

# Parish Newsletter

14th February 2021

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



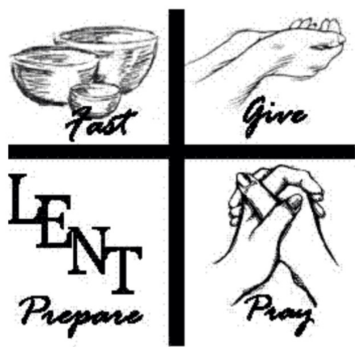
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## LET'S DO LENT TOGETHER IN 2021

### Our KandLe (Kildare and Leighlin Diocese) Family Lenten Promises

Bishop Denis is inviting families ahead of the Lenten season, (beginning on Ash Wednesday, February 17th), to sit down together and share ideas on how you might together and/or individually take on acts of prayer, fasting and charity of your choosing. If you live alone, remember you are part of your parish and the KandLe diocesan family – join your Lenten promises to those of the rest of your faith family.



**Why acts of prayer, fasting and charity in Lent?** The season of Lent gives us a chance to think about our life as followers of Jesus and to prepare ourselves to be ready to renew our baptism at Easter. It can be a time of reflection and taking stock, a time of turning back to God and reminding ourselves of what it means to live as a follower of Jesus, as a Christian in the world. The Lenten good works of prayer, fasting and charity are there to help give us this focus.

**PRAYER** The COVID-19 pandemic has seen so many people turning to God in prayer - a reminder to us of what we instinctively know to be true - that God loves us and cares for us, and is with us always. This Lent could be a great time for families to begin or renew praying together. We can be aware of God and talk to God in prayer in so many ways. Saying a prayer before your main meal together, blessing yourselves when you leave your home, praying a decade of the rosary, reading and thinking about a passage from the bible, joining in a time of prayer in your local church via technology, saying a night time prayer, visiting your parish church for a short time of prayer.

**FASTING** Many people see Lent as a time of fasting from something. We might give up sweets or cigarettes or alcohol, or meat on a Friday; we might fast from words that are hurtful to ourselves and others or we might fast from habits that keep us from living well. We can always take it one step further and take up a positive action! We might, for example, decide on concrete actions that will help the environment such as conserving water, recycling properly and turning off lights. The fasting we do can help us create a space in our lives for God, who feeds all our hungers.

**CHARITY** Linked to our fasting, whatever form it may take, is a concern for those who have no choice but to fast because of poverty and injustice. That concern connects us directly back to our baptismal commitment of making Christ present in our world through our actions. There is a great tradition in Ireland of supporting Trócaire in Lent and learning more about its work. Or perhaps you could offer help/acts of kindness to those in need locally, especially needs arising from COVID-19 this Lent? **Trócaire boxes can now be collected from all Church porches.**

**Save the Date - Lenten Talks!** As part of our **Parish Lenten Programme** we invite you to join us, on webcam or radio, for four Friday evenings of reflection, beginning at 7.30pm each evening, commencing on Friday 5th March. We will have a guest speaker each evening as follows: Friday 5th March; Noel Shannon, Friday 12th March; Fr Sean Maher, Friday 19th March; Sr Brenda Dolphin, Friday 26th March; Lloyd Bracken. *These evenings will lead us into the celebration of Holy Week and Easter by focusing on prayer, fasting, almsgiving and reconciliation. We look forward to entering the Season of Lent on Wednesday next, Ash Wednesday.*



**Blessed ashes** will be available to parishioners who come to the church for private prayer on Ash Wednesday, 17th February. There will be a basket with small envelopes of ashes for people to take home. Each envelope contains enough for one family. Please use the hand sanitiser provided in the Church.

**"Lent reminds us the Lord is always with us"** - A pastoral letter for Lent from Bishop Denis is available in the Churches for parishioners to collect. This letter can also be read online at [naasparish.ie](http://naasparish.ie).

## PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION

**PRIEST ON DUTY: 085 708 8407**

**PARISH WEBSITE:** [www.naasparish.ie](http://www.naasparish.ie)

**PARISH OFFICE Tel.: 045 879 730**

**Opening Hours: Monday to Friday 10am to 5pm**

**e-mail: [office@naasparish.net](mailto: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.***

### **Magnificat Lenten Companion:** Prepare for Easter

with Magnificat's Companion for Lent. This booklet provides meditative guidance during the holy season of Lent through daily prayers, engaging and faith-filled essays, poetry and devotions, inspiring daily reflections, Lenten Penance Service, the Stations of the Cross and more. *Come back to the Lord with all your heart! Lent is a time to refocus our hearts and revive our love of the Lord and one another. This is a companion for the Forty Days of Lent. This booklet is €5, to order and purchase your copy, please phone the Parish Office Shop on 045 879 730.*



**Bottles of Holy Water** will be available to collect in the Churches this weekend. Suggested donation of 50cent to cover the cost of the bottle.

### **PARISH FINANCES**

**Naas:** Offertory: €2270 Development Fund: €2275

**Online donations** (4th - 10th Feb.): €595

**Sallins:** €115 **TMH:** €210

**33 Days for St Joseph:** In response to Pope Francis declaring the Year of St Joseph, the Irish Dominicans invite you to join them online, on Zoom, as they make a collective consecration to St Joseph, 8pm daily, 33 days beginning Monday 15th February. Zoom ID 986 4005 1501, Passcode 122013. All are welcome. All queries to Fr Colm Mannion, [colm.mannion@dominicans.ie](mailto:colm.mannion@dominicans.ie).

## CURRENT MASS TIMES & CHURCH OPENINGS

### FEBRUARY 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 the Naas Parish App or via [naasparish.ie](http://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

**Sunday:** 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.**

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

Tom (Tommie) Brien, Prospect, Sallins

Michael Hayes, McAuley Place

***MAY THEY REST IN PEACE***



**A KandLe Family Prayer for Lent:** Creator God, be with us as we make our Lenten journey together as part of the KandLe diocesan family.

Give us the strength to do what we have promised and the love to help one another along the way.

When Easter comes, may our Lenten promises have brought us closer to you and to your Son, Jesus. Amen.

