

Parish Newsletter

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The Sign of Peace

The Sign of Peace at Mass is often a topic of conversation with some very much for it, and some against. Here we delve into the deeper meaning behind the gesture.



Who doesn't like the good feeling that comes with being part of a community? However, Christian community must go deeper than good feelings. The heart of our faith, Jesus, requires that we lay down our lives even for those who would hate us - even for those whom we do not love or like. For God does not save individuals one by one: God saves a people. What we express in the sharing of the Body and Blood of Christ is not a "me-and-Jesus" relationship, for we cannot be a Eucharistic people without dying to our own needs, preferences, likes and dislikes. And our faith cannot be swayed by our ever-changing feelings toward others. Only a faith that is grounded in the faith of Christ will be able to transcend our need for what feels good in order to seek the good of others, even if it means our own suffering.



In the sign of peace, we rehearse having this mind of Christ and showing that sacrificial kind of love. The rubrics of the Roman Missal say that this sign "expresses peace, communion and charity" (128). For it to be an authentic sign, we must seek daily to share peace with those with whom we have not been peaceful. If we are to show that our sharing in Communion is credible, then we must seek the ones we have harmed, the ones we have judged, and the ones whom we think are unworthy of God's love, and offer a sign of reconciliation with them. If we cannot see the stranger, the foreigner, the outcast, and sinner as one with us and in need of God's mercy just as we are, then our sign of peace is not a sign of charity but an empty sign.

On this day when the gospel discomfords the comfortable, we are asked to remember the meaning of the sign of peace and how it prepares our hearts to authentically share in the Eucharist.

Cemetery Mass at St Corbans Cemetery will take place on Wednesday, 21st August 2019 at 7.30pm. A collection will take place at the Cemetery Mass. Thank you.

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

TMH: Willie Choiseul, Walterstown, TMH

MAY HE REST IN PEACE



FEAST AND MEMORIAL DAYS FOR THE COMING WEEK:

Mon. 19th Aug.: St John Eudes, Priest
Tues. 20th Aug.: St Bernard, Abbot & Doctor of the Church
Wed. 21st Aug.: St. Pius X, Pope
Thurs. 22nd Aug.: The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Fri. 23rd Aug.: St Rose of Lima, Virgin
St Eugene, Bishop
Sat. 24th Aug.: St Bartholomew, Apostle

NAAS PARISH LOTTO:

You could win the Jackpot of €4,900 this Wednesday coming, 21st August.

There was NO Winner of the Jackpot on Wednesday last, 14th August.

Numbers Drawn were 2-20-26-11 There were four Lucky Dip winners of €100 each.

The draw takes place at **6.30pm** at the Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane.

RECENT BAPTISMS

NAAS

Eve Nora Catherine Slevin, Aylmer Park
Felix David Tormey, Esmondale
Philip Boguslaw Traynor, Gleann Na Riogh
Emily Mary McDaid, Oldtown Demesne
Noah Seán Parsons, Finlay Park



Oran Michael Reidy, The Waterways
Ben David Allison Higgins, St Corbans Place
Robyn Karen Connolly, St Conleth's Place
Ella Marie O'Keeffe, Lacken View

TMH

Éabha Twomey, Broadfield View
Mark Gerard Mulvaney, The Crescent

NAAS PARISH NEWS

Parish Office at CIM, Ballycane will be closed from Monday 19th August - Thursday 22nd August, reopening on Friday as normal. The Lotto Office will be open as usual on Wednesday 21st from 4.30pm. Thank you.

Summer Mass Schedule for CIM, Ballycane: Weekday Mass Change for July and August: 7.30pm Mass will take place on **Friday evenings only**. Normal schedule of Masses resumes Monday 2nd September.

SALLINS PARISH NEWS

Eucharistic Adoration is suspended for July and August.

TWO MILE HOUSE PARISH NEWS

Weekday Morning Mass is celebrated from Monday - Thursday at 9.15am. Friday evening Mass at 7pm.

GENERAL NOTICES

This weekend, we will have guests from Retrouvaille speak about their Programme at various Masses in OLSD, CIM & Sallins. Please see last week's newsletter for full details or please call to the Parish Office for further info.

Naas Local History Group Heritage Week Canal Walk, Thursday 22nd August. Meet at 7.30pm at Canal Harbour. All are very welcome.

Naas Musical Society's open night is on Thurs. 22nd August in the Townhouse Hotel at 8pm. New members welcome! "We are celebrating 25 years in existence this coming season and look forward to sharing all our celebratory plans with you!"

National Dawn Walk for Cancer: Sat. 24th August, starting at 5.45am in the Presentation De La Salle College. Registration at nationaldawnwalk.com.

Monread Indoor Bowling Club: Monread Community Centre, every Tuesday from 8pm-10pm. Beginning Tuesday 27th August. New members very welcome!

Naas Toastmasters Club: Meetings resume at 8pm on Wednesday 28th August in Naas Townhouse Hotel. Guests welcome.

Camphill Community Dunshane Coffee Morning Coffee, tea, cakes, homemade crafts. Fri. 30th August, 10am-12pm. Camphill is a community for adults with disabilities & all proceeds go to improving the community for them.

Legion of Mary: Annual Young Adult Catholic Conference takes place in All Hallows College, Dublin on Sat. 31st August & Sun. 1st September. For all further details please visit legionofmary.com or tel. Lucy 087 995 9803.

Naas Lions Club will be promoting their Local Community Services at the Naas Wild Food Festival on Sat. 7th September in the Harbour Area. Free information leaflets will be available covering the following topics: diabetes, suicide prevention, bullying awareness and much more. There will also be free balloons, free medical emergency containers and info. on the local schools Peace Poster competition. They will also be collecting any unwanted eyeglasses on the day which will be then recycled, fixed and sent to help those living in low and middle income communities around the world. ***Come along for a great day!***

The Medwise Calcutta Project annual sponsored walk takes place on Sun. 1st September along the Grand Canal. Starting 11am at Sallins Quay, with a short break at Landenstown at 12pm and returning to Sallins in time for lunch. Please wear t-shirts from previous years. Sponsor cards available from Medwise Clinic, 32 Naas Town Centre and donations may also be dropped into the clinic. As always, your support is much appreciated and all donations will go directly to the Navjeevan home for street children in Calcutta.

National Grandparents Pilgrimage: Sunday 8th Sept., Our Lady of Knock Shrine, Knock. Anointing of the sick at 2.30pm with Mass at 3pm, followed by the Rosary. For all information, please phone 085 870 4722 or visit the website www.catholicgrandparentsassociation.org.

Kildare Suicide Bereavement Support Group are available every Thurs. night in CIM, Ballycane, 8-9.30pm. For more info. please ph. 086 855 4852.

Sports Lottery Results:

Naas: 08/08 (2-6-7-23) No Winner, Jackpot €10,000

Sallins: 12/08 (3-16-19-24) No Winner, Jackpot €5,400

Parish Finances:

Sallins: Baskets: €625 Envelopes: €615

Naas: Offertory: €4600 Development Fund: €3215

Two Mile House: €688