

Parish Newsletter

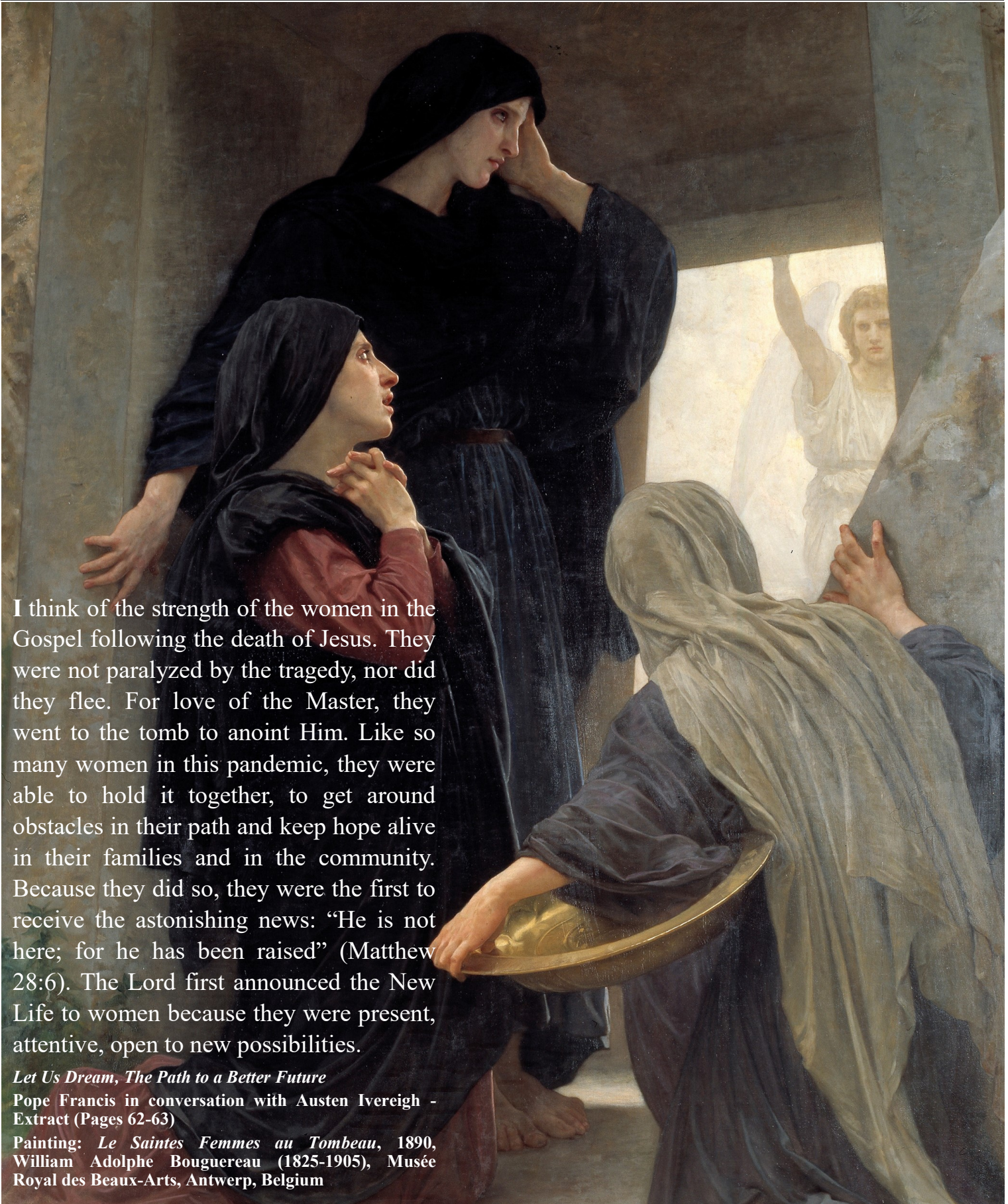
18th April 2021

Third Sunday of Easter



No: 1790

Lk 24:35-48



I think of the strength of the women in the Gospel following the death of Jesus. They were not paralyzed by the tragedy, nor did they flee. For love of the Master, they went to the tomb to anoint Him. Like so many women in this pandemic, they were able to hold it together, to get around obstacles in their path and keep hope alive in their families and in the community. Because they did so, they were the first to receive the astonishing news: “He is not here; for he has been raised” (Matthew 28:6). The Lord first announced the New Life to women because they were present, attentive, open to new possibilities.

Let Us Dream, The Path to a Better Future

Pope Francis in conversation with Austen Ivereigh -
Extract (Pages 62-63)

Painting: *Le Saintes Femmes au Tombeau*, 1890,
William Adolphe Bouguereau (1825-1905), Musée
Royal des Beaux-Arts, Antwerp, Belgium

First Holy Communion and Confirmation 2021

Even with restrictions in place around public worship and gathering as a parish, we have many children preparing for their First Confession, First Holy Communion and Confirmation, which we hope to be able to celebrate safely with them in the autumn. As they continue to work towards these special moments with their teachers in school and with their families at home, we, as a parish family are keeping them in our thoughts and prayers this year. The chaplains have tried to maintain a connection as far as possible through contact with the schools, and we are grateful to the principals and teachers who are facilitating all of this within the guidelines and public health advice in place.



Next Sunday, 25th April is Good Shepherd Sunday and we are looking forward to welcoming the First Communion children and their families to join with the rest of the parish community at the 11am Mass, at which we will pray in a very special way with and for all of them.

Next month, on the feast of Pentecost, we will join with the Confirmation classes for Sunday Mass as they look forward to the celebration of their special day in the autumn.

Trócaire and Poetry Ireland have launched their annual poetry competition which this year will focus on the theme 'Pathways to Peace'. The closing date for entries is Friday 7 May 2021. This year's competition invites poets to explore the theme of conflict from a local to global perspective. With this year's theme Trocaire hopes to highlight the plight of families who have lost their homes and loved ones to war and are rebuilding their lives through love and friendship. Fleeing their homes, families trek through dangerous territory with no food or water for themselves or their children. When they reach safety, the struggle continues to earn money, grow food and attend school. But with pathways to peace and the support of others, they are able to start new lives based on love, friendship and kindness, and to try and put the pain of war behind them and begin again. This competition is free to enter and is open to young people, children and adults alike, at all stages in their writing careers. Poems in English or Irish, written or spoken word, are welcome. Full details on how to enter are available on Poetry Ireland's website. For more info., please visit www.trocaire.org.

A Prayer for Healthcare Workers

*Loving God, we place into your care
all our doctors, nurses and healthcare workers.
Give them courage of heart and strength of mind and body.
Keep them safe from harm.
May they know our deep gratitude for all they are doing
to heal and help those affected by the coronavirus.
God of all consolation may they know your
protection and peace.
Bless them in these challenging days and bless their families.
Amen.*



Tree of Life

The Tree of Life, pictured below, which was located beside Calvary during Holy Week. On it were placed many red ribbons to remember those who had died since the beginning of the Covid-19 Pandemic. These are people who did not have the traditional 'Irish' Funeral and Wake. There were approx. 230 ribbons placed on the tree, all with a connection to Naas, Sallins and Two Mile House Parishes. Some of whom had loved ones living in the Parishes who asked for them to be remembered, some who died in a nursing home here, some who had a Funeral Mass in one of our Churches and some who went straight to the cemetery or crematorium while no funeral masses were taking place.

We also thank our Funeral Ministers and JPII students who helped with writing the names on ribbon and the placing of ribbons on the tree - we greatly appreciated their help.



We pray for and remember all those who have died over this past year and we think of their families throughout this difficult time. We got wonderful feedback expressing thanks and we know that this simple initiative was deeply appreciated.



The Easter Collection - Thank you

We wish to take this opportunity to express a word of thanks and gratitude to the Parishioners of Naas, Sallins and Two Mile House for your very generous support of the

Easter collection. We are deeply touched by the consideration, kindness and thought of every individual contribution made to this collection. It is a real source of encouragement for each of us. We are all the more grateful given the circumstances of our time, and the many individual challenges faced by families. Please know your generous support is never taken for granted. Again our renewed gratitude and deep appreciation.

Robert, Alex, Michael and Liam



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'NAAS PARISH' APP: DOWNLOAD FOR FREE VIA APP STORE OR PLAYSTORE/GOOGLEPLAY

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN PARISH REPRESENTATIVES

Naas: Geraldine Faherty & Adrian King

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Safeguarding Policy displayed in all Church Porches.

PARISH FINANCES

Naas: Offertory: €1,240 Development Fund: €1,245

Online donations (8th - 14th April): €440

TMH: €300

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

Patrick (Paddy) Byrne, Naas

Teresa (Tess) Crumley, St Corbans Place

James (Jimmy) Murray, Broadfield, Naas

Bridget Kelly, Patrician Avenue

Sheila Drewitt, Late of Sarto Road, Naas

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE



**A photo of our
Lenten Cross in
the Church of
Our Lady & St
David. We thank
all Parishioners
who joined us
for our
Ceremonies
throughout Lent,
Holy Week and
Easter.**

MASS TIMES & CHURCH OPENINGS

APRIL 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 – 5.30pm Parish Church

Sun, 12noon - 6pm Parish Church

Masks must be worn in the Church at all times.

Stay connected with us! Follow us on webcam from Naas & Two Mile House Churches (naasparish.ie) Facebook ('Parish of Naas' and 'Sallins Parish'), 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!

