

Parish Newsletter

The Baptism of the Lord 12th January 2020



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Adoration

During Mass for the Solemnity of Epiphany, Pope Francis reflected on the meaning of adoration.

Worship – adoration – “is the end and goal” of the journey of the Magi, the focus of the Solemnity of Epiphany. “Once we lose the sense of worship,” Pope Francis said in his homily, “we lose our direction in Christian life, which is a journey towards the Lord, not towards ourselves”.

The risk of being unable to worship

The Gospel, he said, warns about the risks for those who are incapable of worship. From Herod, “who used the word ‘worship’, but only to deceive”, we learn that “when we do not worship God, we end up worshipping ourselves”. The chief priests and scribes, likewise, are incapable of worship. Although they know the prophecies, “and can quote them exactly”, they are unable to go there themselves. “In the Christian life”, the Pope said, “it is not enough to be knowledgeable, unless we step out of ourselves, unless we encounter others, and worship, we cannot know God”.

Faith demands worship

Pope Francis prayed that at the start of the new year, we might “discover anew that faith demands worship”. Adoration, he said, “means putting the Lord at the centre, not ourselves”.

He explained that worship means “making space for God’s plan”, realizing that we belong with God, and “being able to speak to him freely and intimately”. Worship, the Pope said, means discovering that, “in order to pray, it is enough to say ‘My Lord and my God’ and to allow ourselves to be pervaded by His tender love”.

The Pope said that “worship is an act of love that changes our lives”. Although we have some idea of what it means to pray, he said “the Church must go even further with the prayer of adoration, we have to grow in adoration. It is a wisdom that we must learn each day”.

Adoration frees us from modern idols

By praying in adoration, Pope Francis continued, “we allow Jesus to heal and to change us... to transform us by His love, to kindle light amid our darkness, to grant us strength in weakness, and courage amid trials”. Worshipping God, he said, frees us from slavery to the idols of today, which must not be worshipped, such as “the god of money, the god of consumerism, the god of pleasure, the god of success, the god of self”. The Pope said that “worship means bending low before the Most High, and discovering in His presence that life’s greatness consists not in having, but in loving”.

The meaning of our journey

“Many Christians pray, but they do not worship”, Pope Francis said. “It is up to us, as a Church, to put into practice the words we prayed in today’s psalm: ‘All the peoples of the earth will worship you, O Lord’. Only then, he said, will we too discover “like the Magi, the meaning of our journey”.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The Church of Our Lady and St David, Naas will be closed from Monday 13th January - Friday 17th January **inclusive** to facilitate the placing of a new carpet in the Sanctuary area.

The 7.30am and 10am Masses and all Funerals will take place in Ballycane Church during that week.

Thank you.

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Safeguarding Policy displayed in all Church Porches.

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN PARISH REPRESENTATIVES

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FEAST AND MEMORIAL DAYS FOR THE COMING WEEK

Wed 15th January: St Ita, Virgin

Fri. 17th January: St Anthony, Abbot

RECENT BAPTISMS

James-Patrick Andrew Kelly, Castle Farm

Fintan Laurent McElligott, Naas

Tadhg Anthony Larkin, Naas



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

Mary Rooney, née McGlynn, TMH

Agnes Moore, Ashfield Park



MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

NAAS PARISH NEWS

Padre Pio: Next meeting will take place on Wednesday 15th January after the 7.30pm Mass in Ballycane.

St Joseph's Young Priest Society: next meeting takes place tomorrow, Monday 13th January, after 7.30pm Mass in CIM, Ballycane with Adoration until 9.30pm.

SALLINS PARISH NEWS

Tuesday Club Sallins (14th Jan. @ 2pm) "Come & join us for an afternoon of chat, cards, bingo & afternoon tea! New members welcome. Also, if you have some time to spare or simply like to bake please let us know & perhaps you might like to consider joining our committee" (Ph: 086 283 8383/085 786 5254)

TWO MILE HOUSE PARISH NEWS

Weekday morning Mass is celebrated from Monday to Thursday at 9.15am. Friday evening Mass at 7pm.

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The Jigsaw Group will be starting up in Ballycane Church for young people with Asperger's Syndrome (aged 25-35). Starting on Wednesday 12th February in room 1, 7.30pm-9pm and meeting once a month. Spaces are limited so to book your spot/further info. call June on 086 315 1213.



Parish Pilgrimage to Medjugorje

10th-17th June 2020 - Full details on posters/fliers in all our Churches. Spiritual Director is Fr. Alex. Note: Reduced rate of €665 applies if €100 deposit paid to Marian Pilgrimages before the end of January. If you have any queries, please contact John/Catherine on 086 856 3773.

K&L Diocesan Adoration Committee invite you to a Day of Prayer. Mass, Adoration, sharing and music in Carlow College on Saturday 25th January 2020, beginning at 10am. Refreshments served. All welcome.

Would you like to learn more about your faith? A course entitled '2020 Vision - Seeing clearly as a Catholic today' will be held over four Monday nights beginning tomorrow, 13th January, in Newbridge Parish centre, 7.30pm-8.30pm. Fr John Harris will guide participants through some important topics that are at the heart of our faith with questions & discussions. All are welcome to come along and bring a friend! For more info. please phone Newbridge Parish Centre on 045 431 121.

You are invited to an evening 'Let's take Ireland back for Christ' in the Avon Hotel, Blessington at 7.30pm on Thursday 23rd January with H.L.I Ireland. For all further info. please contact 085 252 5612.

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St Mary's College Annual Flag Day & Church Collection takes place on Friday 17th, Saturday 18th and Sunday 19th January. Monies raised will help fund the upcoming TY Musical (4th-6th March). All support is greatly appreciated.

Holiday Pilgrimage to Lourdes (5 nights) and Shrine of St Bernadette at Nevers (2 nights), Thursday 30th April to Thursday 7th May 2020. The pilgrimage is led by **Fr Peter Clucas, presently based in Inchicore**. Cost is €760 pps, including flights, accommodation, transfers, full board, participation in all pilgrimage ceremonies and events. For all queries/bookings, please contact Fr Peter at 087 958 0811 or e-mail at: p.clucas@oblates.ie. Thank you.

Naas GAA Goal Mile (on Christmas Day) once again saw a wonderful turnout of 'milers'. €6,264.11 has been lodged to the 'Goal Mile' account. *"We would like to thank all who contributed in any way".*

Bridge Tournament hosted by St Mary's College Past Pupils Union will be held in Lawlors Hotel, Naas at 2pm on Sunday 26th January. Cost €10 per person with raffle & prizes on the day. All funds generated will go to school funding. Parking available at school on the day.

Naas Toastmasters: Meeting at 8pm on Wednesday 22nd January in Naas Townhouse Hotel. Guests welcome.

Parish Bingo continues every Tuesday night at 8.30pm sharp, in the Care of the Aged Centre, Newbridge Road. Big prizes and Jackpot of €780! All welcome.

Sports Lottery Results:

Naas: 02/01 (5-10-25-26) No Winner, Jackpot €5,800

Sallins: 06/01 (2-14-15-17) No Winner, Jackpot €7,300

Retired Civil & Public Servants Association, Kildare Branch invites recently and long retired colleagues to the quarterly meeting in the Townhouse Hotel, Naas on Tuesday 14th January at 11.15am. Teas/coffees from 11am. Providing an update on issues applicable to retired colleagues, concluding with a presentation of the options available on health insurance.

Ignite 2020 University Student Retreat: A three-day retreat of fellowship, formation & faith organised by students, for students. Dublin, Jan. 16th-18th. Eventbrite 'Ignite 2020' or call 087 091 9646 for more info.

Insights into Dementia - Informing & Empowering Family Carers: Positive & practical training for family carers of loved ones with dementia. Westgrove Hotel, Clane on Monday evenings, 7pm-9.30pm from 10th February until 16th March 2020 inclusive. For all details/bookings, call 01 207 3834.

KWETB Community Education: currently enrolling for courses (Naas & Newbridge) including Women in Ireland, Sustainable Communities, Leadership for the Intercultural Community and Community Art. More info.: 045 881 863.

Public Lectures, Carlow College: 20th Jan.: 'Time for Action, Climate Change & Our Future'. 27th Jan.: Nazi Concentration Camps to mark International Holocaust Remembrance Day. Both lectures are open to all, begin at 1.45pm in Cobden Hall, Carlow College, St Patricks.

PARISH FINANCES:

Sallins: Baskets: €660 Envelopes: €425

Naas: Offertory: €3295 Development Fund: €3545

Two Mile House: €720



Pictured here is Fr Séan receiving his PhD in Theology in Durham Cathedral on Thursday

Congratulations to Fr Séan

On Thursday of this week, the 9th of January, Fr Séan was conferred with a PhD in Theology, his chosen area of study was the Psalms. The graduation took place at Durham University. This singular achievement is the culmination of years of study, prayer and reflection. We, his colleagues on the Parish Team, are immensely proud of Séan and his attainment of his Doctorate. We continue to look forward to him sharing his love and knowledge of God's Word. I know you will join us in offering to Séan our warmest good wishes and our heartiest congratulations. Well done Séan!

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Organising and arranging the wonderful flower displays!

Christmas Thanks!

A big 'Thank You' to all who helped out with the Christmas Ceremonies. Thank you to our Sacristans, Altar Servers, Eucharistic Ministers, Readers and our Choirs for their generosity and time throughout the Advent and Christmas Season. A special thanks also to those who looked after setting up our Cribs, Christmas Trees and Flower Displays.

Every blessing for the year ahead.



Christmas Carols Concert with Celine Byrne, CBS Boys Choir, Naas Children's Choir and Chloe O'Malley

Altar Servers having fun on a trip to the Pantomime!



[Naas Parish Weekly Lotto Draw](#)

There was [NO WINNER](#) of the €5,450 Jackpot on Wednesday last, 8th January.

Numbers Drawn were: **24-11-14-8**

Lucky Dip winners of €100 each were: E. Hammersley, A.Kelly, M&M. Perse, A. Behan-Deady

The next draw will take place on [Wednesday 15th January at 6.30pm](#) in the Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane. All are welcome to attend the draw.

Jackpot on the 15th January is **€5,700**.