

Parish Newsletter



24th January 2021

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Catholic Schools Week 2021 & Grandparents Day 2021

Today, Sunday 24th January, marks the beginning of Catholic Schools Week 2021. During this week we aim to celebrate the unique contribution that Catholic Schools make to the mission of the Church in our local faith communities and throughout the wider Church. This year's theme is 'Catholic Schools: Communities of Faith and Resilience'.

Grandparents Day is celebrated on Wednesday 27th January. To mark this special day, our Parish is extending an invitation to all Grandparents in the Parish to join us on the Naas webcam (via Naas Parish App or on www.naasparish.ie) or radio (at 107.3FM) for 10am Mass on Wednesday 27th January.

Also, on Friday 29th January at 12noon we will have Mass, via the Webcam, from the Church of Our Lady and St David for all our schools, when we will remember all our students, teachers, principals, SNAs, caretakers, secretaries, cleaners and other staff members, Boards of Management, Parents Associations and all those who make our school communities places of Faith and Resilience.

Kindness...

If we were to choose any resolution for this year, let us start with kindness! Kindness involves many virtues, including benevolence, generosity, mercy, goodness of heart, sympathy, compassion, unselfishness, tolerance, and graciousness. It is amazing how much one act of kindness can contain!

Prayer for Kindness

LORD, GIVE ME A KIND HEART THAT WILL
ENDURE, ONE THAT'S STRONG AND SECURE.
TO HELP SOMEONE ALONG THE WAY,
MAY THIS BE MY GOAL EVERYDAY.
LET ME LEND A HELPING HAND
TO SOMEONE WHOSE LIFE HAS
NOT GONE AS PLANNED.
REACHING OUT TO ONE IN NEED,
MAY THIS BE MY DAILY GOOD DEED,
TO PROVIDE A GUIDING LIGHT
FOR SOMEONE LOST IN THE DARK
OF NIGHT. LET ME TAKE TIME TO CARE
FOR SOMEONE EXPERIENCING DESPAIR,
WHATEVER I DO, EVERYWHERE I GO,
YOUR WILL, DEAR LORD, LET ME KNOW.



Now is the time...

More than 50 years ago, in his famous 'I have a dream' speech, Martin Luther King Jr talked about 'the fierce urgency of now'. He urged people to take positive action and to march forward together to address inequality and injustice, and his energy and conviction brought about massive change.

That sense of 'fierce urgency' seems to grab Jesus and the disciples in today's Gospel. In the opening chapters of Mark's Gospel everything happens 'at once' or immediately. There is a sense of hurry; the time has come, the kingdom of God is near, and Jesus needs helpers to work alongside him. Simon, Andrew, James and John are certainly ready, so ready that they are prepared to leave behind their livelihoods, and even their families, to attend to the urgent business of spreading the Good News.

Jesus asks the same of us, his modern-day disciples; 'Follow me'. We are summoned too. We are challenged to set aside our worldly concerns, to see the world in a new way, and to begin a new adventure with Jesus. For every person in our world who is suffering or oppressed or in need, there is a 'fierce urgency of now'. The work of the Kingdom is too immediate to wait.

Extract taken from Intercom Magazine.

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.

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

PARISH FINANCES

Naas: Offertory: €1,900 Development Fund: €1,905

Online donations (14th. - 20th Jan.): €1,160

Sallins: €1160 (includes a single donation of €1,000)

Feast of the Presentation of the Lord - Candlemas. **Tuesday 2nd February**



To celebrate Candlemas, we invite you to bring along candles to the Church of Our Lady and St David to be blessed.

Please label/wrap your candles securely and clearly with your name, place your candles in the basket provided in the Church in OLSD. Your candles will be blessed on Candlemas Day and left back in the basket for you to collect afterwards.

If you do not have a candle and need to purchase one, please phone the Parish Office Shop, Sallins Road on 045 879 730 and we can arrange this with 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:

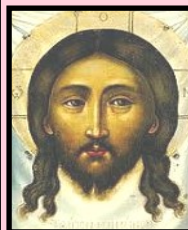
Mon - Fri, 10am - 6pm Ballycane Church

Sat, 12noon - 5pm Parish Church

Sun, 12noon - 6pm Parish Church

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

Novena in honour of the Holy Face



Pre-Lenten Novena in honour of the Holy Face commences on Sunday 7th February, before 11am Mass, continuing each day before 10am Mass until Monday 15th February (except on Sunday when it is before the 11am Mass).

Tuesday 16th February (Shrove Tuesday) is the Feast Day of the Holy Face.

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

James (Wedger) Maher, Lacken View

MAY HE REST IN PEACE

