonnel Singers, The Army No.1 Band and choir/musicians from both schools, ***Tickets will be available in the Parish Office, Sallins Road towards the end of March.***

**Naas Local History Group "Mapping Naas"** Talk by Darragh Hickey in the Town House Hotel, tomorrow Monday 4th March at 8pm. All welcome.

**Naas Active Retirement** - Members only meeting, Wednesday 6th March at 2pm in Naas Community Centre.

### **Sports Lottery Results**

Naas: 21/02 (5-7-19-28) No Winner, Jackpot €8,200

Sallins: 25/02 (19-27-36) No Winner, Jackpot €3,000

### Parish Finances:

**Sallins:** Baskets: €655 Envelopes: €355

**Naas:** Offertory: €3705 Development Fund: €3270

**Two Mile House:** €710

# Parish Programme for Lent 2019



- Ash Wednesday:** Day of fast and abstinence with blessing and distribution of Ashes.
- Trócaire Box:** Placed at the centre of each home, we continue a proud Irish tradition of supporting the work of Trócaire in the poorest and most disadvantaged places of the world.
- 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 on the Sallins Road, beginning on Tuesday 5th March.
- 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.



*Diocesan Initiative - 'Digging Deeper', an exploration and teaching on the Sunday Mass – Please see Sunday newsletter during Lent.*

***“Lent is what you do”***

## **Naas Parish Weekly Lotto Draw**

**You could Win €2,950.....**

**on Wednesday, 6th 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, 27th February.**

**Numbers Drawn were 27-6-7-28;**

Winners of the Lucky Dip 4 x €100 prizes were: S O'Hara, Anon, M. Casey, G. Keevans

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