

Parish Newsletter

First Sunday of Lent
1st March 2020



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Pictures from Dolly's Retirement & Thanksgiving Mass



Good Friday Drama! We are all familiar with the proclamation of the 'Lord's Passion' from our attendance at the Good Friday Ceremonies each year. It is a solemn moment during which the journey of the Suffering Christ is recalled. We recall vividly the poignant moments of the Lord's Passion; moments filled with emotion, tenderness and deep human pain. We reflect on that journey to Calvary, where Jesus hangs upon the cross. Good Friday is so central to our faith, and this is obvious when people stand patiently and reverently in line to either touch or kiss the cross. This year in the Church of Our Lady and St David, we are hoping to have a dramatisation of the Lord's Passion. We need people to take on the various roles, including crowd scenes, approx. 30-35 people are required. When rehearsed and performed prayerfully it can be a deeply spiritual and moving experience. If you are interested, and would like to find out more, please leave your name and contact number with Parish Office. The Good Friday Drama will be produced and directed by Mona Conroy. The co-ordinator of this Holy Week initiative will be Caroline Quinn. This invitation is extended to one and all! Please give it your consideration.

PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION

PRIEST ON DUTY: 085 708 8407

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PARISH OFFICE Tel.: 045 879 730

Opening Hours: Monday to Friday 10am to 5pm

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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.

FEAST AND MEMORIAL DAYS FOR THE COMING WEEK

Thursday 5th Feb.: St Kieran, Bishop

RECENT BAPTISMS

Katie Grace Kelly, Craddockstown Court

Zara Anne Lee, Oldtown Demesne

Amelia Grace O'Brien, Monread

Arthur Hugh Doyle, Bellingsfield

Jackson James Smith, Mountain View

Úna Louise Skelton, Racecourse Gate

Róise Sorchá Ní Chonbhuí, Woodlands

Conn Michael Coghlan, Monread

Gearóid Christopher Dowler, Dun na Riogh



NAAS PARISH NEWS

Little Blessings Children's Liturgy Group will take place at 10.20am, before the 10.30am Mass, in Ballycane Church next Sunday 8th March. All children over four are welcome to attend. Parents can drop their child to room 4 in Ballycane Church at 10.20am where they can join our volunteers.

Every Wednesday in OLSD Church, Naas a member of the Legion of Mary prays the Holy Rosary for Priests. Everyone is welcome for all or part of the Rosary. **Please note that from Wednesday 11th March, this will begin at 1pm rather than 2pm.** Thank you.

Marion Movement Prayers for Priests: Next meeting will take place on Saturday 7th March after the 10am Mass in OLSD, Naas. All welcome.

Holy Face of Jesus Prayer Meeting takes place every Wednesday after 7.30pm Mass in Room 2, Ballycane Church. Relic, blessed oil, international shrine tours available. Call Caoimhe on 085 252 5612 for all info.

SALLINS PARISH NEWS

Confessions available in Sallins Church every Thursday from 2pm-4pm.

Sallins 46th Annual Pilgrimage to Lourdes: Departing Friday 19th June 2020 for 7 nights, Solitude Hotel, full board. €830 per person sharing. Fr Michael is the Spiritual Director. For all further info. please contact Rita on 045 850929/087 653 5112.

TWO MILE HOUSE PARISH NEWS

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

PARISH NOTICE BOARD

*Naas Sallins and Two Mile House
Parish Social Evening!*

*Friday 20th March 2020 in Killashee Hotel!
Tickets €25, available from Parish Offices.*

Lenten Station Collection in support of the Priests of the Parish will take place at all Masses this weekend. Thank you for your continued support.

Please note that the Kildare Suicide Bereavement Support Group (KSBSG) will no longer provide a walk-in counselling service in Ballycane Church on Thursday nights. Appointments can be made to speak to a counsellor by **phoning 086 855 4852.**

Please kindly do not call the landline contact number any longer. Thank you.

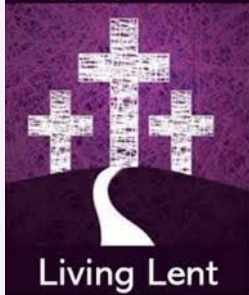
Caring for our Common Home - Bringing Laudato Si to Life in our Parish Communities. Join us for a conference with dynamic speakers, practical exhibits, workshops and more. Wednesday 4th March in Dolmen Hotel, Carlow, 10.30am-4.30pm. This event is free and lunch is included. To register, please contact 01 629 3333. Please see posters in Churches for further details.

Spring/Summer Closing Time at the Church of Our Lady & St David, Naas: The Church will now be open every evening until 5pm.

PARISH PROGRAMME FOR LENT 2020

- Trócaire Box:** Placed at the centre of each home we continue this important tradition.
- Weekday Mass:** Usual Mass times each morning in Naas, Sallins and Two Mile House.
- Mass on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday evenings in Ballycane at 7.30pm.**
- Tuesdays of Lent:** **Family Prayer Time** - Pray together with your children/grandchildren. All generations welcome! Commencing on Tuesday 3rd March at 7pm in CIM, Ballycane. *Please see below for further details & dates.*
- Bible Study:** Bible Study Sharing, with Fr. Michael, begins tomorrow, Monday 2nd March, at 8pm in CIM, Ballycane after Mass.
- Scripture Study:** Scripture Study for Lent, with Fr. Seán, will begin tomorrow, Monday 2nd March, and will also take place on the 9th & 23rd March, at 8pm in the Parochial House, Sallins Road (blue door). Please bring along a bible! All are welcome, however spaces are limited to 15 people. Sessions will normally last no more than one hour and will be based around reading Scripture and discussion of that reading, ending in a quiet moment of Prayer.
- Scripture Sharing:** Tuesday mornings after the 10am Mass, in the Parochial House, Sallins Road (blue door), beginning on Tuesday 25th February.
- Fridays of Lent:** Stations of the Cross at 12.30pm in OLSD, Naas beginning on Friday 6th March.
Mass by candlelight, followed by *Adoration and Benediction*, in CIM, Ballycane beginning at 7.30pm.

Digging Deeper



Digging Deeper, Living Lent - A weekly bulletin for Lent

Part 2; "We are called to recognise, listen to and follow Jesus"

The Liturgy of the Word and Anointing with Oil of Catechumens: What do they tell us about baptism and our faith? As we make our journey to renew our baptism at Easter, in these bulletins we are reflecting on the celebration of baptism itself and what it tells us about our faith...

Please collect a copy of this bulletin from the Church Porches for more.



Family Prayer Time - "A family that prays together stays together"

We are inviting all parents/grandparents/children to Family Prayer Time with us in Ballycane Church this **Tuesday 3rd March** for a child-friendly introduction on what prayer is and how to pray together as a family. Our second session on **Tuesday 10th March**, will look at exploring the Sacrament of Baptism which Bishop Denis is emphasising in 'Digging Deeper' for Lent. We will then discuss Confession for Families on **Tuesday 24th March** with 'story time' and

introduction to confession for children, with an opportunity for the Sacrament of Confession. Our next topic, on **Tuesday 31st March**, will be on Praying the Rosary as a Family. Followed by light refreshments and a chat! **All sessions take place from 7pm-8pm in Ballycane Church. We hope you will be able to join us for some or all of these sessions. We look forward to welcoming you and your family. All generations welcome!**

Digging Deeper - Living Lent... Some Suggestions for the Week....

- + Persevere in your chosen resolutions for Lent and remember their purpose is to bring you closer to God
- + Check that you have a bible in your home and take some time to read from it
- + Have a proper chat! Reconnect with someone you haven't spoken to in a while
- + Pray the Stations of the Cross
- + Find out how you can help a local charity
- + Cut down on screen time and pay attention to the people around you
- + Pick up at least 5 pieces of litter



NOTICE BOARD

Lenten Prayer Evenings in Clane Parish Church on Wednesdays at 7.15pm beginning on March 4th. Theme is 'The Camino of the Cross, Calvary Way'. Five evenings of Prayer and Meditation, using the Stations of the Cross, to guide you along the Pilgrim Path that Jesus travelled, towards Easter joy. All are welcome to attend any one evening or all five if you wish.

Cairde Chill Dara and Sult na Sollán would like to invite you to attend Meitheal Chill Dara on Saturday 7th March, 3pm-5pm in Naas GAA. This bilingual event will be focused on language planning in Co. Kildare.

Meitheal Chill Dara will provide an excellent opportunity for the Irish Language Community, to meet and network with others involved with the language in Co. Kildare. Colm Ó Mongáin from RTÉ will act as master of ceremonies (fear an tí) on the day! *All are welcome and we hope you can join us!*

Naas Active Retirement; members only meeting this Wednesday 4th March at 2pm in Naas Community Centre.

Naas Local History Group presentation of Heritage Cup and talk on 'Naas/Tullow' Railway line by Liam Kenny and Eamon Sinnott in Naas Town House Hotel at 8pm on Monday 2nd March. All welcome.

Seachtain na Gaeilge: Fáilte roimh cách ag Seachtain na Gaeilge 'sna Solláin agus i Nás na Ríogh idir 1ú agus 17ú Márta. Beidh imeachtaí ar súil do gach aois grúpa – bainigí sult astu. Sonraí agus tuilleadh eolais ar www.sultnasollan.ie.

Thank you to everyone who generously contributed to the '4th Kildare Naas Scouts' street and Church gate collection. Your support is greatly appreciated.

St Mary's College Annual Transition Year Musical runs from Wednesday 4th - Friday 6th March. This year it is 'All shook up'. Tickets €12 (adult), €8 (students and senior citizens), available in the school (at lunchtimes only) or at the door on the night.

An Garrai Beag; an initiative of Kildare Down Syndrome, has potted bulbs, lettuce, cauliflower, sprouts & herb plants for sale over the next few Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10am-3pm for anyone who would like to purchase pots.



Volleyball Ireland u19 Girls National Team presents The Garda Band & The Kilcullen Gospel Choir live in concert! Thursday 19th March, 8pm in St Brigid's Church, Kill. Tickets €10, please contact Margaret on 087 202 7550.

Craddock House Nursing Home are hosting a 'Dementia Information Evening' on Wednesday 11th March at 7pm. All welcome. Please phone 045 898 600 to let them know if you would like to attend. Thank you.

Is your family affected by the challenging behaviour of ADHD? Join our local parent support meetings the first Wednesday of each month. Peer to peer sessions which enable parents/carers to support and guide each other. Next meeting on Wed. 4th March, 9.30am-11am in Johnstown Garden Centre. Contact is Terri, 086 171 3889.

Seated Yoga for people under 50 with arthritis starts on Monday 2nd March and continues weekly until 6th April at 7.30pm in Newbridge Parish Centre. Email kildareyan@gmail.com to book, €5 per class (funded by KWETB & Arthritis Ireland Kildare Branch).

Parish Bingo continues every Tuesday night at 8.30pm sharp, in the Care of the Aged Centre, Newbridge Road.

Sports Lottery Results:

Naas: 20/02 (5-7-20-28) No Winner, Jackpot €6,700

Sallins: 24/02 (9-11-17-23) No Winner, Jackpot €8,000

PARISH FINANCES:

Sallins: Baskets: €600 Envelopes: €420

Naas: Offertory: €3270 Development Fund: €3785

Two Mile House: €541

Thank you to an anonymous Parishioner who kindly donated €500 to our Parish. Indeed, thank you to all our Parishioners for the ongoing kind and generous support to the Parish. It is greatly appreciated.

Naas Parish Weekly Lotto Draw

There was NO WINNER of the €7,200 Jackpot on Wednesday last, 26th February.

Numbers Drawn were: **8-19-1-14**

Lucky Dip winners of €100 each were: J. O'Donnell, Sisters of Mercy, J. Harte, A. Lowe

The next draw will take place on Wednesday 4th March 2020 at 6.30pm in the Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane. All are welcome to attend the draw. Jackpot on the 4th March is **€7,450!**