

Parish Newsletter

The Ascension of the Lord 2nd June 2019



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ASCENSION OF THE LORD



Grief, mourning and even weeping is a part of life. Children will often weep at the slightest difficulty, but all of us face grief and sorrow throughout life. Jesus informs His Apostles that sorrow and grief will be a part of their lives. This is a very sober but realistic statement on the part of our Lord. It's an act of love, on His part, to be up front with His Apostles about the coming hardships they will face.

“Truly I say to you, you will weep and mourn, while the world rejoices; you will grieve, but your grief will become joy.” John 16:20

The good news is that Jesus follows this statement with the hopeful news that their “grief will become joy.” This is the most important part of what Jesus says. The same is true in our lives. Jesus does not promise us that our lives will be free from hardship and pain. He does not tell us that following Him means that all will be easy in life. Instead, He wants us to know that we will follow in His footsteps if we choose to follow Him. He suffered, was mistreated and ultimately killed. And this would be tragic if He did not ultimately rise from the dead, ascend into Heaven and transform all prior grief and pain into the very means of the salvation of the world.

If we follow in His footsteps, we need to see every bit of grief in our lives as potentially a means of grace for many. If we can face the hardships of life with faith and hope, nothing will ultimately keep us down and everything will be able to be used for God's glory and will result in great joy. Reflect, today, upon these words of Jesus. Know that He was not only speaking them to His Apostles, but also to you. Do not be scandalized or shocked when life deals you some difficulty. Do not despair when suffering is placed before you. Surrender all things to our Lord and let Him transform it into the joy that He promises in the end.

Lord, I surrender to You all suffering in my life. My grief, hardships, sorrow and confusion I place in Your hands. I trust that You are all-powerful and desire to transform all things into a means of Your glory. Give me hope in times of despair and trust when life is hard. Jesus, I trust in You.

Annual Pilgrimage to Medjugorje: We wish all those who departed on Wednesday on the annual Pilgrimage to Medjugorje a safe, spiritual and joyful pilgrimage.

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. 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 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

FEAST AND MEMORIAL DAYS FOR THE COMING WEEK:

Mon. 3rd June: St. Kevin, Abbot

Tues. 4th June: Ss Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs

Wed. 5th June: St Boniface, Bishop and Martyr

Thurs. 6th June: St Norbert & St Jarlath, Bishops

Fri. 7th June: St Colman, Bishop

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

NAAS:

Rosemary Fitzsimons, Dublin Road

MAY SHE 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.

RECENT BAPTISMS

NAAS:

Molly Rose O'Brien, Sallins Park

Layla Aine Brannelly, Esmondale

Oisín Patrick Mullaney, Stoneleigh

Leah Wroniecka Weinforth, Dun Na Riogh Aveue

Sé Brendan Dolan, Oldbridge Station

Séan Anthony Brennan, Jigginstown Green

Joseph Peadar Cunningham, Hollywood Park

Izabela Marika Wojcik, The Waterways

Elizabeth Bizerra, Dun Na Riogh

Sacrament of Baptism:

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

NAAS PARISH NEWS

Please note, there will be NO 7.30am or 7.30pm Mass tomorrow, Monday 3rd June (Bank Holiday). There will be 10am Mass only in OLSD Church, Naas.

The Parish Offices will be closed tomorrow, Monday 3rd June due to the Bank Holiday.

Weekday Mass Change for July and August: 7.30pm Mass **only** on Monday and Wednesday evenings in CIM, Ballycane. Adoration at this Church will finish at **5pm on Fridays** during this period. Mass will be celebrated as usual on Friday evenings at 7pm in Two Mile House.

Exam Mass Bouquets are currently available from the Parish Offices.



Found: Small grey address book has been handed in to the Parish Office, Sallins Road. Please phone us or drop in to the office if you think this may be yours.

Little Blessings Children's Liturgy Group will take place during the 10.30am Mass at Ballycane Church next Sunday, 9th June. All children over four are very welcome. Participants will hear a child friendly version of the Gospel or other Bible story along with related artwork, drama or music. When finished, all return to the Mass before the offertory.

SALLINS PARISH NEWS

Cemetery Mass at Bodentown will take place on Sunday 7th July at 12noon. There will be NO 12noon Mass in the Church on that day.

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

TWO MILE HOUSE PARISH NEWS

Cemetery Mass at Two Mile House will take place on Sunday 7th July. Mass takes place at 11am followed by Blessing of the Graves.

GENERAL NOTICES

Padre Pio's Glove, St Pio's Glove will be in Fitzpatrick's House, Kilberry, Athy on Saturday 8th June, 2019 from 11.30am to 5.30pm. Please contact Ann at 085 169 6189 for more info. Religious items relating to St Pio will be on sale on the day. Everyone welcome.

Irish Church Music Association (ICMA): Celebrating 50 years with special guest Fr Michael Joncas. The 50th Summer School will take place in St Patricks College Maynooth from 1st-5th July. For more info. please phone 01 708 3478.

St Joseph's Young Priests Society - Annual Pilgrimage to Knock: Please join us on our Annual Pilgrimage on Saturday 22nd June, with the main Celebrant, Bishop Kevin Doran. Bus €20, including refreshments. Departing from various locations in Naas from 8am onwards with pick-ups in Sallins and Clane. Please contact Maureen at 087 2077044 or John at 086 8563773. Thank you.

Unveiling & Blessing of Nano Nagle Sculpture, located outside the 'Hands Door' of the Parish Church in Kildare Town. All Presentation Sisters who served in Kildare have been invited to attend the blessing of the sculpture which will take place after 11am Mass in Kildare on Pentecost Sunday, June 9th. *All are welcome to attend.*

Ballycane School Family Fun Day, Saturday 15th June, 2-5pm, €5 per Family. *All welcome!*



Footie Festival - Helping to give suicide the boot. On Saturday 29th June at 10am Naas Sports Centre will host the inaugural #OK2TalkIRL Event, a 5-a-side football festival with the incredibly special Cian Mullally Memorial Cup and Shield up for grabs. This fun day is to raise mental health awareness with all proceeds going to The Samaritans in Newbridge. Also on the day, fun for all the family with face-painting, BBQ food and outdoor music! **BOOKINGS FOR TEAMS NOW AVAILABLE:** Tickets are €140 per team of 7 players (over 16's only), 3 group games & 1 knockout game (guaranteed for all teams). For bookings and more details please go to www.facebook.com/ok2talkirl, www.eventbrite.ie (#OK2TalkIRL), email ok2talkirl@gmail.com or call 087 9085437. *All support for this worthy cause is greatly appreciated, thank you.*



The Parish Office Shop, Sallins Road, Naas is open and stocking a broad range of religious items including devotional candles, magazines such as the Messenger and Magnificat, religious newspapers including The Irish Catholic and also a small selection of books, both for adults and children. We offer a wide selection of gifts for Baptism, First Holy Communion, Confirmation, Weddings and other special occasions. In the Parish Office Shop you can now book an Anniversary Mass, buy Mass Cards and purchase your Parish Lotto tickets. You might like to drop in to see the beautiful art and cards which we now have on sale from local artist Josephine Hardiman. The Parish Shop is open Monday to Friday 9.30am - 5pm and also every Saturday from 9.30am - 11.30am where Mary and Esther would be happy to help you or answer any questions you may have. We hope to see you in the shop soon!

Nás Na Riogh Active Retirement Association; Next meeting will take place on Wednesday, 5th June at 2pm in the *Townhouse Hotel*, Newbridge Road.

Naas GAA, u.14 Boys Football Team will represent Kildare in June in 'Féile'; Europe's Biggest Youth Competition. Please support fundraising initiatives including Pub Quiz on June 14th in Naas GAA. Thank you!

Charity Concert "A Beautiful Celebration of Music"

proudly supporting Make a Wish Foundation and The Irish Cancer Society. Thursday 27th June, 7.30pm at the Moat Theatre, Naas. Tickets €10, all funds will be donated to the charities. Tickets are available online at www.moattheatre.com or please phone 045 883030.

Camphill Community Dunshane will hold their Annual Open Day on Sunday 9th June, 12pm-5pm. Family Fun Day with crafts, games, BBQ, stalls, raffles, music and much more! All support appreciated!

Naas Active Retirement Members Only Meeting Wednesday 5th June at 2pm in *Naas Community Centre*, Sallins Road.

Prosperous Dramatic Society are delighted to present their All-Ireland winning production of 'An Enemy of the People' directed by TJ Duggan in the Moat Theatre, June 7th & 8th at 8pm. To book, visit www.moattheatre.com or phone 045 883030.

'Concern Worldwide' would like to thank everyone who contributed and collected last weekend. €1,441.77 was raised and is greatly appreciated.

Sports Lottery Results:

Naas: 23/5 (19-22-23-24) No Winner, Jackpot €10,000

Sallins: 27/5 (8-9-16-18) No Winner, Jackpot €4,300

Parish Finances:

Sallins: Baskets: €775 Envelopes: €440

Naas: Offertory: €3300 Development Fund: €3352

Two Mile House: €510

REFLECTION ON EXAMS

Exams are a test of knowledge or skill,
they have their importance.
However, they are not a measure
of the worth of the individual.

They indicate one aspect of us,
but we are much more
than any one exam can show.
Success or failure does not give
the full measure of our worth.

Each one of us is unique and precious
with our own gifts and talents.
God made us that way.
He wants us to use those talents.

Exams can be an anxious time,
but remember,
we are more than our exam results.
We are loved for who we are,
not for our achievements.

God wants us to discover all our
wonderful gifts.
O good Saint Joseph
of Cupertino,
help us.



Naas Parish Weekly Lotto Draw

You could Win €2,150

on Wednesday, 5th June 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, 29th May.

Numbers Drawn were 16-25-7-18;

Winners of the Lucky Dip 4 x €100 prizes were: H&C. O'Malley, A. Kelly, M&J. Gunning, A. Doyle

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