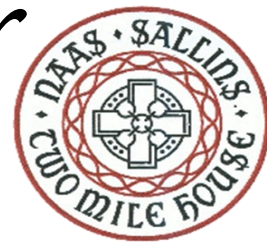


Parish Newsletter



Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

13th September 2020

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No: 1761

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Season of Creation 2020, 1st September -4th October

The Season of Creation has a special significance for the Catholic Church, particularly since Pope Francis established 1st September as an annual World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation. The Season of Creation or Creation Time, is marked throughout the Christian world from 1st September to 4th October (Feast of St. Francis of Assisi) and celebrates the joy of creation as well as encouraging awareness-raising initiatives to protect the natural environment.

The parable of the unforgiving servant highlights the generous love of God and sets a blueprint for our treatment of others. The master who cancels the servant's large debt does so out of compassion, and the servant is grateful – but not so grateful that he is willing to take pity on a fellow servant who owes him just a small amount. It seems he has learnt nothing; he has neither appreciated the gift he has been given, nor is he willing to pass it on to others. We are each loved infinitely by God. He has provided us with every good thing, and we are expected to live accordingly. Because we have been loved, we must love. In this Season of Creation we focus in particular on our relationship with creation. We have been gifted with this wonderful world, with all its beauty and natural resources. Yet in so many ways, we have failed to appreciate this gift. We depend entirely on the earth's resources, yet instead of respecting them we have plundered them, causing great harm to the earth and its inhabitants. We have built comfortable and cheap lifestyles at the expense of the world's poorest people. If we carry on this way, there will be no gift to pass on to future generations. We are like the servant in the gospel – taking, but giving nothing in return. Today, we are called to act as people who are loved infinitely by God. All of creation speaks of God's love for us. We are deeply connected with the earth and all of its people. We must live a life which is not centred exclusively on ourselves, but on the needs of others.



(Extract taken from Intercom Publication)



'Creation can only be understood as a gift from the outstretched hand of the Father of all, and as a reality illuminated by the love which calls us together into universal communion.' (Pope Francis, Laudato Si')

A prayer for our earth from Laudato Si'

All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures.

You embrace with your tenderness all that exists.

Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty.

Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one.

O God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth, so precious in your eyes.

Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it,
that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction.

Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain at the expense of the poor and the earth.

Teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe and contemplation, to recognize that we are profoundly united with every creature as we journey towards your infinite light.

We thank you for being with us each day. Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle for justice, love and peace.

Amen.

CURRENT MASS SCHEDULE

SEPTEMBER 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

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

FEAST AND MEMORIAL DAYS FOR THE COMING WEEK

Monday 14th Sept.: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Tuesday 15th Sept.: Our Lady of Sorrows
Wednesday 16th Sept.: Ss Cornelius, Pope, & Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs

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

Winefred Nolan, Punchestown
Francis (Frank) Jennings, Brannockstown
James (Jim) Sullivan, Lakelands



MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Online Registration is open for Communion and Confirmation 2021: Any candidate who would like to apply for the Sacraments in the coming year 2020/21, 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, can contact the Parish Office, Sallins Rd.

Autumn Collection in support of the Priests of the Parish takes place this weekend. *As always, we thank you for your continued kind support and generosity.*

Naas Parish Weekly Lotto Draw

There was NO WINNER of the €10,000 Jackpot on Wednesday last, 9th September.

Numbers Drawn were:

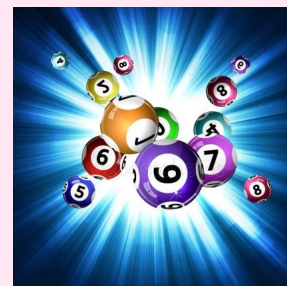
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Lucky Dip winners of €100 each were: A, K & J, K. Gunning, Anon, O. O'Neill

The next draw will take place on Wednesday 16th September 2020 at 6.30pm in the Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane.

No winner this week, so
Jackpot stays at

€10,000



PARISH FINANCES

Naas:

Offertory: €1,955 Development Fund: €1,605
Online donations (3rd-9th September): €1,042

Sallins:

Env: €1,085 Baskets: €240

TMH:

Env: €370 Baskets: €210

Recent Baptisms

Jake Paul Finnan, Oldbridge Station
Rebecca Mairéad Alton, Oldtown Demesne
Kate Niamh O'Flaherty, Stoneleigh



Sacrament of Baptism:

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

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN PARISH REPRESENTATIVES

Naas: Geraldine Faherty & Adrian King

Sallins: Dermot McGilloway

Two Mile House: Paula Clancy & Suzanne Powell

Diocesan Designated Liaison Person: Mr Mick Daly

Deputy Diocesan Liaison Person: Ms Michele Hughes,
c/o Bishop's House, Dublin Rd, Carlow

Phone: 085 802 1633

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CEREMONIES 2020

There was much disappointment earlier in the year when we had to postpone the celebration of the First Holy Communion, however both the children and parents were full of understanding and appreciated the situation. Now that the children have made a safe return to school, we are in the happy position to now proceed with the First Holy Communion Ceremonies. While these Ceremonies will be very different to previous years, they will still be happy and joy filled occasions. Perhaps this pandemic has allowed us to prioritise what really matters. Over these weeks the children along with their teachers are focusing on the Spiritual aspects of the Ceremony; their Prayers and how to receive Jesus for the first time in Holy Communion.

Due to the schedule of Communion Ceremonies outlined below, please note that there will be no 10am Mass available to Parishioners on the following Saturdays;

Saturday 19th and 26th September and also Saturday 3rd October.

Therefore, there will also be no Confessions, which normally take place after the 10am Mass, on these Saturdays either.

SCHOOL	DATE	TIME	CHURCH
Scoil Bhríde	Saturday 19 th September	10am	OLSD
Scoil Bhríde	Saturday 19 th September	11.30am	OLSD
Scoil Bhríde	Saturday 19 th September	1pm	OLSD
St. Corbans	Saturday 26 th September	10am	CIM
St Corbans	Saturday 26 th September	10am	OLSD
Mercy Convent	Saturday 26 th September	11.30am	OLSD
Mercy Convent	Saturday 26 th September	1pm	OLSD
Holy Child, Ballycane	Saturday 26 th September	11.30am	CIM
Holy Child, Ballycane	Saturday 26 th September	1pm	CIM
Killashee MDNS	Saturday 26 th September	10am	TMH
Killashee MDNS	Saturday 26 th September	11.30am	TMH
Two Mile House	Saturday 26 th September	1pm	TMH
Two Mile House	Saturday 26 th September	2.30pm	TMH
Naas CNS	Sunday 27 th September	1pm	CIM
Gaelscoil	Saturday 3 rd October	10am	OLSD
Gaelscoil	Saturday 3 rd October	11.30pm	OLSD
Sallins School	Saturday 3 rd October	10am	CIM
Sallins School	Saturday 3 rd October	12pm	CIM
Sallins School	Saturday 3 rd October	2pm	CIM

SAFEGUARDING MESSAGE FROM BISHOP DENIS FOR SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY 2020

Today, Sunday 13th September is Safeguarding Sunday. Last September we celebrated our very first Safeguarding Sunday in the diocese. Safeguarding Sunday is an opportunity to recognise publicly the years of dedication and work by so many to ensure that our diocese is a safe place for children and vulnerable adults and for all those working with them. I thank the Diocesan Safeguarding Team and the Diocesan Safeguarding Committee for proposing this day once again and making it happen.

There are close to 200 people voluntarily working on behalf of safeguarding across all our parishes. I am most grateful for their commitment and dedication to their safeguarding brief. It is greatly appreciated. Our parishes, our diocese are safe places for young people to participate fully in the life of the Church.

The theme of this year's Safeguarding Sunday is the place of young people in the heart of our diocese, our parishes, our church. Nothing gives me greater joy than to witness the involvement of so many young people in the life of our diocese; on my visits to parishes meeting teams of Altar Servers, the John Paul II recipients, the 260 Meitheal leaders working across 26 secondary schools in the diocese, the young people who travel with us on our pilgrimages .

All these young people are a credit to their families, their parishes and their schools. I thank the many priests and laity who work so hard to ensure young people's experience of Church is both positive and healthy. We in Kildare & Leighlin diocese are committed to ensuring the safety and well-being of all children and young people and will work in partnership with parents/guardians to do this.

We recognise each child, each young person as a gift from God, and we value and encourage the participation of them in all activities that enhance their spiritual, physical, emotional, intellectual and social development. All our priests, religious, staff and volunteers have a responsibility to safeguard children and young people through promoting their welfare, health and development in a safe and caring environment that supports their best interests and prevents abuse.

The participation of children and young people in the heart of our parishes, our diocese, our church is a source of enjoyment, growth in faith, support and enrichment for young people and the wider communities in our parishes, participation that grows year on year. We are all enriched by the presence and participation of children/young people; it is an expression of the Christian Community.

We all share the responsibility of making the Church a safe place for children/young people to be - Church personnel, parents and parishioners. We put certain requirements in place to enable this to happen but we also live safeguarding every time we are in contact with youngsters in our parish activities.

I once again commend this Safeguarding Sunday Initiative and reiterate my apology to anyone who has suffered abuse in the past. You are always very much in our prayers. A reminder that the services of Towards Healing and Towards Peace are available for all who are trying to deal with the trauma of abuse in their lives.

With my prayers & thoughts,

Denis Nulty, Bishop of Kildare & Leighlin

Prayer on Safeguarding Sunday

God of endless love,
Ever caring, ever strong, always present, always just:
You gave us your only Son, to save us by the blood of His cross.
Gentle Jesus, shepherd of peace,
Join to your own suffering
The pain of all who have been hurt, in body, mind and spirit
By those who betrayed the trust placed in them.
Hear our cries of distress
Over the harm done to our brothers and sisters.

Holy Spirit, comforter of hearts,
Heal your peoples' wounds, and transform our brokenness.
Grant us courage and wisdom, humility and grace
So that we may act with justice and find peace in you.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

