

Parish Newsletter

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time, 25th August 2019



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The World Meeting of Families a year on... ...Ten messages from Pope Francis during those days in Ireland

This very day last year, many of us made our way to the Phoenix Park to gather with Pope Francis at the Final Mass in his brief two day visit amongst us. Over the summer I took the opportunity to re-visit the addresses of Pope Francis during the World Meeting of Families. Mindful that the theme of our World Meeting of Families was 'The Gospel of the Family, Joy for the World', twelve months on from that gathering I'm going to simply offer a few key messages for me of that visit. These messages are little vignettes for me that tell us something of the man who is Pope Francis, something of his vision for family life and something of his aspiration and hope for us as an Irish Church.


- ◇ *"Families today face many challenges in their efforts to embody a faithful love, to raise children with healthy values and to be in the community at large, a leaven of goodness, love and mutual care" - Video Message prior to the beginning of the visit: 21 August 2018*
- ◇ *"A few months ago, someone told me that we are losing our ability to love. Slowly but surely, we are forgetting the direct language of a caress, the strength of tenderness. There will be no revolution of love without a revolution of tenderness!" - Engagement with couples in Pro-Cathedral: 25 August 2018*
- ◇ *"God wants every family to be a beacon of the joy of his love in our world. What does this mean? It means that we, who have encountered God's saving love, try, with or without words, to express it in little acts of kindness in our daily routine and in the most hidden moments of our day" - Festival of Families, Croke Park: 25 August 2018*
- ◇ *"The wounds of Christ give us courage. I ask you, please, to be close - this is the word, 'closeness' - to the Lord and to God's people. Closeness. Do not repeat the attitudes of aloofness and clericalism that at times in your history have given the real image of an authoritarian, harsh and autocratic Church" - Meeting with the Bishops in the Dominican Convent, Cabra: 26 August 2018*

During that weekend a year ago in Ireland, Pope Francis shared with us the challenges and the strengths of family life. There is no such thing as a perfect family, every family has its own tensions and issues. Forgiveness is at the heart of all family relationships. A year on from the World Meeting of Families, my prayer for every family in Kildare & Leighlin this weekend is that you will be truly blessed, enriched and challenged by the words of Pope Francis then and now to be 'Joy for the World'. To all who assisted with preparatory programmes, enjoyed our Picnic and Fun Days in PuncHESTOWN and Carlow College, participated in the events a year ago, I once again say many thanks.

Denis Nulty
Bishop of Kildare & Leighlin

Family Prayer for

World Meeting of Families 2018



God, our Father,
We are brothers and sisters in Jesus
your Son,
One family, in the Spirit of your love.
Bless us with the joy of love.
Make us patient and kind,
Gentle and generous,
Welcoming to those in need.
Help us to live your forgiveness and peace.
Protect all families with your loving care,
Especially those for whom we now pray:
(we remember our family members and others by name)
Increase our faith,
Strengthen our hope,
Keep us safe in your love,
Make us always grateful for the gift of life
that we share.
We ask this, through Christ our Lord. Amen.
Mary, mother and guide, pray for us.
St Joseph, father and protector, pray for us.
Saints Joachim and Anne, pray for us.
Saints Louis and Zéile Martin, pray for us.

FEAST AND MEMORIAL DAYS FOR THE COMING

WEEK:

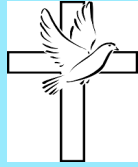
Tues. 27th Aug.: St Monica
Wed. 28th Aug.: St Augustine, Bishop & Doctor
of the Church
Thurs. 29th Aug.: The Passion of St John the
Baptist

Cemetery Mass: Thank you to all who came out in great numbers, given the difficult weather conditions. To all who participated: collectors, readers, choir, funeral ministers and stewards. Thanks to Graham for his invaluable help and support, to the Parish Office and Mongey Communications. Finally to Mick Eustace and Trevor McNamara who set up the altar, canopy and transported all that was needed. *Our sincere appreciation and gratitude to all.*

RECENT BAPTISMS

NAAS

Ross Raymond Nolan, Aylmer Park
Clodagh Grace Haskins, Arconagh



NAAS PARISH NEWS

Divine Mercy Prayers will take place in CIM, Ballycane after the 7.30pm Mass on Friday 30th August.

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 and will resume on Tuesday 3rd September.

TWO MILE HOUSE PARISH NEWS

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

GENERAL NOTICES

Blessed John Sullivan Exhibition, The Peoples Church, Clongowes Wood College, Clane takes place today, Sunday 25th August, 2-5pm. Featuring newspaper articles on Blessed John Sullivan between the years 1933 & 2017. An audio-visual display will also be included. All welcome.

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.

The Medwise Calcutta Project annual sponsored walk, Sun. 1st September along the Grand Canal. Starting 11am at Sallins Quay, short break at Landenstown at 12pm, returning to Sallins in time for lunch. Please wear t-shirts from previous years. Sponsor cards available from Medwise Clinic, 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.



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. 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.

Nas Na Riogh Active Retirement Association will resume on Wednesday 28th August at 2pm in the Townhouse Hotel, Newbridge Road, Naas.

Date for your Diary! An Ecumenical Service for the beginning of the school year will take place on Sunday 8th September at 11am in St Davids Church, Main Street, Naas. All are welcome.

National Grandparents Pilgrimage: Sunday 8th Sept., Our Lady of Knock Shrine. 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.

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.

Naas Flower and Garden Club Summer Coffee Evening, Thursday 29th August at 7.45pm in the Care of the Aged Centre, Newbridge Road. Mini demonstration by Avril Maher, light refreshments, Bric a Brac, sales table and raffle on the night. Admission is €5.

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

Newbridge and Kildare Samaritans are recruiting new volunteers and will be holding two information evenings for all prospective volunteers on Wed. 4th and Thurs. 5th September at 8pm in 3 McElwain Terrace, Newbridge. For all info. please phone 086 085 5785.

Sports Lottery Results:

Naas: 15/08 (5-17-18-27) No Winner, Jackpot €10,000

Sallins: 12/08 (4-16-19-25) No Winner, Jackpot €5,500

NAAS PARISH LOTTO:

You could win the Jackpot of €5,150 this Wednesday coming, 28th August.

There was NO Winner of the Jackpot on Wednesday last, 21st August.

Numbers Drawn were 10-5-1-18 There were four Lucky Dip winners of €100 each.

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

Parish Finances:

Sallins: Baskets: €660 Envelopes: €340

Naas: Offertory: €4080 Development Fund: €3680

Two Mile House: €695