

Parish Newsletter

14th March 2021

Fourth Sunday of Lent



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Jn. 3:14-21

The Deer's Cry

I arise today through the strength of heaven
Light of sun, radiance of moon
Splendour of fire, speed of lightning
Swiftiness of wind, depth of the sea
Stability of earth, firmness of rock

I arise today through God's strength to pilot me
God's eye to look before me
God's wisdom to guide me
God's way to lie before me
God's shield to protect me

From all who shall wish me ill
Afar and a-near
Alone and in a multitude
Against every cruel, merciless power
That may oppose my body and soul

Christ with me, Christ before me
Christ behind me, Christ in me
Christ beneath me, Christ above me
Christ on my right, Christ on my left
Christ when I lie down, Christ when I sit down
Christ when I arise, Christ to shield me
Christ in the heart of everyone who thinks of me
Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me

I arise today.



Mass Times for St Patricks Day - Tuesday 16th and Wednesday 17th March 2021

Church of Our Lady & St David: 6pm Vigil (Tues.) and 11am Mass (Wed.)

Church of St Peter, Two Mile House: 11am Mass (Wed.)

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.

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.*

***Lenten Talks - Join us!** Our Lenten Talks series, with evening prayer and guest speaker, continues on Friday coming, 19th March, at 7.30pm with our next guest speaker Sr. Brenda Dolphin. All are welcome to join us for these evenings on Naas Parish webcam (at naasparish.ie or on 'Naas Parish' App) or radio at 107.3FM.*

Exploring a Practice for Lent: Praying the Rosary



The Catechism reminds us that Christian prayer tries above all to meditate on the mysteries of Christ (CCC 2708). The purpose of this meditation is to draw us closer to Jesus. The prayer we know as the Rosary offers us a special way of meditating on the Mysteries of Christ. It is a scripture based prayer, with the Our Father, Hail Mary (x10) and Glory Be forming the basis of each decade. Each decade draws us in, to meditate on one of 20 mysteries from the life of Christ.

In the 16th century Pope Pius established the standard fifteen mysteries of the Rosary which he grouped into three, **the Joyful, the Sorrowful** and the **Glorious Mysteries**. In 2002, Pope St John Paul II added a new set of five, known as the Mysteries of Light or **Luminous Mysteries**.

As we pray the 12 prayers in each decade we are called to meditate and reflect on the mystery associated with the decade. As a personal devotion, people are free at any given time to pray whichever mystery they choose. A tradition has emerged where particular mysteries are associated with particular days of the week as follows: **Joyful** – Monday, Saturday, and the Sundays of Advent; **Sorrowful** – Tuesdays, Fridays and the Sundays of Lent; **Glorious** – Wednesdays, and the Sundays outside of Advent and Lent; **Luminous** – Thursdays.

The Lenten season is a most suitable opportunity to spend time, individually or as a family, meditating on the **Sorrowful Mysteries**: **The Agony in the Garden** (Matthew 26:36-46), **the Scourging** (Matt 27:26), **the Crowning with Thorns** (Matt 27:29), **the Carrying of the Cross** (John 19:17), and **the Crucifixion** (Luke 23:33-46).

See kandle.ie to download a Rosary Prayer Card and a card on the Mysteries of Light.

A Prayer for Mothers

All-loving God, we give you thanks and praise for mothers young and old.

We pray for young mothers, who give life and count toes and tend to our every need; May they be blessed with patience and tenderness to care for their families and themselves with great joy.

We pray for our own mothers who have nurtured and cared for us; May they continue to guide us in strong and gentle ways.

We remember mothers who are separated from their children; May they feel the loving embrace of God.

We pray for women who are not mothers but still love and shape us with motherly care and compassion.

We remember mothers, grandmothers, and great-grandmothers who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love. Amen.



The Year of St Joseph ~ Novena to St Joseph

The month of March is dedicated to St Joseph and on 8th December 2020, Pope Francis announced a Year of St. Joseph. To mark this, we continue our Novena to St Joseph, up to and including Thursday 18th March, after the 10am Mass from the Church of Our Lady & St David, Naas. Please join us on Naas webcam or Parish radio at 107.3FM. We celebrate the Feast Day of St Joseph on Friday 19th March.

The Tree of Life

During the week a milestone was reached, news reports reminded us that on the 11th March the first COVID-19 related death had occurred. Also, that the World Health Organisation classified the Covid-19 Virus as a pandemic. What a year it has been? Like no other! Hard to believe that for a second time we will celebrate the Holy Week Ceremonies behind closed doors. Last year, strange as it was, we thought it would be just a once off. Now we know better. It has been a year of fear and worry, but also wonderful glimpses of goodness, kindness and human nature at its best. Also, a year of illness, grief, loss and sorrow.

To mark this milestone we are inviting parishioners who experienced the loss of a loved one since March 2020, in either of our three parishes or elsewhere, to write the name of a loved one on a piece of paper (at home) and place it in a specially designated basket/box in one of our four churches. Our Funeral Ministers will then write these names on ribbon and they will in turn be placed on the **Tree of Life** by the young people of our parish (John Paul II Students). The tree will be located close to Calvary at the Parish Church.

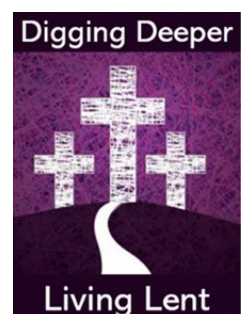
Again, what to do? Simply place the **name only** (no need for the address) of your loved one on a piece of paper and leave into one of the churches.

“Those who die in grace go no further from us than God and God is very near”



Fourth 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
- + Pray the Mysteries of Light and/or the Sorrowful Mysteries
- + Be kind to your mammy throughout the week!
- + Check the energy efficiency of your light bulbs and change them if necessary
- + Look out for someone who might need your help and offer it
- + Visit a church, light a candle and say a prayer
- + Turn off lights when not in use



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

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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.



*We welcome donations of
daffodils for the Altar on St
Patrick's Day. Flowers can be left
in Our Lady & St David's Church,
Naas on Monday or Tuesday
15th/16th March. The Altar will
be decorated on Tuesday
afternoon. Thank you.*

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

Leona Martin, Caragh Meadows

Eilis Fullam, Sybil Hill, Raheny

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE



Mini-Lenten Retreat in preparation for Holy Week

2021: In preparation for the Easter Triduum, 'The Hook of Faith' is offering a 'Mini-Lenten Retreat in Preparation for Holy Week' on Tuesday 23rd, Wednesday 24th & Thursday 25th March. The retreat will be held on Zoom each evening at 8pm and will be led by Fr Billy Swan. The three conferences will anticipate the Triduum and will therefore focus on the Eucharist (Tues.); the Cross and the Mystery of Suffering (Wed.); the Resurrection, Joy and Hope (Thurs.). All are welcome. To take part, please email thehookoffaith@gmail.com.

MASS TIMES & CHURCH OPENINGS

MARCH 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, 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.

PARISH FINANCES

Naas: Offertory: €1,100 Development Fund: €1,100

Online donations (4th - 10th March): €350

TMH: €300

Sallins: €550

Lough Derg Mass on RTÉ: Sunday 21st March RTÉ
Studio Broadcast Mass at 11am will be celebrated by
Msgr La Flynn, Prior of Lough Derg along with the Lough
Derg Pastoral and Music teams. The Mass will be offered
for the Lough Derg pilgrim family near and far. Tune into
RTÉ 1 Television or RTÉ Radio 1.

St Patrick's Day Cards, Easter Mass Bouquets and Mass Cards are all available to order, for delivery/post only,
from the Parish Offices and Shop. Anniversary Masses can also be booked at this time.

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