

Parish Newsletter

**Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
17th November 2019**



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Lk 21:5-19



As we get older we grow more aware of how short life is and that before very long we will be faced with our own mortality. Last Sunday, our readings spoke about the after-life and urged us to entrust ourselves into God's hands, for He is the God of the living. But how literally should we take what Jesus says today, about the end of time? Our Liturgy says that he will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead. But it is still impossible to know the details about the end of time. There are sects and groups who claim to know the exact

date of the Lord's coming, and the failure of previous predictions never seems to discourage them from settling on another date for Armageddon. More alarmingly, we live today under the twin threats of nuclear destruction and of global warming, with glaciers melting, ocean levels rising and some species becoming extinct through climate change.

Some street-corner orators delight in warning us about catastrophes about to befall the sinful world. Jesus warns against believing such vivid predictions. Even though he himself used the idea of the Judgement-Day as a motive to turn people's hearts back to God, he admitted that "no man knows the date, not even the Son, but the Father only."

An advice much favoured by preachers was "Live as though each day may be your last". Most people feel disinclined to think about the last things. But it is spiritually purifying on occasion, especially in November, the month for remembering our dead. Most days, like Martha in the Gospel, we are fully occupied with what needs to be done in the immediate here and now, busy with many things. We can appreciate the practical advice given by St. Paul to people who were looking out excitedly for the Lord's return and neglecting to earn their living. "Go on quietly minding your own affairs," he says, "and if anyone will not work, neither let him eat!" This is tough love, but it makes perfect sense for the life of the community.

Naas Parish Lotto Draw

let's celebrate!

Naas Parish Lotto is celebrating its 7th Birthday on Wednesday 11th December and on Wednesday 18th December (our last draw before Christmas), we are giving out lots of extra cash prizes, vouchers and surprises!

The last six years have been a great success due mainly to the unselfish and trojan work carried out by our ticket sellers and also the generosity of those who have supported us during this time. The funds raised have had an important and significant impact on our Parish Finances and we look forward to your continued and invaluable support in 2020.

If you think you could sell a few tickets to your family, your neighbours or in your work place, we would love to hear from you! Tickets cost €2 each. You can also join by completing a Standing Order Form for €8 per month, or pay a Yearly Subscription of €90. If you would like to join the Parish Lotto Draw, renew your Annual Subscription, or become a ticket seller, please contact the Parish Office, Sallins Road (045 879 730) or Church of the Irish Martyrs Ballycane (045 895 629). Further information can also be obtained from the Lotto Secretary at 086 163 5994. Remember you can join our Parish Lotto anytime!

Ticket Sellers please note our last draw before Christmas will be on Wednesday 18th December. The first draw after Christmas will be on Wednesday 8th January 2020.

Naas Parish Weekly Lotto Draw Results

You could win €8,150 on Wednesday, 20th November in the Parish Lotto Draw! The draw takes place at 6.30pm in the Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane. There was NO WINNER of the Jackpot on Wednesday last, 13th November. Numbers Drawn were 3-6-2-8;



PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION

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PARISH TEAM

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Ms. Hilda Campbell	Pastoral Admin. Asst.	045 879730

Safeguarding Policy displayed in all Church Porches.

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 045 879 730

Diocesan Designated Liaison Person: Mr Mick Daly

Deputy Diocesan Liaison Person: Ms Michele Hughes, c/o Bishop's House, Dublin Rd, Carlow

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FEAST AND MEMORIAL DAYS FOR THE COMING WEEK

Sun. 17th Nov.: World Day of the Poor

Thurs. 21st Nov.: Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Fri. 22nd Nov.: St Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr

Sat. 23rd Nov.: St Columban, Abbot and Missionary

RECENT BAPTISMS

Lucia Jane Cosgrave, Bellingsfield

Clodagh Anastasia O'Shea, Morell Dale

Jack James Rohan, Castle Farm

Thomas Cornelius Fadden, Naas

Conor Cunningham, Dublin

Ruairí Martin Kelly, Naas



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

Seán O'Donovan, Ashgrove Avenue

May Fealey (nee Gunning), formerly Our Ladys Place, late of Maidstone, Kent, England

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

NAAS PARISH NEWS

Winter Closing Time at the Church of Our Lady & St David, Naas: The Church will close at 4.30pm during the winter months.

St Joseph's Young Priest Society: next meeting takes place tomorrow, Monday **18th** November, after 7.30pm Mass in CIM, Ballycane with Adoration until 9.30pm.

Padre Pio meeting on Wednesday 20th November after the 7.30pm Mass in Ballycane Church.

Ballycane Church Choir Concert: Ballycane Church Choir will hold their annual 'Songs of Praise Concert' on Sunday 1st December from 6.30pm-8pm. They will perform the songs and hymns that we love to sing throughout the year! Admission free. Donations welcome.

Urgently Required!

Volunteer PowerPoint Operators needed for OLSD Church, Naas at the 6pm Vigil Mass on Saturday evening and the 11am Mass on Sunday morning only. Full training will be provided. Please contact Parish Office, Sallins Road if you would like to get involved or for more information!

Thank you.

SALLINS PARISH NEWS

Bishop Denis Nulty will celebrate 10am Mass in Sallins Church on Friday 22nd November to mark the official opening of Sallins Community Playground, Kildare Down Syndrome Ireland's horticultural facility and the St. Laurence's National School's all-weather pitches which will take place after Mass.

Raffle in aid of Sallins Senior Citizens Annual Christmas Party: Tickets on sale this weekend 16th/17th November and next weekend 23rd/24th November after all Masses. Raffle will take place after 12 noon Mass on Sunday 24th November in the Parish Hall. All are welcome. The Annual Christmas Party is on 1st December in the Westgrove Hotel, Clane. Thank you for your continued support.

TWO MILE HOUSE PARISH NEWS

Weekday Morning Mass as normal this week, Monday to Thursday at 9.15am. Friday evening Mass at 7pm.

NOTICE BOARD



November Masses for the Dead: *In November, we remember our loved ones.* Petition box is still in the Church should you wish to include your loved ones names.

Choir Workshop with Fr Liam Lawton: Saturday 23rd November at Cathedral of the Assumption, Carlow from 11am-1.30pm. Cost is €10. This is an opportunity for Choir members from across the diocese to meet and to sing through some repertoire that will be of use throughout the coming year. It will also include music for Advent. Choirs and/or individual choir members who wish to participate are asked to please contact Christine before Monday 18th November by phone on 059 916 4084 or by email on fds@kandle.ie.

Naas Tidy Tows 'Scenes of Naas' fund-raising Christmas Cards now available from Naas Parish Offices. Pack of six Christmas cards costs €5. All proceeds go to Naas Tidy Towns.

Found: Glass Pendant found on Main Street, Naas. Please contact Parish Office, Sallins Road.

International Youth Conference takes place in Clongowes Wood College beginning on Wednesday 27th December. Cost for this four day event is €150 inclusive. For all further information and to register please visit www.afcmteamireland.org.

Sallins GAA are hosting their annual year end celebratory dinner dance in Palmerstown House on Saturday 23rd November at 7pm. Tickets are €35 each and includes a four course meal, band, DJ and buses to and from the village. This is always an enjoyable and entertaining night and is open to everyone in the community!

St Marys College Past Pupils Union Table Quiz

McCormack's Lounge, Naas on Thursday 21st November at 8.30pm. €10 per person - tables of 4. Come along and test your knowledge and enjoy a fun night with friends. Raffle and prizes on the night! All funds generated will go towards school funding for Transition Year projects.

Naas Community Men's Shed are holding their annual street collection this weekend, Saturday 16th and Sunday 17th November. All support greatly appreciated.



Pictures from the recent training of the new Naas Parish Pastoral Council held in Ballycane Church with Guest Jim Deeds from Living Church, Belfast. Thank you to all involved on the night.



NOTICE BOARD

Can you offer sanctuary to a family fleeing war in Syria?

The Naas Community Sponsorship Group was set up by 10 committed Naas residents who answered the Department of Justice's call to welcome a Syrian family to their community. The group has garnered huge support from the town and is now preparing to bring a family to safety to live in our locality. We are seeking appropriate accommodation from a landlord willing to accept HAP. For all further details, please email naascsg@gmail.com. Thank you.

Naas Art Group 38th Annual Exhibition: Sunday 17th - Wednesday 20th November in Lawlor's Hotel, Naas from 10am - 10pm daily. Closes at 4pm on Wednesday 20th November. "The wonder of Art within...come and enjoy!"

Nás Na Riogh Active Retirement Association will meet again on Wednesday 20th November at 2pm in Ballycane Church. New Members welcome. Contact Ina on 085 877 7619 for more info.



Naas Flower and Garden Club: Christmas Gala Floral Evening, supporting the Friends of St. Brigid's Hospice Kildare, takes place on Thursday 21st November at 7.45pm in St. Mary's College, Sallins Road. Demonstration by Therese O'Reilly. Admission €15, payable at the door. Refreshments will be served. "Come along and join us for what promises to be a wonderful evening of Floral displays!"



McAuley Place Christmas Craft Fair

"Visit our Craft Fair for that Special handmade or recycled gift!" on Saturday and Sunday 23rd and 24th November, 10am-5pm. Entry free and all are welcome! Free mulled wine and mince pie for all attending.

Sharing Fair, Crafts Sale & Coffee Morning: Saturday 23rd November, 10am-1.30pm, Langtons of Johns Street, Kilkenny. Handcrafts from Thailand made in self-help projects established by Kilkenny nun Sr. Mary Hayden - all proceeds from sales are returned to support the projects. Beautiful handcrafted products. Raffle and great prizes to be won also!

Naas Farmers Market takes place every Saturday from 10am until 3pm at Trax Brasserie, Friary Lane, Naas.

Come and visit the Naas Parish Shop on the Sallins Road and at Ballycane Church for:



- ◆ A large Selection of Christmas Mass Bouquet Cards
- ◆ Christmas Cards
- ◆ Wide range of Religious Ornaments
- ◆ Crib Sets
- ◆ Christmas Candles
- ◆ Christmas Gifts and Rosaries
- ◆ Children's Books
- ◆ Wild Goose Gifts



All now Available!



You are invited - Christmas Coffee Morning! Final Coffee Morning of the year in Camphill Community Dunshane (near Brannockstown, Naas) on Friday 29th November, 10am-12pm. Coffee, tea, cakes and homemade crafts for sale on the morning! All welcome to join us!

Lost: VHS Video in a red box. If found please contact Parish Office, Sallins Road, 045 879 730.

Drug and Alcohol addiction knows no boundaries, You Are Not Alone, help is always available. Please contact 'You Are Not Alone' support group on 085 787 2730 for a confidential and non-judgemental service.

PARISH FINANCES:

Sallins: Baskets: €800 Envelopes: €480

Naas: Offertory: €3675 Development Fund: €3655

Two Mile House: €947

Sports Lottery Results:

Naas: 07/11 (18-11-22-26) Winner of €10,000 Jackpot! Next Week's Jackpot: €4,600

Sallins: 11/11 (2-10-11-28) No Winner, Jackpot €6,700

Parish Bingo continues every Tuesday night at 8.30pm sharp, in the Care of the Aged Centre, Newbridge Road. Big prizes and Jackpot! All welcome.