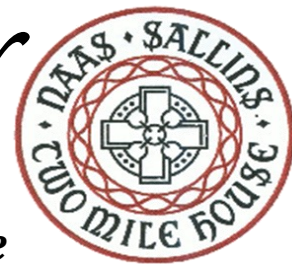


Parish Newsletter



22nd November 2020

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

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Mt. 25:31-46



A Different Sort of King....

Today's gospel leaves us in no doubt as to what Jesus expects of his followers. It is a gospel of contrasts. It begins with a scene of judgement, with Jesus in the role of king, sitting on the throne of glory. It would have been a familiar image to the people of the time, who were expecting a great Messianic king. In the time of Jesus, kings were powerful rulers, and some were tyrants. We know from earlier in Matthew's Gospel that kings like Herod were capable of brutal acts. It is an image that remains familiar to us today, thanks to popular fairytales, movies and TV shows – the all-powerful ruler sitting on their throne, passing judgement on their subjects.

But the king that Jesus talks about here turns these images upside down. He is not focused on riches or power, or inciting terror or fear. Instead, he is a fair judge, a shepherd who knows his flock. He invites all those who have acted with justice and generosity to take their place in his kingdom. He is in solidarity with the 'least' of his people – a king whose main concern is those who are hungry, displaced, sick or imprisoned. He refers to them as 'brothers'.

Jesus' kingdom is centred around charity, compassion and forgiveness. He expects us to treat everyone we encounter with welcome. There are simple acts of kindness we can carry out each day. Such love for others is love for God: 'In so far as you did this to the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me. *'In the evening of life, we shall be judged on love.'* (St John of the Cross)

(Extract taken from Intercom Magazine)

Waiting in Hope - Invitation from Bishop Denis to 'An Advent Liturgy of Hope' You are warmly invited to join with Bishop Denis for a service of prayer to begin the Advent journey together in a spirit of hope. This will be streamed live from Carlow Cathedral, via iCatholic.ie, at 7:30pm on the First Sunday of Advent, November 29th. In these darkening days of winter may this time of music, scripture, inspiration and prayer help us draw once more on the hope that comes to us through our faith in Jesus, a hope that brings the light of Christ into our lives.



Naas Parish Weekly Lotto Draw is temporarily suspended due to Covid-19 restrictions and will resume on Wednesday **2nd December with a jackpot of €5,000.**

Tickets can be purchased from the Parish Offices, Sallins Road and Ballycane, or from the following outlets: Whelans Menswear, Nolans Butchers, Barker & Jones, The Stationery Store, The Soda Bread Shop, Gouldings Hardware and Swans on the Green. Lotto envelopes are available in the porches of the Parish Church, Sallins Road and Ballycane Church. Envelopes can be dropped into the letter boxes of either Parish Office. *Thank you for your continued support.*

November Remembrance Masses

Our final Remembrance Masses in Naas will be held at 7.30pm on Friday 27th November. At this Mass we hold in prayer all those who have died, and those who grieve for them, and remember by name some of those who died in our parish in the past year. Please join us in prayer via the parish webcam at www.naasparish.ie.

Details of the Remembrance Mass for Sallins Parish will be announced at a later date.

If you wish to have your loved ones names included in the Altar 'Dead List of the Parish' please include their names in the envelopes provided in your envelope box or alternatively you can collect a 'November Altar List of the Dead' envelope available in the Churches. These envelopes can be placed in the boxes also provided in the Churches.

CURRENT MASS TIMES & CHURCH OPENINGS

Due to current level 5 restrictions, **all public masses are suspended**. Churches will open for private prayer only. Please join us for Mass via webcam from the Parish Church or from Two Mile House Church, please visit naasparish.ie to access our webcams. You can also join by radio, from OLSD only, at 107.3FM.

The following schedule currently applies in the *Church of Our Lady and St. David*, on the webcam:

Monday – Friday:	Morning Prayer:	7.30am
	Rosary:	9.30am
	Holy Mass:	10am
	Evening Prayer:	5.15pm
	Rosary:	5.30pm
	Night Prayer:	8.30pm
Saturday:	Holy Mass:	10am
	Vigil Mass:	6pm
Sunday:	Holy Mass:	11am

The following Mass schedule applies in the *Church of St. Peter*, on the webcam:

Monday - Saturday:	9.30am
Sundays:	11am

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

Ballycane Church:	Mon – Fri:	10am – 7pm
<i>Adoration finishes at 6pm on Thursdays in Ballycane Church; Mothers' Prayers 6 - 7pm.</i>		
Parish Church:	Sat:	12noon – 5pm
	Sun:	12noon – 6pm

Christmas Mass Bouquets & Christmas Cards: To order your cards, please complete an order form (available in the Parish Church) and post this into the letterbox of the Parish Office, Sallins Road. You can also call either of the Parish Offices, 045 879 730 (Naas) & 045 895 629 (Ballycane), to place an order and organise payment and collection with us. Alternatively, you can email us on office@naasparish.net. ***Please order first and then we will arrange collection/delivery with you.***

Christmas signed Mass Bouquets (€2 plus donation), Boxed Christmas Cards (€6 per box of 16 or 18). Advent Candles and Calendars, Church Art Calendars and a range of Christmas items now available, please call for more details and to arrange collection/delivery with us.



FEAST AND MEMORIAL DAYS FOR THE COMING WEEK

Sun. 22nd Nov.:	Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
Mon. 23rd Nov.:	St Columban, Abbot & Missionary
Tues. 24th Nov.:	Ss Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest St Colman, Bishop

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

Safeguarding Policy displayed in all Church Porches.

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

Stephen Nolan, Kerdiff Avenue
Christopher Curran, Naas & formerly Sallins

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE



PARISH FINANCES

Naas: Offertory: € 1370 Development Fund: €1250

Online donations (12th -18th Nov.): €857

Sallins: Envelopes: €300



NaasPoint Christmas Cards are available to purchase now, €5 for pack of 6 cards. All proceeds go towards NaasPoint projects. *Cards depict scenes of the stained glass windows in the Church of Our Lady & St David, Naas.* **NaasPoint** continue to offer practical help to those in need at this time. If you would like to get in touch with them, please call the Parish Office on 045 879 730.

Online Catechism Studies: held on Zoom each Monday, 8pm - 9pm. Enjoyable and relaxed study of the Catholic Faith. If you would like to join, please contact Alice on 087 6505 803 and she will send you a link on the evening.

Mini Advent Retreat on Zoom: For three sessions, you are invited to take part in a mini-retreat that will explore the themes of Faith, Hope and Love. This will be led by Fr Billy Swan, St Aidan's Cathedral, Enniscorthy. From Tuesday 1st to Thursday 3rd December, beginning at 8pm. Please email thehookoffaith@gmail.com if you would like to take part.



Parish Office & Shop Order & Collect: Please call us on 045 879 730(Naas) or 045 895 629(Ballycane) for Mass Cards/Bouquets, to book Anniversary Masses or to purchase the Irish Catholic paper and other publications. ***Please phone us to order first and we will arrange collection time with you.***