

Parish Newsletter



17th January 2021

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

No: 1778

Jn. 1:35-42



Right Reverend Robert (Roy) Warke

(Retired Church of Ireland Bishop)

It is with sadness, that we learned on Tuesday last of the death of Bishop Roy, retired C.O.I Bishop residing here in Naas. During our first Parish Novena in 2017, we had the pleasure of welcoming Roy to preach at our Novena. A man of gentle disposition, with a warm and engaging personality, his deep faith and insight obvious. Appreciated locally and especially amongst the Church of Ireland community, and ecumenically by ourselves here in Our Lady and St Davids.

Roy's death is a poignant passing, given that he was predeceased by his wife Eileen on Christmas Eve. A double sorrow for their daughters; Jane and Ruth. They are in our thoughts and prayers. On behalf of the Parish Team and the parishioners of Naas, Sallins and Two Mile House, we extend our deepest sympathies to his family and to Rev. Philip and the local C.O.I community here in Naas.

May Roy's gentle soul Rest In Peace.

"Well done good and faithful servant... come and join in your Master's happiness" Mt. 25:23

Catholic Schools Week 2021 will be celebrated from Sunday 24th to Sunday 31st January. The theme this year is 'Catholic Schools: Communities of Faith and Resilience'.



As we live through an unprecedented time of challenge and uncertainty, our faith and our resilience can be tested. We can ask questions like 'Will things ever be the same again?', 'When can we get back to normality?', 'Where is God in all of this?' In response to this, we reflect upon how Catholic schools are communities of faith and resilience. In Catholic schools, we are called to support each other and to have faith in the promise of the Good News. Catholic schools are inspired by the belief that God has created each one of us with a capacity to give love and receive love. This love is bound in faith and is more resilient than any virus. While each Catholic school is such a community, every

Catholic school fosters the holistic development of its students, promotes their wellbeing and offers them cultivation of a deeper, loving relationship with God. Jesus teaches us to love one another as he has loved us. During Catholic Schools Week we celebrate the gifts and talents we have in following Jesus' teaching.

This year we celebrate how we are called to be communities of faith and resilience, through our thoughts, words and actions. In doing so, we live out the meaning of the beautiful hymn 'Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est' – 'Where charity and love are, God is there.'

Sunday of the Word of God ~ 24th January 2021

Pope Francis has designated the Third Sunday of Ordinary Time each year (for 2021 this is 24th January) as a particular celebration of the Scriptures in the life of the Church. Each year, we are asked to focus on how God speaks to his people in the proclamation of the Scriptures.



In order to celebrate this, Fr Seán Maher will host a Q&A on YouTube, to be released on that Sunday. If you would like to include a question for consideration, please e-mail your question to ppbalyna@gmail.com Details of the recording will be included later. Questions should arrive before Thursday 21st January. Thank you.

CURRENT MASS TIMES & CHURCH OPENINGS

JANUARY 2021

All public masses are suspended in line with current measures from the Government. Places of worship will remain open for private prayer only. You may join us for Mass via webcam through Naas Parish App or via naasparish.ie, from the Parish Church or from Two Mile House Church. You can also join by radio, from OLSD only, at 107.3FM.

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

Monday - Friday

Morning Prayer: 8am
Holy Mass: 10am
Evening Prayer: 5pm, followed by the Rosary

Weekends:

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:

Mon - Fri, 10am - 6pm Ballycane Church
Sat, 12noon - 5pm Parish Church
Sun, 12noon - 6pm Parish Church

Masks must be worn in the Church at all times, thank you.

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

Patricia (Pat) McGlynn, St Martin's Avenue
Miria Trojanowska, Sallins



MAY THEY REST IN PEACE



Primary School Applications for Junior Infants have commenced in all Catholic Primary Schools across the three Parishes. The closing date for the submission of application forms is 3pm on 4th February. Forms are available to download now on all school websites.

Naas Parish Lotto is suspended during the current level 5 restrictions.

PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION

PRIEST ON DUTY: 085 708 8407

PARISH WEBSITE: www.naasparish.ie

PARISH OFFICE Tel.: 045 879 730

Opening Hours: Monday to Friday 10am to 5pm

e-mail: office@naasparish.net

SACRISTY OUR LADY AND ST DAVID: Tel 045 856 925

BALLYCANE OFFICE AND SACRISTY : Tel 045 895 629

Opening Hours: Monday to Friday 10am to 1pm

'NAAS PARISH' APP: DOWNLOAD FOR FREE VIA APP STORE OR PLAYSTORE/GOOGLEPLAY

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN PARISH REPRESENTATIVES

Naas: Geraldine Faherty & Adrian King

Sallins: Dermot McGilloway, Emer McCarthy

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.

Naas Parish Office and Shop - Order and Delivery Service available for Mass Cards and Bouquets

The Parish Shops on the Sallins Road and at Ballycane Church remain open operating a delivery/postal service only. Please call 045 879 730 (Sallins Road) or 045 895 629 (Ballycane) to place an order and arrange delivery.

Also, the Irish Catholic Newspaper, Catholic Voice, Magnificat, Messenger and St Martins Magazines continue to be available from the Parish Shop on the Sallins Road, please just call us to place an order. Thank you.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2021

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity takes place from 18th - 25th January. For 2021, it has been prepared by the Monastic Community of Grandchamp in Switzerland. The theme is "Abide in my love and you shall bear much fruit", based on John 15:1-17 and expresses Grandchamp Community's vocation to prayer, reconciliation and unity in the Church and the human family. Resources for this week can be accessed on ctbi.org.uk. Resources include daily prayers for the home with scripture, meditation, prayers, questions and more.

PARISH FINANCES

Naas: Offertory: €930 Development Fund: €930

Online donations (7th. - 13th Jan.): €397