

Parish Newsletter

9th May 2021

Sixth Sunday of Easter



No: 1793

Jn 15:9-17

*In grateful appreciation to the
Christian Brothers Community Naas
1871 - 2021*



Pictured standing outside the Christian Brothers Monastery on Friary Road are (left to right): Br Clement McAdam, Br Michael Brennan, Br PJ McMahon and Br John Paul Aherne.

(Please see page two for message of appreciation)

Blessed Edmund Rice Prayer

O God, we thank you for the life of Blessed Edmund Rice.

He opened his heart to Christ present in those oppressed by poverty and injustice.

May we follow his example of faith and generosity.

Grant us the courage and compassion of Blessed Edmund as we seek to live lives of love and service.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



Christian Brothers Naas

1871 - 2021

As I write these few words, the church today (Wednesday 5th May) celebrates the life and legacy of Blessed Edmund Rice, founder of the Christian Brothers, native of Waterford, committed Christian and devout Catholic. Following the death of his wife in 1789, he devoted himself to prayer and good works, and in particular to education of the poor in his home town of Waterford.

There began the legacy of education that we celebrate this Sunday, marking the sad departure of the Christian Brothers Community from Naas. A presence that began in 1871, when invited by the then parish priest Fr. Hughes. Over those 150 years, generations of boys have benefited from the dedicated service of the brothers to education. The Ireland of 1871 was very different to the one we experience today, the struggle then for freedom and independence was a recurring aspiration. A downtrodden people, where education was the preserve of the wealthy and privileged. We owe a debt of gratitude for the dedicated service and the generous commitment of brothers who down through the years provided that education.

While we mark this week with our local community of Brothers; PJ, John Paul, Clement and Michael, and the positive contribution made to our society and local place. We acknowledge too that we priests, sisters and brothers are part of human enterprise, divinely inspired. In that human space and experience there have been times of darkness. This current generation of church people strive to acknowledge those wrongs and are daily committed to the task of healing and renewal.

The parish is local, and today we celebrate, acknowledge and recognise the generosity and selfless dedication of the brothers here in Naas. The Christian Brothers and the schools they set up have been indispensable partners in the task of building our town and parish. It is true to say that the Christian Brother Order was the key stone in the Irish Education System. That education and legacy is now in the safe and capable hands of a whole new generation of teachers who continue the ethos and values of Blessed Edmund Rice.

Provision of education has been one aspect of the work. In our parish it is unknown the countless, unseen acts of kindness and generosity performed by the brothers. If I may single out one member of the community, namely Brother Michael. Michael has lived among us for 29 years. He himself is the very embodiment of that goodness. His pastoral work around the parish, undertaken quietly, has brought solace and comfort to many.

The closure of the monastery on the Friary Road is a milestone, indeed a sad one, the closing of a long, rich and varied chapter. Today we think of those Brothers who served in Naas and are laid to rest locally. On this Sunday, we wish Brothers: PJ, John Paul, Clement and Michael every blessing, we express heartfelt gratitude. We, the priests and people of Naas, thank you for your warmth, your support, your kind welcome and hospitality. And we pray that God go with ye, as you take leave of Naas. Your contribution locally will be remembered as integral to the history of this town and parish.

May God bless you and keep you

and May God hold each of you in the palm of His hand.

You might like to know that Brother Michael is moving to Dun Laoghaire, Brother PJ will reside in Callan, Co. Kilkenny, Brother John Paul will live in Glasnevin and Brother Clement is moving to Monkstown.

Sallins Church Webcam!

A webcam has recently been installed in Sallins Church. We invite you to join with Fr Alex this weekend as he celebrates the 6.30pm Mass on Saturday and the 10am Mass on Sunday morning. As we return to Public Masses from Monday 10th May, the webcam will also be in operation for all Masses in Sallins should you wish to join us in that way. Please visit naasparish.ie where you will see a link to view the Sallins webcam.



MASS TIMES - MAY 2021

Public Masses will resume from tomorrow, Monday 10th May. Numbers permitted in the Churches will be limited in line with current Government guidelines. Please see the back page of this newsletter for further information. You can still join us for Mass via webcam through the Naas Parish App or also through www.naasparish.ie, from the Parish Church, Two Mile House Church and Sallins Church. You can also join by radio, from OLSD only, at 107.3FM.

CHURCH OF OUR LADY AND ST. DAVID

WEEKDAYS: Mon-Fri: 7.30am & 10am
Wed: 7.30pm
Sat: 10am
Sat Vigil: 6pm
SUNDAYS: 9am, 11am & 6pm

CHURCH OF THE IRISH MARTYRS, BALLYCANE

For now, there will be no weekday Masses celebrated in Ballycane Church.

SATURDAYS: 7.30pm
SUNDAYS: 10.30am & 12noon

CHURCH OF OUR LADY & THE GUARDIAN ANGELS, SALLINS

WEEKDAYS: Tues & Fri: 10am
Sat Vigil: 6.30pm
SUNDAYS: 10am & 12noon

CHURCH OF ST PETER, TWO MILE HOUSE

WEEKDAYS: Mon-Sat: 9.30am
SUNDAYS: 11am

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Mon – Fri, 10am – 6pm Ballycane Church
Sun, 1pm - 5pm Parish Church

Masks must be worn in the Church at all times.

We look forward to a safe return to public worship.

RETURN TO PUBLIC WORSHIP FROM MONDAY 10th MAY 2021



Welcome to Mass

Pods of 50, face coverings, ventilation, only the cantor sings, stewards directing you to your seat and to Communion.



Welcome to Baptism

Please contact the Parish Office to book (045 879 730).



Funeral Masses

Up to 50 mourners in the Church.



Weddings

Up to 50 guests in the Church
(fewer guests for the reception).



Confession

Available subject to guidelines.



House Calls to the Sick

First Friday visits have recommenced.

LOOKING AHEAD:

- **First Holy Communion and Confirmation Ceremonies will be celebrated during September and October. Dates and times to be confirmed.**
- **No Cemetery Masses.**

PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION

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BALLYCANE OFFICE AND SACRISTY : Tel 045 895 629

Opening Hours: Monday to Friday 10am to 1pm

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VIA APP STORE OR PLAYSTORE/
GOOGLEPLAY**

PARISH FINANCES

Naas: Offertory: €1,255 Development Fund: €1,255

Online donations (29th April - 5th May): €1,795

Sallins: €265

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

Mary Robinson, Canal View, Sallins

MAY SHE REST IN PEACE



**The Parish Lotto will return on
Wednesday 2nd June with a
Jackpot of €6,000!!
We hope you will support!**