

Parish Newsletter

Second Sunday of Lent
8th March 2020



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CONFIRMATIONS 2020

Congratulations to all the boys and girls who celebrated their Confirmations recently from the following schools; Mercy Convent, St Corban's, Holy Child, Scoil Bhríde, Sallins, Two Mile House, Gaelscoil, Killashee MDNS & Naas CNS. 467 young people were confirmed in our Parishes over three days. Thank you from the Parish Team to all parents & families, principals, teachers, choirs, servers, sacristans, ministers & to all who were involved in the Confirmation Ceremonies. Thank you also to Bishop Denis Nulty who celebrated with us at several of our Ceremonies.



Presentation to Dolly, pictured here with Bishop Denis and Irene Keogh, Principal (Holy Child School). Another presentation was made to Dolly, on her final day, at St Corban's Confirmation Ceremony.



Bishop Denis presenting Fr Liam & Fr Seán with the oak sapling which will be planted in the Church grounds



Our dedicated Servers at Mercy Covent Confirmation

Parish Social - Postponed!

Following the Parish Pastoral Council meeting, held on Wednesday last, a decision has been made to postpone our Parish Social. Having discussed the matter and taking professional medical advice we deem it safer to err on the side of caution as the evening will involve certain aspects, such as eating together and social dancing, involving close contact. It is prudent that we all make a collective effort and we pray God's blessing on all efforts currently being undertaken to contain the Coronavirus (COVID 19). The many people who have already purchased a ticket may call to the Parish Office with their tickets for a refund.

Thank you, Naas Parish Pastoral Council

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

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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.

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN PARISH REPRESENTATIVES

Naas: Geraldine Faherty & Adrian King

Sallins: Dermot McGilloway

Two Mile House: Paula Clancy & Suzanne Powell

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

Monday 9th March: St Frances of Rome, Religious

Wed. 11th March: St Aengus, Bishop & Abbot

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

Margaret Doyle, Swordlestown

MAY SHE REST IN PEACE



NAAS PARISH NEWS

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.

St Joseph's Young Priests Society: next meeting takes place tomorrow, Monday 9th March, after the 7.30pm Mass in Ballycane Church, with Adoration until 9.30pm.

Apostolic Work Society: will hold their next meeting on Tuesday 10th March at 2pm in the meeting rooms at the CIM, Ballycane. New members welcome.

SALLINS PARISH NEWS

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

TWO MILE HOUSE PARISH NEWS

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

Found: Set of car keys found in car park of Church, call in to the Sacristy in TMH if you think they might be yours.

PARISH NOTICE BOARD

Thank you to all who supported the recent Lenten Collection in support of the Priests of the Parish. Your kindness and support is greatly appreciated.

Mother's Day Mass Bouquet Cards and Gifts now available in the Parish Shops. Selection of St Patrick's Day cards and badges also now available. Call in to have a browse -we will be more than happy to help you!

Mass Times for St Patrick's Day:

Tuesday 17th March 2020

Our Lady and St David:

Tuesday 17/03: 9am & 11am (bilingual)

Irish Martyrs:

Monday 16/03: 7.30pm (Vigil)

Tuesday 17/03: 10.30am (bilingual) & 12noon

Sallins:

Tuesday 17/03: 10am & 12noon

Two Mile House:

Tuesday 17/03: 11am



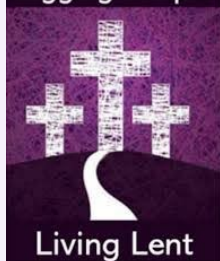
Daffodils for St Patrick's Day: We would greatly appreciate donations of daffodils in OLSD & Ballycane Churches. If you could please leave them in the buckets provided on Monday 16th March, we would be most grateful. Thank you.

Clothes Collection supporting Friends of Calcutta on Thursday 12th March. All wearable clothing & footwear most welcome and can be left at Sallins Church up to 1pm, TMH Church up to 3pm & Ballycane Church up to 4pm. Please no duvets/pillows/cushions. Thank you, your support is greatly appreciated. All enquiries may be made to Michael at 087 907 3074.

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! Continues on Tuesday 10th March at 7pm in CIM, Ballycane. *Please see below for further details & dates.*
- Bible Study:** Bible Study Sharing, with Fr. Michael, continues tomorrow, Monday 9th March, at 8pm in CIM, Ballycane after Mass.
- Scripture Study:** Scripture Study for Lent, with Fr. Seán, will continue tomorrow, Monday 9th March, at 8pm in the Parochial House, Sallins Road (blue door). Please bring along a bible! All are welcome. 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), continues on Tuesday 10th March.
- Fridays of Lent:** Stations of the Cross at 12.30pm in OLSD, Naas continues on Friday 13th March. Mass by candlelight, followed by *Adoration and Benediction*, in CIM, Ballycane beginning at 7.30pm.

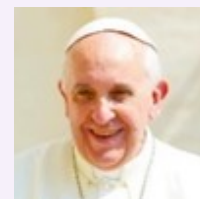
Digging Deeper



Digging Deeper, Living Lent - A weekly bulletin for Lent

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

"Each day let us read a verse or two of the Bible. Let us begin with the Gospel, let us keep it open on our table, carry it in our pocket, read it on our cell phones, and allow it to inspire us daily. We will discover that God is close to us, that he dispels our darkness and, with great love, leads our lives into deep waters." Pope Francis



Family Prayer Time continues this Tuesday 10th March; 'Journey through the River Jordan' for a hands-on, child friendly exploration of the Sacrament of Baptism! ***All sessions take place from 7pm-8pm in Ballycane Church. We hope you will be able to join us as we continue with our sessions. We look forward to welcoming you and your family.***



NaasPoint Update The NaasPoint pilot project continues this Monday and each Monday to the end of the month in the Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane. The ethos of this project is that welcome is extended to all and any who come. Tea/coffee is provided and a genuine hospitality is on offer. Why not come and join us this Monday? If you have been already, please feel welcome to come back, and if you have not already come to see us, then this is your chance! Monday, Ballycane Church from 11am to 2pm, NaasPoint bids you welcome!



Good Friday Drama! 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!

Trócaire

Trócaire Boxes are still available to collect from the Church Porches. Thank you.
In donating to Trócaire you're not just giving, you're joining the fight for injustice.

NOTICE BOARD

'Let's take Ireland back for Christ, what you can do'
Human Life International meeting, Celbridge Manor Hotel
Mon. 9th March, 7.30pm. All welcome. Ph. 085 252 5612.

Naas Toastmasters: Meeting at 8pm, Wednesday 11th March, Naas Town House Hotel, guests welcome.

Pro Life Talk: John Waters talk along with 'Every Life Counts' speaker Vicky Wall in Lawlor's Hotel on Thursday 12th March at 7.30pm.

Irish Guide Dogs for the Blind are holding their annual Church gate collection at Masses next weekend, Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th March. All support appreciated.

Found: Sum of money found in Naas Town on Tuesday 3rd March. Please contact Parish Office.

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

Sports Lottery Results:

Naas: 27/02 (11-16-20-23) No Winner, Jackpot €7,000

Sallins: 02/03 (3-19-27-28) No Winner, Jackpot €8,100

Craddock House Nursing Home NOTICE

"Due to the current situation regarding the Coronavirus (COVID 19), for precautionary reasons, we regret that we will have to cancel our Dementia Information Evening on Wednesday 11th March until further notice. Thank you."

PARISH FINANCES:

Sallins: Baskets: €660 Envelopes: €425

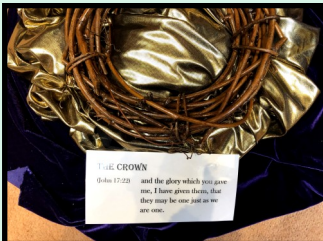
Naas: Offertory: €3000 Development Fund: €3025

Two Mile House: €495

Are you or have you been troubled by someone's drinking? Al-Anon Family Groups are here to help.

Meeting every Monday in Ballycane Church, 8-9.30pm (Bank Holiday Mondays - meetings on Tuesday evening 8-9.30pm). For more info. please phone 01 873 2699 or visit www.al-anon-ireland.org.

SACRED SPACES: Thank you to the Liturgy Group for their work in creating these beautiful and reflective sacred spaces in our Churches. Some pictures shown here of the Parish Church & also Ballycane Church.



Naas Parish Weekly Lotto Draw

There was **NO WINNER** of the €7,450 Jackpot on Wednesday last, 4th March.

Numbers Drawn were: **7-4-13-11**

Lucky Dip winners of €100 each were: P.Kilfeather, M. Williams, M. Curran, Anon

The next draw will take place on **Wednesday 11th 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 **€7,700!**