

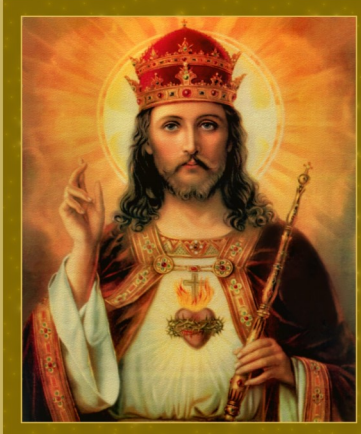
Parish Newsletter

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
24th November 2019



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Lk 23:35-43



A SPECIAL KINGSHIP, BASED ON THE TRUTH

As Jesus was being crucified, the onlookers mocked him as "the king of the Jews." An inscription with that title was nailed to his cross, intended to be ironic. To Pontius Pilate, Jesus had said, "I am a king. I was born for this," but he said also that his kingship was not of this world.

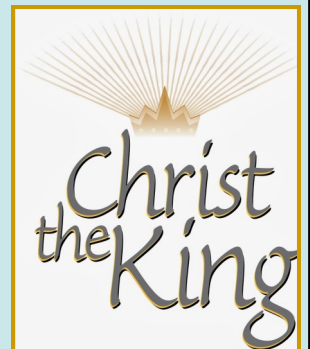
Most people today find it hard to empathise with royalty. The idea of kingship evokes deep class distinction and a world of luxury and unearned privilege. But this is far from the biblical notion of kingship. The kingship of Christ is non-political, universalist and above any kind of nationalism. It aims at a special kind of justice, not based on fallible human laws. His aim is to help and protect the weak, and restore dignity to the poor and the helpless. If God's justice took root in our world like this, it would bring peace between nations, and between individuals.

Jesus used parables to explain the kingdom of God and its mysterious presence in this world. For example, the mustard seed was the smallest of all seeds, the most insignificant of all things. Yet out of it comes a huge tree. God's kingdom comes in a hidden way, in spite of seeming failure. As with the mustard seed, this small beginning holds the promise of a magnificent ending. "I think that what we suffer in this life can never be compared to the glory, as yet unrevealed, which is waiting for us," wrote Saint Paul. There is a conundrum in Jesus' teaching about the kingdom. The kingdom is here and now, we are told and yet we are to look forward to its coming. The Kingdom is both a present and a future reality. It is already here in part, but its fullness is in the future. The kingdom of God grows in quiet ways. "No one will say, 'Look here it is,' or 'There it is'... because the kingdom of God is within you" (Lk 17:20f).

Serving our king. A random act of kindness, a glass of water given out of goodness, may seem trivial ways of being loyal to Christ our king. But Christians have always valued the sheer humanity of Jesus; he was like us in every way except for sin. Although today's feast portrays him returning in regal splendour, Jesus identifies himself with all that is human in us and among us. He seeks good among the ordinary and the bad alike; too often we seek bad among the ordinary and the good alike. For Jesus, the sinner who does a single act of kindness can be saved.

What kind of king is Jesus?

When faced by Pontius Pilate, Jesus says clearly what kind of king he is. He tells the Roman Governor, "My kingdom is not of this world." His rule is far from a dictatorship. This noble prisoner, robed in purple and crowned with thorns was mocked by his Roman judge. But he claims an authority that has nothing to do with compulsion by force. The authority of Jesus is the authority of truth. He is our king in spirit, because he lives the truth and can lead others to the truth — the truth that saves us to eternal life: "for this I was born and came into the world, to bear witness to the truth."



Advent Collection in support of the Priests of the Parish will take place next weekend, 30th November / 1st December at all Masses. As always, we thank you for your continued kind support and generosity.



Christmas Craft Fair

McAuley Place Christmas Craft Fair

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



Calling ALL Secondary School Students..

Come and Join the Parish "ARK" Youth Band.

Practice is at 6.15pm, Saturday 30th November, Room 3, Ballycane.

Followed by Youth Mass 7.30pm.

Save the date: Next Youth Mass and Practice Saturday 14th December at 6.15pm.

PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION

PRIEST ON DUTY: 085 708 8407

PARISH WEBSITE: www.naasparish.ie

PARISH OFFICE Tel.: 045 879 730

Opening Hours: Monday to Friday 10am to 5pm

e-mail: office@naasparish.net

SACRISTY OUR LADY AND ST DAVID: Tel 045 856 925

BALLYCANE OFFICE AND SACRISTY : Tel 045 895 629

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

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

Phone: 085 802 1633

FEAST AND MEMORIAL DAYS FOR THE COMING WEEK

Sat. 30th November: St. Andrew, Apostle

RECENT BAPTISMS

Larry Michael Heffernan, Gleann Na Riogh Drive

Saoirse Islene White, Finlay Park

Seán Hartnett, Dun Na Riogh Ave

Andrew McGovern, Corbally

Joe Raleigh, Corbally

Sophia Brophy, Newlands

Conor Flaherty, Newlands



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

Catherine Lewis, Craddockstown Way

Robert (Bob) Murphy, Ashgrove Ave

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.



Advent Preparation for Christmas: 'Sr. Peggy's Prayers'. You are invited to study the Advent Sunday Readings on each Tuesday during Advent, commencing on Tuesday 26th November. Please meet in the Parish Office and Shop on the Sallins Road after 10am Mass.

Divine Mercy Prayers will take place in Ballycane Church after the 7.30pm Mass on Wednesday 27th November.

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

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 the Parish Office, Sallins Road if you would like to get involved or for more information!

Thank you.



Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Volunteers are urgently needed for our two Vincent's shops in Naas. If interested, please contact Amanda on 045 866111.

SALLINS PARISH NEWS

Raffle in aid of Sallins Senior Citizens Annual Christmas Party: Tickets on sale this weekend after all Masses. Raffle will take place after 12 noon Mass on Sun, 24th Nov 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.

PARISH FINANCES:

Sallins: Baskets: €885 Envelopes: €550

Naas: Offertory: €3355 Development Fund: €3755

Two Mile House: €680

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.

Naas Active Retirement Members Only meeting this Wednesday, 27th November at 2pm in Naas Community Centre.

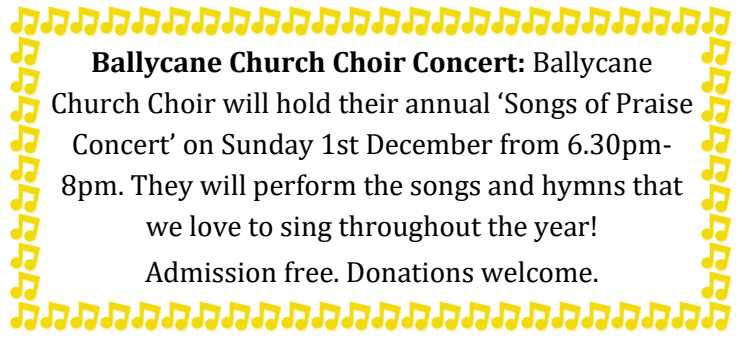
Naas Toastmasters Meeting at 8pm on Wednesday 27th November in Naas Townhouse Hotel. Guests welcome!



Bus to Knock

All Night Vigil
Saturday 7th December
Tickets €25
Call 045 525432 to book
with Foster's Coaches.

Naas Tidy Towns 'Scenes of Naas' fund-raising Christmas Cards now available from Naas Parish Shops.
Pack of six Christmas cards costs €5.
All proceeds go to buy essential equipment for the weekly clean-up of Naas.



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.

Alzheimer Café Evening takes place on the last Wednesday of every month from 7-9pm in the **Convent Tea Rooms**, McAuley Place. Those living with dementia, families, carers and professionals are all very welcome. Each month a different speaker will give a perspective on Alzheimer disease followed by an open discussion.

AGELESS GRACE: Every Thursday at 10.30am in Ballycane Church. Suggested donation of €8 but all welcome regardless of ability to pay.



A seated fitness programme aimed at strengthening the core, spine, internal organs and energy systems of the body.

Naas Parish Lotto Draw

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 €8,400 on Wednesday, 27th 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, 20th November. Numbers Drawn were

11-24-18-3



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.

BALLYCANE CHRISTMAS MARKET

**Sunday 1st December,
11.30am to 3.30pm
Ballycane School Hall.**

If you are interested in having a stall, tables are €20/€30, please contact pta@holychildschoolnaas.com.

Christmas Concert with Special Guest: Ruby



Boland, Soprano.

**Saturday 8th December at 8pm
Clongowes Wood College Boy's**

Chapel. Tickets: €15 from Marron's and Hughes' pharmacies, Clane, Seán's Barbers, Prosperous or McAuley Place or by phoning 087 2036722.

CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR

**Sunday 1st December, 12-4pm
Caragh Community Centre.**

Come and visit the 30 exhibitors whose brightly coloured wooden stalls are filled with an array of unique yuletide gifts, festive foods etc.

Why not come and say 'hello' to Santa in his Grotto?



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
- ◆ 2020 Diaries and Calendars



All now Available!

Parish Bingo continues every Tuesday night at 8.30pm sharp, in the Care of the Aged Centre, Newbridge Road. Big prizes and Jackpot of €730! *All welcome.*

Arthritis Ireland Kildare Branch AGM takes place on Tuesday 26th November at 12noon in the Keadeen Hotel. Guest speaker is Oonagh Ó Malley, Occupational Therapist with the HSE. All welcome.

You are invited - Christmas Coffee Morning!



Camphill Community Dunshane on Friday 29th November, 10am-12pm. Coffee, tea, cakes and homemade crafts for sale on the morning! All welcome to join us!

Prosperous Dramatic Society presents the All Ireland contender 'Hue and Cry' directed by Karl Keogh. Returning for one night only on November 29th. Text 0851615590 for more information.



Carols by Candlelight.

Kildare Town Community School present a carol service for the community.

Wednesday 11th December at 7pm in St Brigid's Church, Kildare Town. The event is free but voluntary contributions gratefully received for St. Brigid's Hospice, the Curragh.

Sports Lottery Results:

Naas: 14/11 (13-19-21-25) No Winner, Jackpot €4,750

Sallins: 18/11 (15-18-23-26) No Winner, Jackpot €6,800