

Parish Newsletter

14th November 2021

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

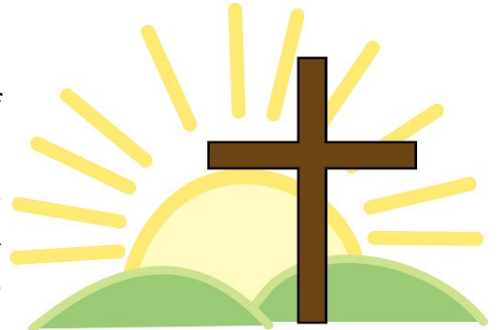


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How we celebrate funerals?

The celebration of funerals is integral to the life and ministry of every priest. It is always a privileged moment, to offer support, guidance and consolation to a family in a time of sorrow and loss. It is a ministry of consolation that is shared by the participation of the singer and the organist, the funeral minister, the sacristan, the funeral director and so many more. To accompany a family in their time of sorrow is always a sacred moment. Funerals over the pandemic period have been different, and sometimes challenging! As a nation, as a people, we are noted for the support and comfort we offer to each other in times of grief, it is something we should cherish, and indeed hold onto. Most funerals follow a familiar routine or ritual, drawing upon the familiar in terms of; readings, hymns, music etc.



The Symbols/Momentos we Present...

However, sometimes the planning of a funeral can be challenging. Increasingly as people become less connected to the practice of faith and the ritual of the Church, ideas and suggestions about how the funeral will be celebrated can become problematic. For instance, the symbols and momentos presented at the beginning of Mass. For the vast majority of funerals, symbols/momentos tend to reflect the faith, the interests or the achievements of the deceased. Sometimes however, the symbols are less appropriate, I think I speak for my colleagues when I say that we have a particular dislike for cigarettes or alcohol coming up to the altar. We are not anti-drink, indeed as priests we enjoy a social drink. However, there is a time and a place, and the house of God is not that place!

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**Gach ádh ar fhoireann
iománaíochta sinsearach Nás na
Ríogh a bhéas ag imirt i gCraobh
an chontae.**

Nás na Ríogh abú!

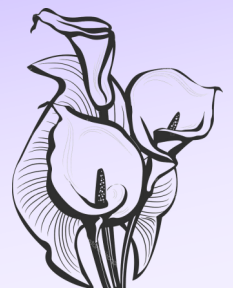
**Our good wishes go with the Naas Senior
Hurling Team, their mentors,
management and families as they take on
Celbridge on Sunday afternoon.**

A proud day for all, best of luck lads!

Blessing of the Graves - Naas

Cemetery Prayers in St Corbans will take place today, Sunday
14th November at 2.30pm in St Corbans Cemetery.

(We invite those in attendance to gather in the space between old and new parts of the Cemetery).



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PARISH TEAM

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SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN PARISH REPRESENTATIVES

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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"***

Patricia (Pat) Murray, Millbrook, Naas
Dallas Chamney, Sallins
Francis Hearty, Waterstown, Sallins
Mary Chamney, Sallins
Anne Cleary, formerly of South Main Street, Naas

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE



PARISH FINANCES

Naas: Offertory: €2,095 Development Fund: €2,095

Online donations (4th - 10th Nov.): €404

Tap & Go (4th - 10th Nov.): €695

Sallins: Envelopes: €200 Baskets: €382

TMH: €745

MASS TIMES - NOVEMBER 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.*

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.

Children's Rosary Group

Would you like your child to learn the Rosary and develop deep roots in faith?

Families are invited to bring their children to come and pray the Rosary every Saturday at 6pm in Our Lady & the Guardian Angels Church, Sallins.

All are very welcome!

How we celebrate funerals?

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The Choice of Music...

When it comes to the choice of music, appropriate hymns and music that compliment the sacredness of the Liturgy work best in the setting of the Church and the Holy Mass. We do try to be flexible, sometimes there is that **'one song'** that families really like, and we do make allowances. However, some popular (secular) songs can sometimes feel out of place and are much better nowadays played at the graveside. The sadness of the graveside and the experience of parting can be eased by the comfort of a particular song. Our funeral directors are always happy to facilitate a song being played.

The Eulogy...

More often than not, funerals now include a eulogy. Most parishes in the diocese of Kildare and Leighlin are happy to accommodate such a request. Here in Naas, Sallins and Two Mile House we ask that when there is a eulogy, that just one person speaks. Being such an emotional and sad time, we always encourage the family member speaking to have their words prepared and written. We encourage a eulogy that is short in duration, 3-4 minutes. From experience, **less is more**. Something that is from the heart and to the point will speak much more eloquently of the deceased. Indeed, sometimes this is a moment to express thanks and gratitude.

In this month of November, mindful of our loved ones, I just offer these thoughts, trusting that the aforementioned suggestions are accepted in the spirit in which they are offered. As a help towards the celebration of a life that is meaningful and rooted in the Gospel promise of Jesus, *"I am with you always, yes 'til the end of time"*.



November Masses for the Dead

In November, we remember our loved ones.

If you wish to have your loved ones names included in the Altar 'Dead List of the Parish' please include their names in the envelope provided in your envelope box or alternatively you can collect a 'November Altar List of the Dead' Envelope in the Churches. These envelopes can then be placed in the boxes provided in the Churches.

A wide selection of signed Christmas Mass Bouquets, boxed Christmas cards and NaasPoint Christmas cards are now available in the Parish Shops on the Sallins Road and at Ballycane. Cribs, calendars, diaries, candles and a range of Christmas items and gifts now in stock, including lots of items for children! Advent candles and calendars also available now!



Eucharistic Adoration - Ballycane Church: We have the wonderful privilege in our parish of adoring Our Lord and Saviour in the Blessed Sacrament. Would you give one hour a week in adoration of The Holy Eucharist - as we reflect on the words of Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta - "If you really want to grow in love, come back to the Eucharist; to be alone with Jesus in adoration and to be in intimate union with Him, is the greatest gift of love - the tender love of Our Father in Heaven". Eucharistic Adoration is available in the Oratory, Ballycane Church from 10am to 6pm, Monday to Friday. Please contact John 086 856 3773, Rosanna 085 727 8013 or Maureen 087 207 7044.



Please visit the Parish Shop on the Sallins Road to take part in the Parish Christmas Raffle!

1st prize is this beautiful hamper, pictured left.

The draw will take place on Tuesday 21st December!



NaasPoint Christmas Cards (pictured right) can be purchased now in the Parish Shops, €5 for a pack of 6 cards. All proceeds will go towards NaasPoint projects. Cards depict scenes from the stained glass windows in the Church of Our Lady & St David, Naas.



Naas Parish Weekly Lotto Draw!

You could win a jackpot of €6,500 on Wednesday 17th November!

There was NO WINNER of the €6,250 Jackpot on Wednesday last 10th November.

Numbers Drawn were:

7 - 8 - 26 - 18;

Winners of the Lucky Dip €100 prizes were:

T. Callaghan, D. & F. McCormack, M. Lalor, S. Wilson

