

# Parish Newsletter



**Easter Sunday  
21st April 2019**

No: 1698

John: 20:1-9

## Easter Sunday Celebration



In our modern world of instant news, fake news, bad news and occasionally good news the Easter story of Mary Magdalene going to the grave early in the morning with no mobile phone or camera might seem a bit outdated. However, for us Christians she carried the most important piece of news of all times back to a frightened and disbelieving group. Could she be believed? Was she imagining things? Surely the tomb was well protected by the big stone? No gravediggers could enter so a

woman couldn't either. Mary was distraught by Jesus' death as are so many who experience the death of a parent, a child, a relative or a friend and who go at strange times of the day to be with them in their final resting place.

For Mary, before long a familiar voice relieved her pain as she came face to face with her risen Lord. Yes, the disciples, Peter and John came to the grave but what did they expect to see? They had placed all their hopes in this man Jesus and he had let them down. Who are they now? Did they go to meet the risen Jesus or did they run there to check on Mary's story? Where are we with the story of the Resurrection? Each of us must reflect on our own hopes and fears regarding our relationship with the risen Christ. Peter got to the tomb first we are told but it was John who put it all together. "He (John) saw and he believed". What was there in Jesus and John's relationship that had rendered him particularly sensitive to the presence of the risen Christ?

What about us today? Where do we see ourselves? Are we with Mary, or John or Peter in the tomb? Do we instinctively follow the Jesus of History and worship the Christ of faith. Do we rush like Peter to the tomb to see for ourselves what has happened? Do we call on our faith only when we are in trouble or in need of reassurance? Is our relationship like John's?, always close to Jesus even to remaining at the foot of the Cross and so sensing God's presence even when Jesus has gone to the other side?

So many questions to ponder but also so much reassurance from our Easter faith. We are an Easter people despite or because of our sufferings. Easter is celebrated each year since the Council of Nicaea, in 325CE, set the date for Easter as the first Sunday after the full moon occurring on or after the Spring Equinox which is a very significant date in our year. Let us celebrate with Mary because we too have met the Risen Christ.

### *A Message from Fr Liam*

**Easter Sunday has arrived!** A day filled with hope, joy and the promise of life eternal. It has been a truly beautiful week, made possible by the generous and deep commitment of so many faithful and dedicated volunteers. Each of our four churches are blessed to have so many Parishioners willing to 'roll up their sleeves', simply because they have a deep love for their particular Church or Parish. On this Easter day our Churches look resplendent with floral arrangements that befit the moment. To all who contributed in any way to the experience of Holy Week we express a heartfelt word of appreciation. To our organists and choirs, Ministers of Word and of Communion, altar servers, collectors and counters, floral arrangers, altar societies, those who look after and clean our Churches, Liturgy Groups and PPC's, and to those who carry out a multitude of individual tasks. To the office staff on the Sallins Road and Ballycane, and last but by no means least our wonderful Sacristans in all four Churches.

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## 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**

**e-mail:** office@naasparish.net

**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. Asst.	045 879730
Fr. Mark Zygodlo	(Part-time)	087 7076708

**Safeguarding Policy displayed in all Church Porches.**

## **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**

**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 ILE 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

### Easter Weekday Masses

From tomorrow, Monday 22nd April to Saturday 27th April: **10am Mass only** in Our Lady and St David's Church, Sallins Road, Naas.

**There are no other weekday Masses in the Irish Martyrs, Sallins or Two Mile House**

### NAAS PARISH NEWS

**Easter Collection for Priests of the Parish** will take place at all Masses this weekend, Saturday 20th/Sunday 21st April. As always, we thank you for your continued kind support and generosity.

**Easter Sunday: There will be NO 6pm evening Mass in the Church of Our Lady & St David, Naas today, Easter Sunday, 21st April.**

**The Parish Offices will be closed tomorrow Monday 22nd April (Easter Monday).**

### SALLINS PARISH NEWS

**Easter Collection for Priests of the Parish** will take place at all Masses this weekend, Saturday 20th/Sunday 21st April. As always, we thank you for your continued kind support and generosity.

**Sallins 45th Pilgrimage to Lourdes, 14th June, 7 nights, please phone Rita Fanning on 087 6535112. The Spiritual Director is Fr. Michael.**

**Vincent's Charity Shop Sallins:** Volunteers urgently needed, please call 045 852928 or apply in shop.

### 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**

**C/o Bishop's House, Dublin Rd, Carlow. 085 802 1633**

### RECENT BAPTISMS

#### NAAS:

Jack Colin Ward, Sallins Pier

Sophie Niamh Ward, Sallins Pier

Matthew O'Brien, Kerdiff Close

Taigh Dylan Callaghan Murray, Patrician Avenue

Aoife Elizabeth Daly, Finlay Park

Jack Ronan Gleeson, Wentworth Place

#### TMH:

Anna Bridget Conway Behan, TMH



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

#### SALLINS:

Daniel Daly, Osberstown Cottages

#### NAAS:

Evelyn Kierns, The Lawns, Johnstown

***MAY THEY REST IN PEACE***



## TWO MILE HOUSE PARISH NEWS

**Easter Collection for Priests of the Parish** will take place at all Masses this weekend, Saturday 20th/Sunday 21st April. Thank you kindly for your support.

### GENERAL NOTICES

**Annual Pilgrimage to Medjugorje: 30th May-6th June, €709. The Spiritual Director is Fr Liam. Please see posters in Church porches/Parish Office for details or call John/Catherine at 086 8563773.**

**Minister of the Word Training Course** for new and existing Parish readers: Three night course, May 2nd, 9th and 16th, Áras Bhríde, Kildare Town, 7.30-9pm, tel. Parish Office on 045 879730 for more information.

**Training Course for New & Existing Parish Baptism Teams:** Tuesday May 7th (Cathedral Parish Centre, Carlow) 7.30-9.30pm, Wednesday May 8th (Cathedral of the Assumption, Carlow) 7.30-9.30pm and Tuesday May 14th (Cathedral Parish Centre, Carlow) 7.30-9.30pm. This three night course is open to new and existing teams. It will include an exploration of home visits as well as central preparation meetings. Please contact Parish Office on 045 879 730 for more information.

**Kildare and Leighlin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes, led by most Reverend Bishop Denis Nulty, 1st-6th August 2019, €759 per person. The Pilgrimage is being organised in conjunction with Joe Walsh Tours and the Spiritual Director is Fr Alex. Booking forms are available from the Parish Office, Sallins Road.**

**KARE Naas Branch:** We urgently need help with a collection on Tuesday 30th April to assist us with our bucket collection 11.30am-4pm and 6.15pm-7.30pm. If you can help, please call Fran on 086 0843577. KARE's AGM will take place on Monday May 13th at 8pm, Blessington Road, Naas. New members are very welcome.



**Easter Sunday 21st April, Sunrise Liturgy Time: Sunrise Liturgy in PuncHESTOWN will take place at 6.10am and not 6.45am as previously stated on last week's newsletter. Apologies for any inconvenience caused.**



**Naas Easter Parade will take place today, Easter Sunday 21st April. The parade will make its way through the town at approx. 3pm. It will be preceded by the Naas Athletic Club's second running of the Streets of Naas 5k in memory of Sheena Walsh. Race number collection on the day at Race HQ, The Moat Theatre, Naas from 11.30am, the race will start at 2.15pm.**

**The Alzheimer Café** evening will take place on Wednesday 24th April, 7pm-9pm in the Convent Tea Rooms at McAuley Place, Naas. The speaker for this meeting will be Garda Gary Cogan, Community Garda. All welcome.

**Naas Flower and Garden Club** next meeting will take place on Thursday 25th April at 7.45pm in the Care of the Aged Centre, Newbridge Rd. There will be a demonstration on the night by  Mary Keogh, with the theme "Nature's Gifts". All welcome.

**St Pio's Glove** will be in the home of Betty Malone, Shindella, Rathangan (on the Rathangan - Monasterevin Rd.) on Sunday 28th April, 11am-5pm. Please contact Betty at 045 525094. Religious items relating to St Pio will be on sale on the day. Everyone welcome.

### Parish Finances:

**Sallins:** Baskets: €810 Envelopes: €365

**Naas:** Offertory: €3675 Development Fund: €3850

**Two Mile House:** €586

## ***Divine Mercy Sunday 28th April***

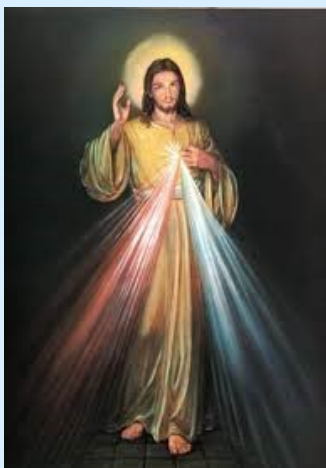
The Feast of the Divine Mercy will be celebrated in the Church of Our Lady & St David, Sallins Road, Naas on Sunday next, 28th April.

**Confessions** 2.15pm-3pm

**Holy Hour** 2pm

**Benediction** 2.45pm

**Mass** 3pm commencing with the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy and the Solemn Blessing of Image of the Divine Mercy. Public Veneration of Image will take place immediately after Mass. All personal images of Divine Mercy brought to the Church on this day will be blessed.



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Thanks to the many Parish Groups who participate and keep alive the mission of our Parish. Finally to you the Parishioners of Naas, Sallins and Two Mile House, thank you for your faith, thank you for the courage and conviction you show coming Sunday after Sunday to pray, therefore placing God at the centre of your lives. On behalf of the Parish Team, thanks for the encouragement, kindness and the generous support you extend to each one of us, it is deeply appreciated.

*Wishing you a Happy Easter!*

*From: Michael, Alex, Seán, Hilda, Fergal, Mark and Liam*

### GENERAL NOTICES

**Garda Síochána Retired Members Association, Naas Branch will hold a fundraising Coffee Morning in aid of Leinster Region Special Olympics on Thursday 25th April at 11am in Ryston Sports Club, Newbridge. Raffle on the day, everyone welcome to come along. Contact Marie on [marieroche@rocketmail.com](mailto:marieroche@rocketmail.com).**



**McAuley Place Fundraising Concert:** McAuley Place are holding a Fundraising concert in the Osprey Hotel on Saturday May 11th at 7pm.

It will be an evening of music to suit everyone featuring Ballymore Eustace Concert Band & St. Mary's Brass and Reed Band, Tickets available from McAuley Place, Naas, Barker and Jones Bookshop and [Eventbrite.ie](http://Eventbrite.ie) @ €15/€12 (Over 65s & Students). All support greatly appreciated.

**Kill Musical & Dramatic Society:** An evening of One Act Plays from Wednesday 24th-Saturday 27th April at 8pm in Dew Drop, Kill. Tickets at the door, €10.

**Wider Options September 2019:** Information meeting will be held on Monday 20th May 2019 at 10am in St Conleth's Community College, Newbridge. Wider Options is a one year mature Adult Education Programme. All are welcome to attend for more information.

**Practical Philosophy Introductory Course:** A ten week course will commence at Crofton Court, Naas at 7.30pm on Tuesday 30th April. This term, to celebrate 50 years of Practical Philosophy in Ireland, this course is being offered for just €10. No previous knowledge of the subject is necessary. To register please visit our website, [www.practicalphilosophy.ie](http://www.practicalphilosophy.ie), phone 01 660 3788 or email [info@practicalphilosophy.ie](mailto:info@practicalphilosophy.ie).

**The Irish Wheelchair Association** are now working directly with the elderly in our community under the Enhanced Homecare Services and are seeking employees to carry out this service on their behalf. To work in this

capacity, you will need to be studying or have completed a Fetac Level 5 in healthcare or its equivalent. If you are interested in working with the IWA as a caregiver, please send your CV to [Mairin.oneill@iwa.ie](mailto:Mairin.oneill@iwa.ie).

**County Kildare LEADER Partnership are delivering a free 'Finding your Feet' Personal Development Programme** to help you move forward. This programme is delivered over 4 weeks, 2 mornings per week (9.30am-12.30pm). Registration morning on Tuesday 30th April, 9.30am in Monread Community Centre, Naas. The course commences on 7th May 2019. If you would like more information, please contact Theresa 086 0257061.

**The Child in our Midst: St Patrick's College, Maynooth will host a conference on the subject of childhood, the Spiritual life of the Child and their place in the Community of Faith on June 7th & 8th. The keynote speaker is Annemie Dillen from KULeuven and it will include a number of Plenary and Workshop sessions on topics as varied as Children and the Spirituality of Motherhood and Children's Rights and Catholic Faith. If you would like to register for this conference please visit [www.eventbrite.ie](http://www.eventbrite.ie) and for more info. Please email [specialevents@spcm.ie](mailto:specialevents@spcm.ie).**

### **Sports Lottery Results:**

**Naas:** 11/04 (6-7-27-28) No Winner, Jackpot €9,250.

**Sallins:** 15/04 (2-10-24-28) No Winner, Jackpot €3,700.

