

Parish Newsletter

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
9th August 2020



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Protocols for Holy Communion: Receiving on the Hand



This time of pandemic has made life difficult in many respects. Our worlds have become restricted in manners that would have seemed unfair and unnecessary a short time ago. In terms of worship, we have made a big step towards a new peace in opening our churches to public worship and there is a great sense of appreciation for this possibility of worshipping together as a community. At the same time, there are many restrictions, and we are grateful for the generosity with which people have responded. Some can no longer sit in that favourite seat. Music is necessarily subdued. The biggest encumbrance seems to be the elaborate new protocols around receiving Holy Communion. As a priest, I find it very hard to have to wear a mask to distribute Holy Communion, as I often feel that human effect of being face to face for a second is part of the solemnity of the sacramental moment, but it is necessary and right that these precautions take precedence over personal preference. **Some questions that do arise may be answered more easily by a Q & A:**

Which is the more traditional, receiving communion in the hand or receiving communion on the tongue? There is not great clarity on this but there is a very early text, from one of the Church Fathers, which contains a meditation on receiving Communion. It calls upon Christians to receive Christ deliberately and solemnly, firstly on the hand, placing one hand on another to form a throne for him with our work and to ask him to bless the work of our hands, then into our mouths as we ask him to bless our words and to help us to speak his praises, then into our hearts where he will remain to guide us into the Father's Kingdom. It is a particularly beautiful text and it suggests that the practice of receiving Holy Communion on the hand is the older and more traditional practice.

What does Canon Law say? Canon Law affirms the choice of people to receive either on the tongue or in the hand. However, there is a stipulation in Canon Law that all must be done both for the salvation of souls and for the preservation of life, which gives the possibility to local authorities to make necessary arrangements for extraordinary times, particularly times of war, famine, natural disaster and, yes! - pandemic. The new protocol responds to this particular need.

But Pope Saint John Paul never gave Communion on the hand? This is simply untrue. I was at Mass several times with Pope Saint John Paul and he certainly distributed Holy Communion on the hand to people. Often, for those who only saw the distribution by TV, only the distribution to the immediate attendants was shown and these necessarily wore gloves as they were handling the Pope's Cross and mitre, which meant they received on the tongue for convenience's sake, but he certainly did distribute Holy Communion on the hand.

A Final Comment: I lived with an old priest who taught me many things about faith and priesthood through his vast store of stories. He had one simple story about Saint Carlo Borromeo, the famous archbishop of Milan. Once, while he was in the Cathedral, he noticed a young priest celebrating Mass. The young priest had all the rubrics correct but he was acting with a harshness and aridness in his disposition. The sainted archbishop approached him on the Altar and quietly whispered: "Never forget; he is the gentle son of a gentle mother!"

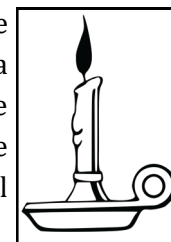
Mass Times for Saturday 15th August

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION

CIM, Ballycane	12 noon Mass
OLSD, Naas	10am Mass
Sallins	10am Mass
Two Mile House	11am Mass

Rosary at the Grotto - Saturday 15th August, Feast of

the Assumption: On this Feast Day, we invite you to unite with us in prayer with a candlelit Rosary at 9pm at the Grotto in the grounds of OLSD. We ask that you please bring your own candles and respect social distance - thank you.



To mark Fr Seán's departure from the Parish, Seán will celebrate 6pm Mass in OLSD on Saturday 22nd August followed by tea/coffee outdoors, weather permitting.

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

Ann-Marie Byrne, Millbridge Avenue

MAY SHE REST IN PEACE



FEAST AND MEMORIAL DAYS FOR THE COMING WEEK

- Mon. 10th August:** St Lawrence, Deacon & Martyr
Tues. 11th August: St Clare, Virgin
Wed. 12th August: St Muredach, Bishop
St Attracta, Virgin
Thurs. 13th August: St Fachtna, Bishop
Fri. 14th August: St Maximilian Kolbe, Priest & Martyr
Sat. 15th August: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Recent Baptisms

- Noah Raymond Gilsean, Naas
Ella Grace Bergin, Naas
Ava May Alice Keenan, Radharc An Chaisl in
Ois n Joseph Hurley, Oldbridge Station
Luke William Connors, Robertstown
Theo Matthew Drennan, Roseville
Cora Ann Kavanagh, Monasterevin
Conor Michael McEllin, Willouise
Emma Mary Fionnuala O'Halloran, Sallins Bridge



Sacrament of Baptism: For those requesting the Sacrament of Baptism, please contact the Parish Offices.
Full details also available on www.naasparish.ie.

Naas Parish Weekly Lotto Draw

There was **NO WINNER** of the €10,000 Jackpot on Wednesday last, 5th August

Numbers Drawn were: **2-4-5-28**

Lucky Dip winners of €100 each were: S. O'Hara, K. C. McDonnell, J. Conway & N.Collins

The next draw will take place on **Wednesday 12th August 2020 at 6.30pm.**

Jackpot on the 12th 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.

Sports Lotto Results

- Naas: 30/07 (16-27-23-11) No Winner, Jackpot €9,550
Sallins: 04/08 (7-10-18-21) No Winner, Jackpot €8,700

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.



Adoration: Can you give just one hour every week in silent Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament? For further details 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. **"Come to me all you who labour and are overburdened"**

PARISH FINANCES

- Sallins Envelopes:** €370 **Baskets:** €225
TMH: €550
Naas Offertory: €2,030 **Dev.:** €2,495
Online Donations: €566 (received 30th July - 5th Aug.)



We strongly encourage you to please wear a face mask, where possible, when attending Mass. Thank you.

Masks available to purchase now in the Parish Office Shop, €6 each (re-usable and washable). Made locally. All proceeds go towards **22q11 Ireland**, national Irish charity for individuals and families affected by 22q11 Deletion Syndrome. All support is greatly appreciated.