

Parish Newsletter

4th April 2021

Easter Sunday



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Jn 20:1-9

I See His Blood Upon The Rose

*I see his blood upon the rose
And in the stars the glory of his eyes,
His body gleams amid eternal snows,
His tears fall from the skies.*

*I see his face in every flower;
The thunder and the singing of the birds
Are but his voice-and carved by his power
Rocks are his written words.*

*All pathways by his feet are worn,
His strong heart stirs the ever-beating sea,
His crown of thorns is twined with every thorn,
His cross is every tree.*

Joseph Mary Plunkett

Easter Message from Fr Liam

On Tuesday evening last when the online Penance Service concluded, I took a walk by the canal as the last remnants of daylight remained. It was a still, mild evening. The sound of bird song filled the night time air. The reflections in the canal water, the sounds of nature, the occasional daffodil, spoke of spring and a season of new beginnings. Earlier on TV, the Taoiseach had spoken of plans that hold out future promise and the hope of better days ahead, our fervent prayer that everything outlined will come to pass.

Just as the awakening springtime lifts the heart, these months of March and April can certainly be seen as months of Resurrection. They come at a time of hope, of looking forward. In these sacred and glorious days, we acknowledge the mystery of the Resurrection, of Jesus our brother who conquered death, giving way to an empty tomb. "He is not here, He is Risen".

We look forward to rolling back the heavy stone that has kept us entombed in a world of social distance, separation from each other, and forced us to live with a Eucharistic Famine. Of communion with Jesus and with each other. In the suffering of the cross and the mystery of Easter, we realise that; 'No one is saved alone, isolation is not part of our faith' (Pope Francis).

We look forward to a return to public worship, our coming together, praying together, seeing familiar faces will be a moment of resurrection for each of us.

I will leave you with this closing quote I found in the April issue of the 'Far East' magazine, from the writer Iris Hesselden:

*"As spring returns across the land,
it brings new hope to wake the earth
it touches all with healing hands
Lord, touch the soul in me"*



A brief thank you, mindful of the tough beginning to the year 2021, my grateful thanks to Sarah, Katie, Mary and Esther in the Parish Office and Shop, many people repeatedly comment on their work, and they are a truly wonderful asset to the parish, going way beyond the call of duty. Likewise, John and Carole in the office and around the Church in Ballycane. Thanks to Mick in the Parish Church, Monica, Harry, PPC members and other volunteers who assist Fr Jackie in Two Mile House. To Ann, Eithne and Tom and members of the Finance/PPC committees in Sallins. We are blessed in our volunteers, who have supported the three communities in every way possible. To you, the Parishioners, for your support given financially to each Parish in these challenging times. It is deeply appreciated. Finally, my thanks to my colleagues on the Parish Team; Michael, Sarah, Alex, Trish, Robert, on their behalf I wish you a Happy and Holy Easter!

Trocaire boxes may be left into the Churches this weekend at the following times:

OLSD

Good Friday 4-7pm
Easter Saturday 12noon-5pm
Easter Sunday 12noon-6pm

Two Mile House

Easter Saturday and Sunday 2-4pm

Please note that 'Easter Collection for the Priests of the Parish' envelopes may be left in at the same times.

Trócaire

Thank you!

Envelopes for the Easter Collection

Envelopes for the Easter Collection for the Priests of the Parish are available now in the Church Porches in Naas and Sallins.

Please place your donations inside and place the envelope into the normal collection boxes in the Churches.

Thank you for your continued kind support and generosity shown to us.

EASTER WEEKEND SCHEDULE 2021

Holy Thursday	7.30pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper	Naas Webcam
Good Friday	10am	Morning Prayer	Naas Webcam
	12noon	Stations of the Cross	TMH Webcam
	3pm	Lord's Passion	Naas Webcam
	8pm	Prayer around the Cross	Naas Webcam
Easter Saturday	10am	Morning Prayer	Naas Webcam
	10.30am - 12noon	<i>Outdoor Confessions, OLSD (weather permitting)</i>	
Easter Saturday	8pm	Easter Vigil Mass	Naas Webcam
Easter Sunday	11am	Mass	Naas & TMH Webcams

The Church of Our Lady and St. David will be open for private prayer:

Holy Thursday	11am - 7pm
Good Friday	11am - 2.30pm
	4pm - 7pm
Easter Saturday	12noon - 7pm
Easter Sunday	12noon - 6pm (Adoration)

Please note that there will be no Adoration in Ballycane Church between Holy Thursday and Easter Monday inclusive.

Adoration will resume at the usual time on Tuesday 6th April in the Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane.

Holy Water Bottles are available, from today, to collect in the Churches.

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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.

PARISH FINANCES

Naas: Offertory: €1860 Development Fund: €1860

Online donations (25th - 30th March): €1330

Sallins: €265

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

Theresa Conway, Sundays Well
Padraic Maher, Monread Heights



MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Divine Mercy Sunday - Sunday 11th April

Normally this Feast would be celebrated in the Parish.

The preparation consists of;

- Novena of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, commencing on Good Friday, 2nd April (9 Days). **This will be prayed 20 minutes before the Morning Mass on each of the days.**
- Confession on or before the Feast.
- Holy Communion on the Feast Day (A Spiritual Communion is sufficient).
- Acts of Mercy to be performed by Deed, Word or Prayer.
- Listening to the Sermon by the Priest on Divine Mercy.

Leaflets for the Novena will be available in the Church Porches in both Ballycane and Naas.

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

Holy Mass: 10am

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

No Morning or evening Prayer for this week coming, both will resume on April 12th.

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.

A Notice from KARE - promoting inclusion for people with intellectual disabilities. Home Sharing, give a little time, make a big difference. Have you time to offer breaks to an adult or child with an intellectual disability in your home for mid-week and weekend overnight breaks? You do not need a qualification, just energy, commitment and the desire to support a person with a disability in your community. Info. and support are provided, and you will be paid an allowance. If you are interested in hosting, please contact Jennifer, on 045 480 200/087 720 6779 or email Jennifer.alfaogbaje@kare.ie.

"Do not abandon yourself to despair.

We are the Easter People and Hallelujah is our song"

Pope John Paul II