

Parish Newsletter

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
30th August 2020



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Mt. 16:21-27

Dear Friends

This Friday I will officially transfer to Balyna Parish and move there definitively, although I may be in residence beforehand for a few days. Once again, I ask you for your prayers as I move to North Kildare - to the banks of the Boyne and the most northerly point in our diocese.

Packing boxes and emptying drawers can become a spiritual exercise - an unexpected adventure in the enchantment of memory. Over the past while I have re-found items once thought to be lost and rediscovered things that I never knew I had in the first place. This allows a little moment of making dreams from the past become real again, almost like a sacrament. It has helped to frame this moment of departure again in the adventure of our human journey, touched often by the conviviality and the co-operation of others whose memory never dies but can be evoked and enkindled so easily to bring us back, in our minds, to the moments of gentle and generous witness to the warmth of God's gracious presence in all our hearts.

In that context, I offer you my thanks as I leave here. We have lived through strange times in the past few months, and even stranger are to come in the months and years ahead. In the midst of it, we have kept alive the spirit of worship and the capacity to listen to the God who forms us in these moments to become the works of art that he has created. For your companionship on this journey, I thank you. For your generous and kind words, I thank you. For your many ways of finding the Faithful God, I thank you. I humbly ask your prayers once more and I assure you all of mine.

Also, for those who will miss my unique singing talent - never fear! I assure you that you have not heard the last of me yet (much to the chagrin of a certain Fr Alex!).

God bless!

Fr. Seán



NAAS PARISH WEEKLY LOTTO DRAW - €10,000 JACKPOT!

There was **NO WINNER** of the €10,000 Jackpot on Wednesday last, 29th August

NUMBERS DRAWN WERE: **12 - 9 - 14 - 7**

Lucky Dip winners of €100 each were:

B. Doyle, M. Mitchell, B. Whelan and R. Keogh

The next draw will take place on **Wednesday 2nd September 2020 at 6.30pm.**

Jackpot on 2nd September is €10,000!!!

Tickets can be purchased from the Parish Offices and Shop as well as other local retailers. We would like to thank everybody who supports our Lotto and a special thanks also to all our promoters.

CURRENT MASS TIMES AND CHURCH OPENINGS

In order to comply with the current measures from the Government and the Department of Health officials we are required to suspend all public masses and gatherings in our four churches until and including Sunday 6th September. 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 coming week 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.

Feast & Memorial Days for the coming week:

Tuesday 1st: World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation

Thursday 3rd: St Gregory the Great, Pope & Doctor of the Church

Friday 4th: St Augustine, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

Saturday 5th: The Passion of St John the Baptist



Grandparents Pilgrimage, Knock Shrine 2020

The 2020 pilgrimage is on Sunday 13th of September at the Shrine of Our Lady of Knock taking place virtually at 3pm at Knock Basilica. This annual pilgrimage is a special day for grandparents and for all of us to acknowledge the great contribution that grandparents make to Church, to family, and to society in teaching and passing on the faith. We invite Grandparents and their families to join in praying for, and with, each other so that Grandparents everywhere can be honoured and thanked.



Don't forget your mask! Masks available to purchase in the Parish Office Shop, €6 each (re-usable and washable). 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, in our Churches and Parish Offices/Shop. Thank you.

PARISH SHOP - COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION GIFTS AVAILABLE!

Give a gift of faith - Call in to browse our wide variety of both Communion and Confirmation gifts. Something for everyone! Rosary beads, missals, pins and much more available now in our Parish Shop. Wide selection of photo frames also in stock. We look forward to welcoming you!



Online Registration is open for Communion and Confirmation 2021: Any candidate who would like to apply for the Sacraments in the coming year 2020/2021, please visit naasparish.ie to register.

Closing date is **Wednesday 28th October 2020.**

Anyone who wishes to apply who is outside of the Parish school system, please contact the Parish Office, Sallins Rd.



Back to School: To all the children, teachers and principals returning to school, we wish them a safe and enjoyable year ahead!

Understanding and Minding your Mental Health with GROW; Community Mental Health Programme: Commences Tuesday 15th September 2020, 7.30pm-9pm, online via Zoom. There is no charge and all are welcome. To register your place or find out more, please contact 086 606 3184.

PARISH FINANCES

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Offertory: €1315

Development: €1320

Online Donations: €523 (received 20th-26th Aug.)

SALLINS €165

Many thanks to all our Parishioners for their continued support.