

# Parish Newsletter

7th March 2021

Third Sunday of Lent



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## THE YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH - NOVENA TO ST JOSEPH

*The month of March is dedicated to St Joseph. On 8th December 2020, Pope Francis announced a Year of St. Joseph, in honour of the 150th anniversary of the saint's proclamation as patron of the Universal Church.*

*The Prayer, printed on page 3 of this newsletter, will be prayed immediately after the 10am Mass in Our Lady & St David's Church, Naas from Wednesday 10th - Thursday 18th March inclusive.*

*Pictured below (r-l) is Fr Liam, John Murphy (National President of St Joseph's Young Priests Society), Rosanna McLoughlin and Fr. Robert with the statue of St Joseph which will be enthroned in the Church on Wednesday 10th March.*



*Lenten Talks - Join us! Our Lenten Talks series, with evening Prayer and guest speaker, commenced on Friday last, 5th March. Our next guest speaker will be Fr. Seán Maher who will join us this coming Friday, 12th March, at 7.30pm. All are welcome to join us for these evenings on Naas Parish webcam or radio at 107.3FM.*



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

# 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.*

## LENT 2021

AN INVITATION  
FROM POPE FRANCIS

'Renew our FAITH  
draw from the "living water" of HOPE  
and receive with open hearts  
the LOVE of God'

## Lenten Scripture Sharing Resources

are available on [kandle.ie](http://kandle.ie). 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](http://kandle.ie).

## '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.

## Third 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
- + Think of one habit you can create to help keep Sunday holy in your home
- + Make sure you have your Trócaire box for the home and find out about the Trócaire campaign to help people living in conflict in South Sudan
- + Go for a walk and contemplate the beauty of God's creation
- + Do a Friday Penance
- + Find ways to conserve and reduce your use of water in the home - see [www.water.ie/](http://www.water.ie/) conserve for easy tips that go a long way

## Digging Deeper



Living Lent



## THE YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH PRAYER

To you, O blessed Joseph (Ad te, beate Ioseph)

To you, O blessed Joseph, do we come in our afflictions, and having implored the help of your most holy Spouse, we confidently invoke your patronage also.

Through that charity which bound you to the Immaculate Virgin Mother of God and through the paternal love with which you embraced the Child Jesus, we humbly beg you graciously to regard the inheritance which Jesus Christ has purchased by his Blood, and with your power and strength to aid us in our necessities.

O most watchful guardian of the Holy Family, defend the chosen children of Jesus Christ; O most loving father, ward off from us every contagion of error and corrupting influence; O our most mighty protector, be kind to us and from heaven assist us in our struggle with the power of darkness.

As once you rescued the Child Jesus from deadly peril, so now protect God's Holy Church from the snares of the enemy and from all adversity; shield, too, each one of us by your constant protection, so that, supported by your example and your aid, we may be able to live piously, to die in holiness, and to obtain eternal happiness in heaven.

Amen

Say 1: Our Father...Say 1: Hail Mary...Say 1: Glory Be...

Oh, St. Joseph, whose protection is so great, so strong, so prompt before the throne of God. I place in you all my interests and desires. Oh, St. Joseph, do assist me by your powerful intercession, and obtain for me from your divine Son all spiritual blessings, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. So that, having engaged here below your heavenly power, I may offer my thanksgiving and homage to the most loving of Fathers.

(Mention your request here...)

Oh, St. Joseph, I am never weary of contemplating you, and Jesus asleep in your arms; I dare not approach while He reposes near your heart. Press Him in my name and kiss His fine head for me and ask him to return the Kiss when I draw my dying breath. St. Joseph, Patron of departing souls – Pray for me.

Amen.

## FRIDAY PENANCE



**Penance is an essential part of the lives of all Christ's faithful. It arises from the Lord's call to conversion and repentance, a call that is central to the season of Lent. We do penance:**

- in memory of the passion and death of the Lord
- as a sharing in Christ's suffering
- as an expression of inner conversion
- as a form of making amends for sin

**As Catholics we are encouraged to practice forms of Friday Penance throughout the year. The season of Lent is a time when we might be especially mindful of this practice. The list to the right are suggestions from the Irish Bishops' Conference as ways of fulfilling Friday penance...**

- ⇒ Abstaining from meat or some other food
- ⇒ Abstaining from alcoholic drink or smoking
- ⇒ Making a special effort at involvement in family prayer
- ⇒ Making a special effort to participate in Mass on Fridays
- ⇒ Visiting the Blessed Sacrament
- ⇒ Making the Stations of the Cross
- ⇒ Fasting from all food for a longer period than usual and perhaps giving what is saved to the needy
- ⇒ Helping the poor, sick, old, or lonely

## 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.*



*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 14th/15th March. The Altar will be decorated on Tuesday afternoon. Thanking you in advance.*

## **Seachtain na Gaeilge - 1ú - 17ú Márta**

Fáiltíonn 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!*

## **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.

## 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](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.**

*Mass Cards are available to order, for delivery 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.*

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

Anne Dunne, St Michael's Terrace

James (Mannie) Counihan, Brannockstown

Sr. Mary O'Connor, Naas

**MAY THEY REST IN PEACE**



## **PARISH FINANCES**

**Naas:** Offertory: €1,210 Development Fund: €1,210

**Online donations** (25thFeb. - 3rd March): €1,350

**TMH:** €165