

# Parish Newsletter

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

16th August 2020



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Mt. 15:21-28

Dear Friends,

Thanks to all those who have offered support and good wishes on my appointment to Ballyna Parish.

Even though I was only two years among you, it has been an eventful time, beginning with a Papal visit and ending in a Pandemic!

As is customary, I will offer a Mass of Thanksgiving and this is scheduled for Saturday 22nd August at 6pm in the Church of Our Lady and St David.

Hopefully this will be with a congregation present but it may be by means of webcam, as will become clear when the situation evolves.

I leave for Broadford in the early days of September. Please remember me in your prayers and I promise to remember you also with gratitude and praise.

Because of the constrictions of this time, I may not be able to greet as many people personally as normal, but we will join in a union of prayer and hope.

With thanks,

Fr. Seán

thank you

## Sign of Hope

O Mary, Queen of Ireland, when you appeared at Knock,  
You gave hope to your people in a time of distress,  
and brought them comfort in a time of sorrow.  
Be with us now as a sign of salvation and hope,  
as we entrust ourselves to your loving care.



Yesterday we celebrated the Feast of the Assumption, and we might pray again the above 'Prayer of Consecration of Ireland to the Immaculate Heart of Mary,' introduced by Archbishop Eamon Martin in March of this year (full text is available on [catholicbishops.ie](http://catholicbishops.ie)). In it, we pray for the protection of Mary in these difficult times, particularly for those who are sick and those who minister to them. As someone who knew deep suffering, we can always turn to our Mother Mary in our pain and distress. Today's Gospel highlights the beginning of Mary's journey. While we often think of Mary as a meek character, passively accepting God's plan for her, the woman we meet today is the epitome of joy, as she exclaims: 'My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord and my spirit exults in God my saviour.' Her prayer, the Magnificat, overflows with joy and delight. In spite of her fears for the future, in spite of the sorrows that await her, she is filled with joy and moved to praise God. Her words and her presence give us hope.

(Extract taken from Intercom Publication)

## UPDATE ON CURRNET MASS TIMES AND CHURCH OPENINGS

In order to comply with the latest measures from the Government and the Department of Health officials we are required to suspend all public masses and gatherings in our four churches for a period of two weeks. Places of worship will remain open for private prayer.

Ballycane Church will be open Monday-Friday only. You may join us for Mass via webcam (naasparish.ie) from the Parish Church, or by radio at 107.3.

The following Mass schedule will apply for the next two weeks in the Church of Our Lady and St. David, on the webcam:

**Monday – Saturday:** 10am

**Saturday Evening:** 6pm

**Sunday Morning:** 11am

### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

Mon – Fri, 11am – 1pm Ballycane Church

Mon – Fri, 11am – 7pm Parish Church

Sat & Sun, 12noon – 6pm Parish Church

**Please note:** No Confessions during this period.

## RECENTLY DECEASED

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

Angela Cunniffe, Dublin Road  
Barbara Rutherford, Aylmer Park



*MAY THEY REST IN PEACE*

## FEAST & MEMORIAL DAYS FOR THE COMING WEEK

**Monday 17th:** Our Lady of Knock

**Thursday 20th:** St Bernard, Abbot & Doctor of the Church

**Friday 21st:** St Pius X Pope

**Saturday 22nd:** The Queenship of Mary

**WE ASK THAT YOU PLEASE  
WEAR A FACE MASK, WHERE  
POSSIBLE. THANK YOU.**



## NAAS PARISH WEEKLY LOTTO DRAW



There was NO WINNER of the €10,000 Jackpot on Wednesday last, 12th August

Numbers Drawn were:

**2-16-9-1**

**Lucky Dip winners of €100 each were:** G. Devane, J. Burke, N. Kavanagh & K. Gunning

The next draw will take place on Wednesday 19th August 2020 at 6.30pm.

**Jackpot on the 19th August is €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. *We would like to thank everybody who supports our Lotto and a special thanks also to all our promoters.*

## PARISH SHOP - NEW STATUES JUST IN!

*Come In*  
WE'RE  
**OPEN**

Call in to our Parish Shop to view our array of Statues for your home. Also ideal as a gift for someone. We now have some new additions to our range, just in this week, including Sleeping St Joseph and Our Lady of Mount Carmel. Different sizes available and all at reasonable prices. Please just ask in store and we can help you find what you are looking for. We are open Monday-Friday, 9.30am-5pm & Saturdays, 9.30am-11.30am.

## PARISH FINANCES

### Naas

**Offertory:** €655

**Envelopes:** €660

Plus two individual donations received of €1,000 each - thank you.

**Online Donations:** €2,040 (received 6th-12th Aug.)

*Many thanks to all our Parishioners  
for their continued support.*