

Parish Newsletter

3rd October 2021

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time



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Mk. 10:2-16

St. Therese of Lisieux - A much loved Saint



The Statue of St Therese in the Parish Church

It is amazing to quietly observe the constant stream of people who make their way down to the back of the Church, in Our Lady and St David, to the statue of St. Therese of Lisieux. As a saint she resonates so deeply with the hearts of so many people. In Therese one finds a closeness to God, of a young sister who lived a somewhat obscure life at the convent in Lisieux.

Few sisters are more popular than this young woman who died in 1897 at the age of 24. Her autobiography, 'The Story of a Soul', is read and loved throughout the world. Life at the convent was indeed uneventful but Therese possessed holy insight that it is the simple things done well, the quiet suffering, the praying for others that can become your most profound gift. Her mission was to pray for others, shortly before she died, she wrote: "I want to spend my heaven doing good on earth".

Therese has much to teach our modern age of the image, the appearance, the 'self'. We have become desperately self-absorbed, painfully aware of the need to be fulfilled, yet knowing we are not. Therese sought to serve others, to do something outside herself, to forget herself in quiet acts of love.

She is one of the great examples of the gospel paradox, that we gain our life by losing it, and that the seed that falls on the ground must die in order to live (John 12). Preoccupation with self separates us from the needs or awareness of others. Forgetting ourselves, contemplating God, draws us out of ourselves, in order to serve and look after others. The true expression of being Christ like.

A quote from St Therese. The other morning I received a text from a parishioner, it read: "Life is a moment between two eternities... the loveliest masterpiece in the Heart of God is the heart of a mother". This random text message demonstrates an affinity or closeness that people feel toward St Therese! Yes, a much loved saint.

Confirmations and First Holy Communions

The last of our Confirmation Ceremonies takes place this weekend, 2nd and 3rd October.

We thank everyone for their co-operation over these past three weeks and we hope that all the children and their families enjoyed this special occasion in their lives.

We now prepare to begin the celebration of First Holy Communions. Please see below for the full schedule.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

<u>Date</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Church</u>	<u>Time</u>
Saturday 9 th October	Scoil Bhríde	Our Lady & St David, Naas	10am, 11.30am & 1pm*
Saturday 9 th October	Sallins	Our Lady & the Guardian Angels, Sallins	10am, 11.30am & 1pm
Sunday 10 th October	Gael Scoil	Our Lady & St David, Naas	12.30pm & 2pm
Saturday 16 th October	St Corbans	Our Lady & St David, Naas	10am & 11.30am*
Saturday 16 th October	Naas CNS	Our Lady & St David, Naas	1pm
Saturday 16 th October	Killashee	Two Mile House	11am
Saturday 16 th October	Sallins	Our Lady & the Guardian Angels, Sallins	10am, 11.30am & 1pm
Sunday 17 th October	Holy Child	Our Lady & St David, Naas	12.30pm & 2pm
Sunday 17 th October	Two Mile House	St Peter, Two Mile House	12.30pm & 2pm
Saturday 23 rd October	Mercy Convent	Our Lady & St David, Naas	10am, 11.30am & 1pm*

**** Where there is a First Holy Communion or Confirmation Ceremony at 10am, the normal Public 10am Mass will not take place.***



Thank you to the Liturgy Group for creating this beautiful sacred space for each of the last three weeks.

PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION

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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

Fr. Liam Morgan	Sallins Road	087 133 7879
Fr. Alex Kochatt	Lakelands	045 898 684
Fr. Michael Flattery	Sundays Well	045 888 112
Fr. Robert Petrisor	Sallins Road	045 879 730
Dn. Fergal O'Neill	Parish Deacon	086 381 6133
Ms. Trish O'Neill	Youth/Pastoral Minister	045 879 730
Ms. Sarah Farmer	Parish Manager	045 879 730

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: Kathleen Sherry
Deputy Diocesan Liaison Person: Michele Hughes, c/o Bishop's House, Carlow **Phone:** 085 802 1633
Safeguarding Policy displayed in all Church Porches.

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

Theresa Hayes, Sarto Park, Naas
Ann Cully, Bodinstown, Sallins
Harry (Henry) Kennedy, Naas

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE



PARISH FINANCES

Naas: Offertory: €1,950 Development Fund: €1,950
Online donations (23rd - 29th Sept.): €682
Tap & Go (23rd - 29th Sept.): €410
Sallins: Envelopes: €320 Baskets: €225
TMH: €515

MASS TIMES - SEPTEMBER 2021

OUR LADY AND ST. DAVID, NAAS

WEEKDAYS: Mon. - Fri: 7.30am & 10am

Sat: 10am

Sat Vigil: 6pm

SUNDAYS: 9am, 11am & 6pm

CHURCH OF THE IRISH MARTYRS, BALLYCANE

WEDNESDAYS: 7pm

SATURDAYS: 7.30pm

SUNDAYS: 10.30am & 12noon

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Mon. - Fri, 10am - 6pm Ballycane Church

OUR LADY & THE GUARDIAN ANGELS, SALLINS

WEEKDAYS: Fri: 10am

(Tuesday morning Mass is postponed until further notice)

Sat Vigil: 6.30pm

SUNDAYS: 10am & 12noon

CHURCH OF ST PETER, TWO MILE HOUSE

WEEKDAYS: Mon. - Fri.: 9.30am

SUNDAYS: 11am

***Confessions take place in Sallins Church on
Thursdays 2pm - 4pm and in Our Lady & St David's
Church on Saturdays after the 10am Mass.***

UNICEF: Help give a vaccine to those who are in need by supporting UNICEF's 'Get a Vaccine, Give a Vaccine' campaign. Donation box in the Parish Shop (Sallins Road). We thank everyone who has supported this so far. Anyone who would still like to donate can do so up to and including Saturday **30th October**. Thank you.

Eucharistic Ministry: We would like to thank all our Eucharistic Ministers for their ongoing commitment to this ministry and we especially thank and welcome all new Eucharistic Ministers who are joining us having now completed their Diocesan training. **New Eucharistic Ministers will be commissioned at 11am Mass today, Sunday 3rd October.**



Have you come back to celebrating Mass in your church?

Sharing the Good News of our Faith

This survey can be accessed now on our Parish App, www.naasparish.ie and also on www.kandle.ie.
Thank you.

We want to hear from you in our short online survey!

SHARING THE GOOD NEWS OF OUR FAITH

POPE JOHN PAUL II AWARDS

We would like to congratulate the 21 young people from our Parish who have received their Pope John Paul II Awards. Bronze, silver, gold and Papal Cross Awards were received so well done to all involved!

It has been a very different and difficult year, so it really is a credit to these young people and the support structures in our parish and schools that so many were still able to achieve a medal against all odds. We hope that these young people will continue to contribute in a positive way to the life of the Church, through their parish, long into the future.



**POPE JOHN PAUL II
AWARD**

Naas Parish Weekly Lotto Draw!

You could win a jackpot of €5,000 on Wednesday 6th October!

There was **NO WINNER** of the €4,750 Jackpot on Wednesday last 29th September.

Numbers Drawn were:

26 - 12 - 7 - 14;

Winners of the Lucky Dip €100 prizes were:

Anon, J. Sheehan, D&S, E. White

To be in with a chance of winning, don't forget to purchase your ticket! Tickets can be bought from the Parish Offices, Sallins Road and Ballycane, and from various outlets in the town. Tickets are €2 each and you can join at any time!

Thank you all for your support.

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

