

Parish Newsletter



7th February 2021

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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February 11th, World Day of the Sick and the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes

Thursday, February 11th, is World Day of the Sick, an observation started by Pope John Paul II as a way for us to offer prayers for those suffering from illnesses. The day coincides with the commemoration of Our Lady of Lourdes. On this day, people around the world take the time to pray for the sick and for those who work very hard to alleviate the sufferings of the sick. Faith organisations mark this day especially, to provide the sick with medicines, food and spiritual guidance. Pope John Paul II initiated the day in 1992 to encourage people to pray for those who suffer from illness and for their caregivers. This year's theme is : *"You have but one teacher and you are all brothers"* (Mt 23:8). *A trust-based relationship to guide care for the sick.*

"The celebration of the XXIX World Day of the Sick on 11 February 2021, the liturgical memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Lourdes, is an opportunity to devote special attention to the sick and to those who provide them with assistance and care both in healthcare institutions and within families and communities. We think in particular of those who have suffered, and continue to suffer, the effects of the worldwide coronavirus pandemic.

To all, and especially to the poor and the marginalized, I express my spiritual closeness and assure them of the Church's loving concern...To Mary, Mother of Mercy and Health of the Infirm, I entrust the sick, healthcare workers and all those who generously assist our suffering brothers and sisters. From the Grotto of Lourdes and her many other shrines throughout the world, may she sustain our faith and hope, and help us care for one another with fraternal love" (Pope Francis).

To read Pope Francis's full message for World Day of the Sick, please visit www.vatican.va.

A Prayer for the Sick

Ever-Present and Faithful God, I trust in You for Your protection and comfort in this time of illness and uncertainty in my life. Come to ease the fears and anxieties that trouble my heart and spirit as I wait for answers and help from all who are caring for me. Please continue to guide their knowledge and skills, and bless the work of their minds and hands as they serve as instruments of Your healing presence for me. Help me rest assured that You will hold me close in Your healing and caring embrace in all that may happen in the time to come. Give me strength, peace, and courage as I trust and give myself into Your loving care. Amen.



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.



Bottles of Holy Water will be available in the Church of Our Lady and St David this coming weekend. The bottles will be blessed at 10am Mass on Saturday morning and can be collected during Adoration, any time from 12pm - 5pm on Saturday and Sunday.

Suggested donation of 50cent to cover the cost of the bottle. Thank you.

PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION

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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

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Safeguarding Policy displayed in all Church Porches.



THANK YOU! Naas Parish Shop (Sallins Road) celebrates it's second year in business this week! We take this opportunity to thank all our customers and parishioners for their ongoing support over the years.

We are currently still open during this time, 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.

PARISH FINANCES

Naas: Offertory: €1,315 Development Fund: €1,315

Online donations (28th Jan. - 3rd Feb.): €628

Sallins: €170



Trócaire Lenten Campaign 2021: Every year Trócaire asks for your help during Lent

to fund lifesaving programmes around the world. Trócaire are appealing to you to continue your support this Lent. Donations can be made to the Lent campaign in the following ways; by collecting a Trócaire box from one of the Church porches (**a notification will be sent out during the week on the Parish App letting you know when the boxes are available for collection**), online at www.trocaire.org or by phoning 1850 408 408. *"The contents of each and every Trócaire box, no matter how small, come together to make a significant difference. This virus knows no borders, but neither does our compassion".*

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 Naas Parish App or via naasparish.ie, from the Parish Church or from Two Mile House Church. You can also join by radio, from OLSA 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"

Pat Buckley, Abu Dhabi, late of Two Mile House

MAY HE REST IN PEACE



'Introduction to the Bible' course to be aired online: Starting tomorrow, Fr John Byrne of Kells Parish in Co. Meath will lead his 'Introduction to the Bible' course online over the parish's webcam. Fr John taught scripture in Dalgan Park, the home of the Missionary Society of St Columban in Ireland, and other centres. This year will see Fr John work through the Gospel according to St Mark. There will be two sessions a week, Monday and Thursday at 12 noon, with each session scheduled to last between 20-25 minutes. All are very welcome to join these talks by visiting Kells parish website, kellsparish.ie.