

Parish Newsletter



25th July 2021

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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A Warm Welcome for the first World Day for Grandparents & the Elderly

Bishop Denis Nulty, chair of the Bishops' Council for Marriage and the Family has welcomed Pope Francis' World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, as a timely reminder for the whole Church to be close to all the elderly and grandparents at this time of pandemic.

Bishop Nulty said, "There have been so many unsung heroes and heroines during the pandemic – grandparents and elders, including our older priests and religious – all who are to be applauded for how they have coped with the challenges and uncertainty brought about by the Covid-19 pandemic. As a society we have learned a lot from their stoicism and pragmatism in the face of so many challenges.

"Throughout his papacy Pope Francis has reminded us to value the many gifts of grandparents and the elderly. In his theme chosen for this inaugural year I

am with you always, the Holy Father is highlighting that promise of closeness that generations share with each other. Not only are our young people called to be present in the lives of older people, but so too grandparents and elders have a mission to encourage young people on their faith journey. Our little domestic churches are always enriched by the inclusion of grandparents and elders.

"In the text of his inaugural message Pope Francis expands on this theme and assures us that he has been close to all those who have felt isolated and alone in recent months and that, even at the darkest of moments, the Lord continues to send angels to console our loneliness and to remind us that 'He is with us always'. Pope Francis tells us that these angels sent to console us will at times have the face of our grandchildren, while at other times, the face of family members, lifelong friends or those we have come to know during these trying times, when we have learned how important hugs and visits are for each of us."

Bishop Nulty concluded, "The World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly is being celebrated for the first time this year as part of a special Year on the Family to mark the fifth anniversary of Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation *The Joy of Love (Amoris Laetitia)*. I would love to see parishes in every diocese across the country celebrating grandparents, elders, not forgetting our older priests and religious, who have given lives of dedicated service to their families and communities. I would also encourage parishes to ensure that their local nursing care home is included in this annual celebration."

(extract taken from catholicbishops.ie)

We are praying specially today for all grandparents, great grandparents, and all our older people. Please take one of our little gifts of chocolates and a prayer card home with you to mark today, or bring one home for a grandparent or friend who isn't at Mass. Sincere thanks to Dunnes Stores in Naas and to Lily O'Brien's in Newbridge who provided us with the treats!

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Safeguarding Policy displayed in all Church Porches.

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

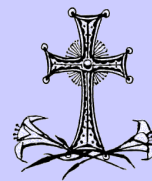
Maureen Fox, Sallins Bridge

Maura Noone, St Martin's Avenue

Clive Stokes, Lakelands

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MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

PARISH FINANCES

Naas: Offertory: €1,685 Development Fund: €1,685

Online donations (15th - 21st July): €509.40

Tap & Go (15th - 21st July): €245

Sallins: Envelopes: €290 Baskets: €325

TMH: €265

TWO MILE HOUSE PARISH - UPDATE TO MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday morning Mass has now ceased temporarily and will resume on Saturday 4th September.

MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGE

Parishes Pilgrimage to Medjugorje on 22nd September. Full details on poster/fliers in all our Churches, or from John and Catherine on 086 856 3773.

Naas Parish Weekly Lotto Draw!

YOU COULD WIN A JACKPOT OF €8,000 ON WEDNESDAY 28TH JULY!

There was NO WINNER of the €7,750 Jackpot on Wednesday last, 21st July.

Numbers Drawn were: 20 - 1 - 14 - 13;

Winners of the Lucky Dip €100 prizes were:

E. Murphy, Granadores 3, N. Burns & P. Hederman



Tickets are on sale in the Parish Office (Sallins Road & Ballycane) and from various outlets in the town. Tickets are €2 each. You can join the Parish Lotto at anytime!

Thank you all for your support!

**You can also now purchase your Lotto online at
www.naasparish.ie or through the 'Naas Parish App'!**