

# Parish Newsletter



**Pentecost Sunday**  
**31st May 2020**

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The following is an excerpt from the homily given by Bishop Denis, Thursday 21st May at the ceremony for Leaving Cert students. If you would like to read the full homily, please see the 'Bishop Nulty's Homilies' section on the front page of the kandle website.

You have navigated a very different last term, with its palpable loss of iconic moments that can never be restored or regained. Let no one ever say "sure you're the class of 2020, you've had it easy" because you haven't. So much, too much has been asked of you in recent weeks as you were somersaulted from one possible scenario to another.

There were strong voices on either side of the argument. Sitting 'State Exams' versus being awarded 'Predictive Grades'. You were the ones with your teachers who only want the best for each one of you and your parents and pals who understand you and sometimes don't – you were the ones caught up in the middle. Now a little distance from that decision, made in the best interests of public safety, you still carry your worries, your losses, your concerns.

The Leaving Cert is a Rite of Passage. It's more than a school, it's the spirit. It's more than a class, it's the memories. It's more than a team, it's the bonding. As the children's author Lorraine Marwood, Australian author and poet, describes it so beautifully in her novel 'Leave Taking'. It tells the story of a family who have decided to leave their farm after the death of their little daughter Leah from cancer. Her older brother Toby knows nowhere else to call his home; he spends the day with his dog Trigger saying goodbye to all the places, all the things, all the little memories that has made the farm his home. No matter what age we are, endings are as important as beginnings.

And tonight, as a diocese we wanted to mark the endings for all 4,000 of you in our 41 Secondary Schools. Lighting individual candles for every one of your schools. Having you follow our ceremony on Facebook Live or watching in on the webcam. And your Principals, Teachers and families.

As you step out on your journey beyond the Leaving Cert of 2020 may you bring others with you; there is no need to worry or to be stressed. As in the current pandemic the Lord is always present with us. Sometimes like in Luke's gospel we don't always recognise Him, but He is always there. There will be other years to go to Longitude or even Electric Picnic. There will be other years for foreign holidays. And there will be many virtual and electronic graduations, but tonight is our night for the Kildare & Leighlin family. Let's work together, let's stay at home, let's stay well, let's stay close to friends and let's stay close to God. He is never far from you.



## ADULT AND CHILD-FRIENDLY RESOURCES AVAILABLE ON THE PARISH WEBSITE.



Parish pastoral packs are available at [www.naasparish.ie/parish-resource-packs](http://www.naasparish.ie/parish-resource-packs). They accompany our Masses and liturgies that are broadcast from the Church of Our Lady and St. David, containing the Mass readings for each day of the week along with other prayers, devotions and novenas that help to keep us all spiritually connected in this time of physical separation.

Resources are now available to help you prepare your child for the Sunday liturgy. Watching the links and praying and reflecting with your children before the Liturgy can really help them to engage more with the Mass. We will put the resources up during the week so you will have plenty of time to look at them. Please see the Parish website for further details.



### PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION

**PRIEST ON DUTY: 085 708 8407**

**PARISH WEBSITE:** [www.naasparish.ie](http://www.naasparish.ie)

**PARISH OFFICE Tel.: 045 879 730**

**TEMPORARY OFFICE NUMBER: 089 216 3210**

**Opening Hours: Monday to Friday 10am to 5pm**

**e-mail: [office@naasparish.net](mailto:office@naasparish.net)**

**SACRISTY OUR LADY AND ST DAVID: Tel 045 856 925**

**BALLYCANE OFFICE AND SACRISTY : Tel 045 895 629**

**Opening Hours: Closed until further notice**

### PARISH TEAM

<b>Fr. Liam Morgan</b>	Sallins Road	<b>087 1337879</b>
<b>Fr. Alex Kochatt</b>	Lakelands	<b>045 898684</b>
<b>Fr. Michael Flattery</b>	Sunday's Well	<b>045 888112</b>
<b>Fr. Seán Maher</b>	Sallins Road	<b>045 897703</b>
<b>Dn. Fergal O'Neill</b>	Parish Deacon	<b>086 3816133</b>
<b>Ms. Hilda Campbell</b>	Pastoral Admin. Asst.	<b>045 879730</b>

**Safeguarding Policy displayed in all Church Porches.**

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

Eddie Murray, Sallins  
Mary McCormack, South Main Street  
Catherine Wright, Ashgrove Ave  
Laurence O'Brien, Hillside Drive



**MAY THEY REST IN PEACE**



**ARK Youth Group** are meeting on Zoom every Thursday 4.30-5.30pm. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Hilda on 086 361 1355 for more information.



### TIMETABLE FOR WEBCAM/RADIO CEREMONIES

*(No public participation, Church doors will be closed during these ceremonies)*

#### WEEKDAYS:

<b>7.30am</b>	<b>Morning Prayer</b>
<b>10am</b>	<b>Mass</b>
<b>5.30pm</b>	<b>Evening Prayer &amp; Rosary</b>
<b>8.30pm</b>	<b>Night Prayer</b>

#### WEEKENDS AND HOLY DAYS:

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>9am</b>	<b>Morning Prayer</b>
	<b>10am</b>	<b>Mass</b>
	<b>Vigil, 6pm</b>	<b>Mass</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>8.30pm</b>	<b>Night Prayer</b>
	<b>9am</b>	<b>Morning Prayer</b>
	<b>11am</b>	<b>Mass</b>
	<b>5.30pm</b>	<b>Evening Prayer &amp; Rosary</b>
	<b>8.30pm</b>	<b>Night Prayer</b>

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Working for a just world.

Trocaire boxes and envelopes can be left into the Church of Our Lady and St. David between 2pm and 5pm this Saturday and Sunday. A basket will be placed near to the baptismal font and a steward will be there to assist you.

#### PARISH FINANCES (received 21st - 27th May)

**Naas Envelopes: €1850      Online donations: €1495**  
**Sallins Envelopes: €350**

**CONGRATULATIONS** to all the recent prize winners in the parish. Prizes have been delivered to the two lucky winners of the Easter basket raffle and to the very clever winner of the children's crossword competition. *Well done!*

### NAAS PARISH OFFICE AND SHOP

Mass Cards/Bouquets can be purchased in the following ways:

- ♦ online on the parish website [www.naasparish.ie/parish-cards](http://www.naasparish.ie/parish-cards)
- ♦ by filling in the order form, available on the table by the baptismal font in Our Lady and St. David's Church.
- ♦ by calling the Parish Office on 089 216 3210 to place an order and pay by card

With each of the above, we can write and post the card for you, or, if you prefer, we can post you the cards to write yourself.

For Catholic publications or to make purchases from the Parish Office Shop...

- ♦ Irish Catholic and Messenger are available from the table in OLSD, payment should be made into the donation box. For anything else please call the Parish Office.

Please also call the Parish Office (089 216 3210) to book an anniversary Mass or to add names on to the lists for the living and deceased for the Tuesday and Wednesday Masses or drop a note into us through the Parish Office letterbox.

