

Parish Newsletter

**Fifth Sunday of Easter
19th May 2019**



No: 1702

John: 13:31-35

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

One Sunday, in a Mass specially celebrated for married couples, a priest preached about marriage. At the end of the service he gave out small wooden crosses to each married couple. He said, "Place this cross in the room in which you quarrel the most and you will be reminded of Jesus' new commandment "love one another" and you won't argue much." One woman came up and said, "Father, you had better give me ten crosses."

No number of crosses on the walls of our homes or around our necks will make us Christians unless we practice Jesus' commandment of love which is of course so very hard to follow. All of us struggle to put into practice this great teaching of Jesus. In his letter to the Romans (8:35) Saint Paul emphasises the apostles' commitment and faithfulness to Christ. He says, "Can anything cut us off from the love of Christ - hardships, distress, persecution, lack of food and clothing, threats or violence; as scripture says: For your sake we are being massacred all day long, treated as sheep to be slaughtered?"

The exhortation is a reminder to all Christians. Can you and I, courageously and willingly, go back to the place where we have been shamed, rejected, humiliated, defamed and beaten? Can we love someone who has offended us? Can we bear the suffering for the sake of Christ? Each of us, at some time or other, experience and will experience suffering and hardships for our belief in the Lord Jesus but we are called upon not to be cowed by them. In his book "The Way", the founder of Opus Dei, Saint Josemaria Escriva writes, "If you accept difficulties with a faint heart you lose joy and your peace, and you run the risk of not deriving spiritual profit from the trial." We may not be called to undergo the same kind of persecution for God's cause as were Paul and Barnabas or the early Christians but we must follow in the footsteps of Jesus and be unselfish in our love for and service to others.



We can love others really like Jesus loves. But we may not be able to love perfectly as Jesus does. To love like Jesus loves, we must place others above ourselves and to empty ourselves daily and emulate the one who did so unconditionally, wholesomely and successfully is not easy. Even though we strive to be like Jesus, sometimes we fail. However, we can always rededicate our life to Christ by truly repenting for our sins and by honestly making sacrifices in reparation for them.

That's why we gather week after week to report and share with each other what God does for us and how he opens the door of faith to us. In time, as Saint Paul says in Galatians (5:22-23) we will reap the benefits of stronger "faith, peace, joy, love, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, self-control and eternal life." The more we sow in the Spirit, the more we will reap spiritual things.



The Passion Play - Oberammergau 2020, Performed once every Ten Years:

Holiday Pilgrimage to Oberammergau, Passion Play 2020, departing on 15th July 2020 for 7 nights. The Passion Play takes place on July 21st. Tour leader is Fr. Liam Morgan.

€1,890 total cost, per person sharing a twin room, €200 deposit per person required.

Full details are available from the Parish Office, Sallins Road.

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 MILE HOUSE

WEEKDAYS: Mon-Thurs 9.15am 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

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN PARISH REPRESENTATIVES

Naas: Geraldine Faherty & Adrian King

Sallins: Keith Murphy, Emer McCarthy & Dermot McGiloway

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:

Gabriela Marta Silva, Oldtown Demesne

Hallie Kate O'Driscoll, Elsmore

Sophie Swan, Meadow Court

Ryan Michael Gilligan, Caragh Green

Andrew Myles Connors, Thomastown

SALLINS:

Sophia Teresa Parletti, The Paddocks

TMH:

Fionn Brennan, Kilcullen

Luke Charles Hogan, Walterstown, TMH

Evie Mary Nolan, Dunshane

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

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



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

NAAS:

Bill McCormack, South Main Street

John Doherty, Kerdiff Lawns



MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Cemetery Mass at St Corbans Cemetery will take place on Wednesday, 21st August 2019 at 7.30pm.

Please note that there will be NO 7.30pm Mass in Ballycane Church on this evening.

NAAS PARISH NEWS

Retired Priests Collection takes place at all Masses next weekend, Saturday 25th and Sunday 26th May.

Rosary: The Rosary is recited before all weekday Masses in our two Naas Churches commencing a half hour before the scheduled Mass time. Please join us if you can or on Parish Radio, 107.3FM, or by Parish webcam.

Every Wednesday, in OLSD, Naas from 2pm-3.30pm a member of the Legion of Mary prays the Holy Rosary for Priests. Everyone is welcome for all or part of the Rosary.

Mothers Prayers in Ballycane Church every Wednesday at 8.15pm. All welcome.

Holy Face of Jesus Prayer Meeting every Wednesday after the 7.30pm Mass/Prayer Services in Room 2, COIM, Ballycane. Please call Caoimhe on 085 2525612 if you would like more information.

SALLINS PARISH NEWS

Retired Priests Collection takes place at all Masses next weekend, Saturday 25th and Sunday 26th May.

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

Sallins 45th Annual Pilgrimage to Lourdes, 14th June, 7 nights full board, Hotel Jeanne D'Arc. €830 per person sharing. For further information please contact Rita Fanning on 045 850929 or 087 6535112. The Spiritual Director is Fr. Michael.

TWO MILE HOUSE PARISH NEWS

Two Mile House: 60 Years Reunion; The event will take place in Toughers, Naas on Thursday 23rd May at 7.30pm. Admission is €10. Spot prizes on the night!

GENERAL NOTICES

Church Gate Collection for 'Concern Worldwide' takes place next weekend 25th/26th May. All support appreciated. Thank you.

Clane Parish Novena Mass in Honour of Our Lady of Perpetual Help: continues tomorrow, Monday 20th and also next Monday 27th May at 7.30pm. *All are welcome to join in Prayer each evening.*

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.

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.



Naas Special Olympics Club will host a table quiz in Naas GAA on Wednesday May 22nd at 8pm. Everyone is very welcome to come along!

Knock; Celebrating the 140th anniversary of the Apparition. National Novena in honour of Our Lady of Knock will take place from August 14th-22nd inclusive. For all info./enquiries please visit www.knockshrine.ie, email info@knockshrine.ie or call 094 938 8100.

Unveiling & Blessing of Nano Nagle Sculpture Annette McCormack has sculpted a stunning image of The Venerable Nano holding forth her lantern as she strides energetically to spread the Good News, always going ONE STEP BEYOND. This work was commissioned as a gesture of gratitude from the people of Kildare. The sculpture is located outside the 'Hands Door' of the Parish Church adjacent to the former Presentation Convent building. On Pentecost Sunday, June 9th, we will invite all the Presentation Sisters who have served here in Kildare to join us for the 11 o'clock Mass after which we will have the blessing of the sculpture. *All are very welcome.*

Nás Na Ríogh Active Retirement Association - Due to unforeseen circumstances our group have had to relocate to the Town House Hotel, Newbridge Road. This will be a permanent move. We hope this is not an inconvenience to our members. Our next meeting will take place on Wednesday coming 22nd May and our other dates following that are Wednesday 5th June and Wednesday 19th June. We hope to see you all at the next meeting and our apologies again for the short notice last Wednesday.

Kildare Alzheimer Society Social Club meet every Friday in Newbridge Parish Centre, 11am-1pm. All very welcome. For more info. please contact 086 1450663.

Naas Active Retirement - Members Only Meeting! This Wednesday 22nd May at 2pm in Naas Community Centre, McAuley Place, Sallins Road.

Naas Local History Group Canal Walk. Thursday 23rd May, meet at the harbour at 7.30pm. *All are very welcome to join us.*

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

"The church and the world have a great need of Adoration" **Pope John Paul II**

Adoration Times

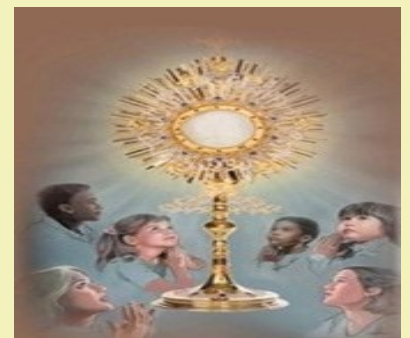
Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane, Naas

Monday - Friday 10am - 7pm (Except on Bank Holidays)

Wednesday, after the 7.30pm Mass - 9.30pm

Our Lady and the Guardian Angels, Sallins

Tuesday, after the 10am Mass - 11am



"If we really loved the good God we should make it our joy and happiness to come and adore Him" **St John Vianney**

A play about the Gardai! A new play by local playwright Tom Noone, *'I see you, Tom Kennedy'* is a play about a retired Garda. Thursday May 23rd at 8pm in The Moat Theatre, Naas. Tickets €10, www.moattheatre.com or please phone 045 883 030.

Millicent Singers in Concert: Sunday 26th May at 7.30pm, Clane Parish Church. Tickets €15 available from Marron's and Hughes' pharmacies in Clane, Seán's Barbers in Prosperous, McAuley Place in Naas or by phoning 087 2036722. Hear the Feis Ceoil winning choir along with special guests from USA - the Lenoir-Rhyne University A Cappella Choir and Brass Ensemble.

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. If you would like to register, please visit www.eventbrite.ie and for more info. please email specialevents@spcm.ie.

Congratulations to Prosperous Dramatic Society on becoming the 'All Ireland Drama Champions' for the second year running! 'Enemy of the People' swept the boards with awards and nominations at last weekends RTE 'All Ireland Drama Finals' in Athlone. An incredible achievement. Well done Prosperous Dramatic Society!

Naas Tidy Towns Garden/Estates Competition 2019 - Annual competition for 'Best Front Garden', 'Best Street', 'Best Entrance' & 'Overall Best Estate'. The prize for 'Best Estate' will be €500 for Caragh Nurseries. If you would like to enter, please fill in an entry form which can be found in Naas Library or the notice board in Supervalu, Naas. Please email your completed entry form to naastidytowns@gmail.com before Wed. 26th June or place completed entry form in box in Naas library. Results will be announced in Naas Racecourse on Sat. 6th July.

Children's Grief Centre; Children and Loss Conference 2019: Supporting children and young people affected by loss. Friday 14th June, 9.30am-1.30pm in Millennium Theatre, Limerick Institute of Technology. Registration from 8.30am on the day. Book your place now at www.eventbrite.ie. For more information please phone 087 985 1733 or email office@childrensgriefcentre.ie.

Camphill Dunshane will hold their Annual Open Day on Sunday 9th June - Family Fun Day with pony rides, bouncing castle, wheel of fortune, raffle and much more! 12pm-5pm. *Camphill would be very grateful to all for the support!*



Parish Bingo continues every Tuesday night at 8.30pm sharp, in the Care of the Aged Centre, Newbridge Road, with big prizes and Jackpot!

Sports Lottery Results:

Naas: 09/5 (2-7-19-24) No Winner, Jackpot €9,850

Sallins: 13/5 (10-19-24-27) No Winner, Jackpot €4,100

Parish Finances:

Sallins: Baskets: €625 Envelopes: €395

Naas: Offertory: €3255 Development Fund: €3615

Two Mile House: €720

KSBSG: Kildare Suicide Bereavement Support Group: Bereaved? Need to talk? Want to talk? Facilitators and qualified counsellors are available every Thursday night in the Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane from 8pm - 9.30pm (or any other time by appointment). For more information please phone 045 895 629 or 086 855 4852. You can also email kildaresbsg@gmail.com. This service is confidential, free and non-denominational.

Naas Parish Weekly Lotto Draw

You could Win €1,650

on Wednesday, 22nd May 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, 15th May.

Numbers Drawn were 11-13-5-21;

Winners of the Lucky Dip 4 x €100 prizes were: W McNelis, D McCullagh, B Duffy and M McMahan

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

