

Parish Newsletter

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
2nd August 2020



No: 1755

Mt. 14:13-21

Not Enough

Have you ever felt like you have nothing left to give? We all have times when we feel as though we do not have 'enough' to offer, whether it's time, money, energy, or even love. When work is busy, we don't have enough time for family. When we are physically or emotionally exhausted at the end of a long day, we might not have the energy to play with our children or visit a friend. In the face of suffering in our own society and around the world, we often feel helpless – whatever small amount of time or money we can give will never be enough. But where we see 'not enough,' God sees potential. What we see as a small contribution is not small to God, if it is all we have to give and it is given with love. 'All we have with us is five loaves and two fish,' say the disciples to Jesus – a tiny offering when faced with a giant task. But Jesus takes what they have, blesses it, and uses it to give sustenance to thousands. In the face of human limitations, God can do plenty. We are told at the start of today's reading that Jesus 'took pity' on the large crowd that followed him. They have been out all day and are hungry, not to mention tired. They are so engrossed in listening to Jesus that time has slipped away. They are running on empty, and I'm sure they would be dismayed if, as the disciples suggest, they had to hike to the nearest village to buy food. Jesus understands their exhaustion and hunger, their limitations and their 'not enough.' What they have to give is inadequate, but he can do more with it than they could ever have imagined. We too are limited in what we have to offer. But whatever we can give – to our families and friends, to those in need – God sees and blesses and multiplies. *'Give something, however small, to one in need. For it is not small to one who has nothing. Neither is it small to God, if we have given what we could.'* St Gregory of Nazianzus.

(Extract taken from Intercom Publication)

Bank Holiday Monday 3rd August

There will be no 7.30am Mass in OLSD Church, Naas on Bank Holiday Monday 3rd August.

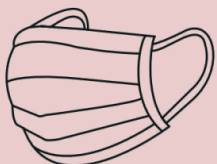
The Parish Offices and Shop will also be closed on Bank Holiday Monday but will re-open as normal on Tuesday.

Naas Parish Lotto will resume on Wednesday 5th August with a Jackpot of €10,000!

Tickets currently on sale in the Parish Offices and also available from The Soda Bread Shop, Whelans Menswear, Nolans Butchers, Barker & Jones, The Stationery Store, Gouldings Hardware, The Harbour Hotel and Swans on the Green. The Priests of the Parish and the Parish Lotto Committee would like to thank everybody who supports our Lotto. If you have any questions please contact the Draw Secretary on 086 163 5994. Thank you.

Bishop Denis Nulty will visit our Parish next weekend, Sunday 9th August to celebrate both the 9am and 11am Masses in the Church of Our Lady & St David, Naas.

We need your help! As a result of COVID-19, the United Nations High Commission for Refugees temporarily suspended all resettlement programmes globally, calling a sudden halt to work undertaken by the Naas Community Sponsorship Group to welcome a Syrian family to our community. With great joy we can now report a recent announcement of the resumption of the movement of limited numbers of refugees internationally. Given the volatility of Covid, the Naas group has resumed its work with great urgency, cognisant of a potentially narrow window for travel in late summer/early Autumn, during which we hope to welcome a family currently stuck in a refugee camp. The sourcing of accommodation is our greatest challenge right now and so we are asking this congregation, which has already demonstrated tremendous support for the initiative, to help us find a home for this family. Any and all suggestions gratefully received. Please contact Tony on 087 228 1803. In addition, we would love to talk to any teachers or retired teachers who would be interested in volunteering and perhaps joining our group.



Don't forget your mask! Masks now available to purchase in the Parish Office Shop, €6 each (re-usable and washable). Made locally. All proceeds go towards **22q11 Ireland** - the national Irish charity for individuals and families affected by 22q11 Deletion Syndrome. All support greatly appreciated. We ask that you please wear a face mask where possible, thank you.

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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BALLYCANE OFFICE Tel.: 045 895 629

Opening Hours: Monday to Friday 10am to 1pm

CURRENT MASS SCHEDULE - AUGUST 2020

CHURCH OF OUR LADY & ST DAVID, SALLINS ROAD

WEEKDAYS: Mon-Fri: 7:30am & 10am

Sat: 10am

Sat Vigil: 6pm

SUNDAYS: 9am, 11am & 6pm

CHURCH OF THE IRISH MARTYRS, BALLYCANE

WEEKDAYS: WEDNESDAY ONLY: 7.30pm

Sat Vigil: 7.30pm

SUNDAYS: 10.30am & 12noon

CHURCH OF OUR LADY & GUARDIAN ANGELS, SALLINS

WEEKDAYS: Tues & Fri: 10am

Sat Vigil: 6.30pm

SUNDAYS: 10am & 12noon

CHURCH OF ST PETER, TWO MILE HOUSE

WEEKDAYS: Mon-Sat: *9.30am*

SUNDAYS: 11am

Note on weekday Masses in TMH: Mass via webcam on Mon, Wed, Fri & Sat. Public Mass on Tues & Thurs.

All Masses in OLSD & TMH Churches are available via webcam at naasparish.ie or by radio, from OLSD, at 107.3.

Summer Mass Schedule, Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane: 7.30pm Mass on Wednesday evenings only for the month of August in Ballycane Church. Normal schedule of Masses resumes from 2nd September.

Adorers Needed: Can you give just one hour every week in silent Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament? For further details or to sign up please contact one of the following: Rosanna 085 727 8013/Maureen 087 207 7044/ John 086 856 3773. Or please leave your contact details at one of the Parish Offices. Adoration continues from **11am-1pm** (Mon - Fri in Ballycane Church). We ask that people who attend please abide by social distancing rules. **"I am the way, and the truth, and the life"**

Recent Baptisms

Meabh Clavin, Naas

Cara Clavin, Naas

Adam Ciarán O'Donnell, The Paddocks

Logan Patrick Walsh, Monread Heights

Brianna Mendoca, Elsmore

Jackson Behan Power, Naas

Emily Joan Barrett, Oak Park

Shay Darragh McKeon, Oldbridge Station

Ben Stephen Byrne, Oak Park

Holly-Anne Nicell, Cluain Aoibhinn

Sacrament of Baptism: For those requesting the Sacrament of Baptism, please contact the Parish Offices.

Full details also available on www.naasparish.ie.



FEAST AND MEMORIAL DAYS FOR THE COMING WEEK

Tues. 4th August: St John Vianney, Priest

Thurs. 6th August: The Transfiguration of the Lord

Sat. 8th August: St Dominic, Priest

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

John Wilson, Broadfield View

MAY HE REST IN PEACE



Society of Saint Vincent de Paul Naas - Volunteering roles now available! Volunteers welcome in our clothes shop and brand new furniture shop. Offering you a chance to meet new people and help your local community, use your skills to raise money for our work, gain experience and learn new skills. If you would like to donate your time, we invite you to get involved. Email NaasClothesShop@svp.ie or NaasFurniture@svp.ie. You can also call 045 866 111. Thank you.

Ageless Grace: classes are resuming! Tuesday 4th August at 10.30am in Ballycane Parish Centre, Room 1. Ageless Grace is a seated exercise to music class and perfect for those concerned about mobility, dementia or cognitive function. For all info. please call Louise on 085 893 4086. Suggested donation is €8. All welcome regardless of your ability to pay.

Sports Lotto Results

Naas: 23/07 (7-8-9-23) No Winner, Jackpot €9,400

Sallins: 28/07 (12-20-23-25) No Winner, Jackpot €8,600

PARISH FINANCES

Sallins Envelopes: €655 **Baskets:** €250

TMH: €535

Naas Offertory: €1,790 **Dev.:** €2680

Online Donations: €498 (received 23rd-29th July)

Fr Seán will celebrate 6pm Mass in OLSD on Saturday 22nd August followed by tea/coffee outdoors, weather permitting.