

Parish Newsletter



8th August 2021

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

No: 1806

Jn. 6:41-51

Uphill Struggle

Have you ever felt like giving up? Elijah certainly did. In today's first reading we meet a prophet who has had enough. He is fleeing from trouble and things seem so hopeless after a day's journey that he sits under a bush and begs God to take his life. Life has a way of getting on top of us, such as when we are grieving a loss, when we are hurt by a friend, when illness strikes, or when we are simply exhausted. We experience the feelings described in the famous anonymous poem Don't Quit: 'When things go wrong as they sometimes will/When the road you're trudging seems all uphill...'

At these times of struggle it is helpful to pause and to refuel for the journey. Elijah was visited by an angel who offered him comfort and respite, giving him the strength he needed to carry on. In today's Gospel, we hear Jesus again say he is the living bread. Some people have been complaining about his teaching. Surely this is the son of Joseph, they say, demonstrating their lack of understanding of who Jesus really is. Again, he explains that he is the bread of life - more than physical food, more than an ordinary man, he is the living bread and he is God. In all our struggles, especially when we feel like giving up, Jesus offers us nourishment for the journey. This gift is there for us especially in the Eucharist, offering comfort and strength.

(Extract taken from Intercom Magazine)



'The Eucharist, although it is the fullness of sacramental life, is not a prize for the perfect but a powerful medicine and nourishment for the weak.' (Pope Francis)

PARISH NOTICE BOARD

Youth 2000 Summer Festival is happening online and in Naas, from Friday 13th to Sunday 15th August. **Please note that Youth 2000 will be using the Church of Our Lady and St David on these dates during the following times; Friday 7.30pm - close, Saturday 2.45pm - 4.15pm and again from 8pm - close, Sunday 2pm - 4pm.** If you are 16 - 35 years of age and are interested in finding out more about this festival, please visit www.youth2000.ie for all further information and to register to attend.

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

Marie O'Leary, Cleevaun

Thomas Gray, Willouise

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE



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.

PARISH FINANCES

Naas: Offertory: €1,840 Development Fund: €1,845

Online donations (29th July - 4th Aug.): €293

Tap & Go (29th July - 4th Aug.): €790

Sallins: Envelopes: €310 Baskets: €302

TMH: €300

LOCAL NOTICE - Baldonnell Singers are a four part, male voice choir with members drawn from north Kildare/South Dublin areas. They are conducting open auditions for new members for their next season which commences in September 2021. In addition to singing, the group enjoy a vibrant, social programme involving social evenings in local hotels, pubs and restaurants, weekend breaks and a bi-annual tour to an international festival. For further info. or to apply, please email balmalechoir@gmail.com.

Naas Parish Weekly Lotto Draw!

YOU COULD WIN A JACKPOT OF €8,500 ON WEDNESDAY 11TH AUGUST!

There was NO WINNER of the €8,250 Jackpot on Wednesday last, 4th August.



Numbers Drawn were: 1 - 16 - 19 - 14;

Winners of the Lucky Dip €100 prizes were:

C. Kilfeather, K. Mahon, M. Reynolds, E. McNelis



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'!

MASS TIMES - AUGUST 2021

OUR LADY AND ST. DAVID, NAAS

WEEKDAYS: Mon-Fri: 7.30am & 10am

Wed: 7.30pm

Sat: 10am

Sat Vigil: 6pm

SUNDAYS: 9am, 11am & 6pm

CHURCH OF THE IRISH MARTYRS, BALLYCANE

SATURDAYS: 7.30pm

SUNDAYS: 10.30am & 12noon

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Mon - Fri, 10am - 6pm Ballycane Church

Sun, 1pm - 5pm Parish Church

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-Fri.*: 9.30am

(*Saturday morning mass will resume on 4th September)

SUNDAYS: 11am

*Confessions in Sallins Church on Thursdays 2pm - 4pm
and OLSD Church on Saturdays after 10am Mass.*

All Masses from the Parish Church, Two Mile House Church and Sallins Church are available via webcam through the Parish App or Parish Website (www.naasparish.ie). You can also join by radio, from OLSD only, at 107.3FM.

PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION

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Opening Hours: Monday to Friday 10am to 5pm

SACRISTY OUR LADY AND ST DAVID: 045 856 925

BALLYCANE OFFICE AND SACRISTY: 045 895 629

Opening Hours: Monday to Friday 10am to 1pm

PARISH TEAM

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Fr. Alex Kochatt	Lakelands	045 898 684
Fr. Michael Flattery	Sundays Well	045 888 112
Fr. Robert Petrisor	Sallins Road	045 879 730
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