

# Parish Newsletter

28th February 2021

*Second Sunday of Lent*



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## Exploring a Practice for Lent: Stations of the Cross

What we know as the Stations of the Cross (or the Way of the Cross) has its origins in a practice of the early church where pilgrims walked in the footsteps of Jesus' passion in Jerusalem. Along the way they would stop to pray at places where a significant event is believed to have occurred. It is thought that in the Middle Ages the Franciscans brought this tradition to Europe. This made it possible for the faithful who could not travel to Jerusalem to experience in a virtual way the Stations of the Cross by following a signposted path around the inside and/or outside of the church.

From the 18<sup>th</sup> century all Catholic churches were permitted to erect the Stations of the Cross within the church building or in the grounds of the church. This led to the visual depictions we see in our churches today, with the number of stations fixed at 14. Of these, only 8 are explicitly mentioned in the gospels.

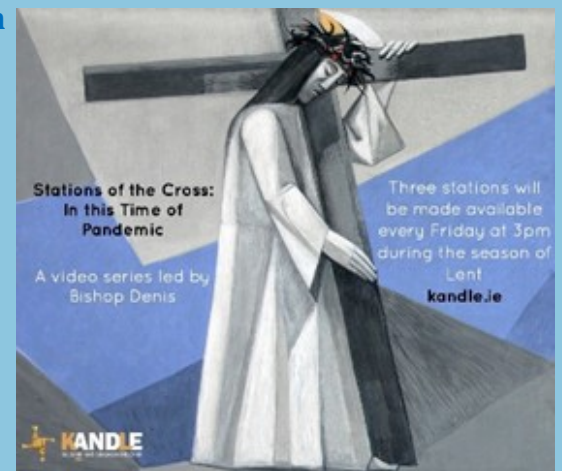
In 1991, Pope John Paul II introduced a new form of this devotion, called the Scriptural Way of the Cross, in which all stations are taken from the gospels.

There are many popular versions of the stations available and people can pray them in a church or at home, privately or with a group. A typical pattern for the 14 stations might look like the following: **Naming of the station** (E.g. The First Station: Jesus is condemned to die); **Response** (We adore you O Christ, and we praise you, because by your Holy Cross you have redeemed the world); **A short reading from scripture**; **Reflecting/meditating on the particular station**; and **Prayer** (E.g. Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory Be).

**While available to us as a prayer at any time, Lent is a particularly appropriate time to pray the Stations of the Cross. Each Friday during Lent, we will pray the Stations of the Cross at 5pm from the Church of Our Lady and St David, Naas. All are welcome join on webcam or radio.**

### 'Stations of the Cross in this time of Pandemic'

This Lent the Diocese is offering a video series, led by Bishop Denis, with three stations each week. The Stations can be accessed on [kandle.ie](http://kandle.ie) from 3pm each Friday during Lent, as well as on the Kandle Facebook page. It is also available in written format for those who prefer to pray the stations in that way. The video reflections are read by people from the diocese who have been seriously impacted by COVID.



**Our Parish Youth Ministry Team** have arranged for the Stations of the Cross to be prayed for teenagers, via Zoom, during Lent. This will be led by some of the Pope John Paul Awardees from the parish, and will take place on Monday evenings. Please contact Trish in the parish office for further information. Parental Consent Forms Required.

# Staying connected with our Parish during Lent

## PARISH LENTEN PROGRAMME 2021

**8am** Morning Prayer, Monday to Friday

**9.30am** Rosary, Monday to Saturday

**10am** Holy Mass

*The Church opens after Mass each day, Monday to Friday, from 11am for quiet, personal prayer.*

**Confessions** available outdoors (weather permitting) after 10am Mass on Saturdays.

**5pm** Evening Prayer & Rosary, Monday to Thursday

**Fridays of Lent** Stations of the Cross will be prayed at 5pm

**Saturdays and Sundays** in Our Lady and St David's Church, Naas, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is held from 12noon to 5pm (Saturdays) and to 6pm (Sundays), experience stillness, peace and prayer.



### Lenten Talks!

Evening Prayer, with a guest speaker, four Fridays in March commencing on Friday 5th March at 7.30pm. You are invited to join us on webcam or radio on these evenings. We look forward to welcoming our guest speakers;

- + Noel Shannon
- + Fr. Seán Maher
- + Sr. Brenda Dolphin
- + Lloyd Bracken

These evenings will lead us into the celebration of Holy Week and Easter by focusing on the themes of prayer, fasting, almsgiving and reconciliation.

### Lenten Scripture Sharing Resources

These popular reflections are again available this year on kandle.ie together with other Lenten Resources. These weekly scripture reflections are also being recorded by Newbridge parish and will be available for viewing on the Newbridge parish website as well as on Kandle.ie. A great way to spend some time with the Sunday readings of Lent, this material can be used alone or is ideal for families to use together.

### Second Sunday of Lent: Some Suggestions for the Week

- + Persevere in your chosen resolutions for Lent and remember their purpose is to bring you closer to God
- + Check that you have a copy of a Catholic edition of the bible in your home and take some time to read from it
- + Pick up at least 5 pieces of litter from the road/countryside
- + Pray the Stations of the Cross
- + Find out how you can help a local charity
- + Cut down on screen time and pay attention to the people around you



## Dear Parishioner,

I want to renew my appreciation and gratitude for the ways in which you have found to support the parish and us, the priests of the parish, over the past year since the first Lockdown. We are deeply grateful. It has and continues to be a most challenging time for so many; families, self employed, hospitality and so much more. By and large we are holding our own, thanks in no small part to your generosity.

We have traditionally depended on the passing of collection baskets, that is a practice which is unlikely to return in the short term. Therefore, I want to acknowledge your support given via the **weekly envelopes** (2021 boxes are still available in the Churches), please remember to write your name and address on the first few envelopes. This will allow us to keep a track of your donations from the whole year and, where possible, claim an additional 45% back from revenue under the charity donations scheme at no cost to yourself. We do recommend this method along with **online donations**, but there are of course other ways of supporting, as outlined below.

The Diocesan accountant has been finalising the accounts for 2020, when complete they will be sent to the auditor before publication. The preliminary outlook overall is good, considering the repeated Lockdowns, helped in part by the Government wage subsidy schemes. Just one example is the offertory collection which shows a big decline from €193,082 in 2019 to €95,882 in 2020, a drop of 50%. Whereas the envelopes have performed better hence a good way of supporting the parish.

### We outline or remind you of possible ways of supporting the parish:

- ⇒ Weekly envelopes
- ⇒ Direct payment - cash/cheque
- ⇒ Online facility
- ⇒ Standing order or transfer directly to our account. Please use the bank account details below;

#### Naas Parish Building Account Details:

**BIC:** BOFIE2D

**IBAN:** IE37BOFI90123911059331

#### Sallins Parish Bank Account Details:

**BIC:** IPBSIE2D

**IBAN:** IE45IPBS99062780015354

#### Two Mile House Bank Account Details:

**BIC:** BOFIE2D

**IBAN:** IE80BOFI90123952491331

If you have any queries or would like to speak with us regarding donating to the parish or participating in the charity tax donation scheme, please phone the Parish Office on 045 879 730.

***Please include your own name as the reference.***

***Stay connected with us!*** Follow us on webcam, from Naas and Two Mile House, at [www.naasparish.ie](http://www.naasparish.ie), Facebook ('Parish of Naas'), Naas, Sallins and Two Mile House Parish App ('Naas Parish'), Twitter (@naasparish) and on radio at 107.3FM!

**Have you downloaded our Parish App yet? Download for free via App store or Playstore/GooglePlay - simply search for 'Naas Parish'. Turn on push notifications to keep up to date with your Parish!**





## 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.*

## **Mothers Day Mass Bouquets and Cards, St Patrick's Day Cards and Easter Mass Bouquet Cards**

All available now from the Parish Offices. Please phone us  
on 045 879 730 (Sallins Road) or 045 895 629  
(Ballycane) to order your cards and arrange delivery.

## **Seachtain na Gaeilge -**

**1ú - 17ú Márta**

Fáilteonn Sult na Sollán  
romhaibh chuig imeachtaí

Seachtain na Gaeilge a bheas ar ar Zoom i mbliana. Tá an  
clár iomlán ar fáil ar [www.sultnasollan.ie](http://www.sultnasollan.ie). Tá súil againn  
go mbeidh sibh in ann suí isteach linn. Tá imeachtaí ann  
do gach aois ghrúpa idir comórtais, ceol, ceardlanna &rl.  
Bainigí taithneamh as!

This year Sult na Sollán will present Seachtain na Gaeilge  
on Zoom. Log onto [www.sultnasollan.ie](http://www.sultnasollan.ie) for the full  
programme – you will find something for all ages!



## **PARISH FINANCES**

**Naas:** Offertory: €1205 Development Fund: €1205

**Online donations (18th - 24th Feb.):** €715

**TMH:** €160

**Newsletters** are available in all our Churches and also  
from the following outlets in Naas; Swans on the Green,  
Centra (Ballycane), Supervalu (Fairgreen), O'Reilly's  
Pharmacy, Poplar Pharmacy and Nolans Butchers.

## 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

*The Church opens after Mass each day, Monday to  
Friday, from 11am for quiet, personal prayer*

**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”**

Catherine (Kay) Maher (née McGuire), Naas

**MAY SHE REST IN PEACE**



**Mass Cards** are available to order, for delivery only, from  
the Parish Offices and Shop and Anniversary Masses can  
also be booked at this time.

Please phone 045 879 730 (Naas) or 045 895 629  
(Ballycane) for enquiries/bookings.

**Thank you** to all who supported the recent Lenten  
Collection in support of the Priests of the Parish. We  
greatly appreciate your kindness and support.