

Parish Newsletter

21st November 2021

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe



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Jn. 18:33-37



Feast of Christ the King : Moment of Truth!

This feast dating back to 1925 owes its origins to Pope Pius XI, and his deep concern about the emergence of political ideologies in Europe: nationalistic and dictatorial in character, that later would manifest themselves in the tragedy of World War II. This moment of truth was the assertion of Christ Jesus as our Universal Lord and King. All other political regimes and peoples acknowledging Christ Jesus as their true shepherd.

A moment of truth? Perhaps the recent climate conference in Glasgow (COP26) is our moment of truth!

Reaction to the two week gathering in Glasgow has been mixed. Some politicians and commentators searched for the positives, while others, like the Swedish teenager, Greta Thunberg and our own Mary Robinson were less impressed by its resolutions. The agreement previously arrived at to limit global warming levels to 1.5°C seems an ever greater challenge after COP26.

For those who doubt climate change, I don't recall being able to go out and about in mid-November wearing just a jumper, or sitting outside enjoying a coffee. Something has changed!

One of the great voices today advocating care for the environment is that of Pope Francis. One of his first encyclicals, *Laudato Si'* was a clarion call to see the evidence and to take the necessary action needed to care for our World. He urges us to see the blessing of all living creatures. Neither to dominate, to plunder, or to destroy but with a God-filled humility, to take care of the world in which we live, and to see it as our Common Home.

In a 2020 publication entitled 'Let us Dream' (The path to a better future), Pope Francis speaking in the context of the current covid pandemic had the following to say:

For a long time we carried on thinking we could be healthy in a world that was sick. But the crisis has brought home how important it is to work for a healthy world.

The world is God's gift to us. The biblical story of creation has a constant refrain: "And God saw that it was good" (Genesis 1:12).

"Good" means bountiful, life-giving, and beautiful.

Speaking of our world he continues:

If someone who loves you gives you a beautiful and valuable gift, how do you handle it? To treat it with contempt is to treat the giver with contempt. If you value it, you admire it, look after it; you do not disdain it; you respect it and are grateful. The damage to our planet stems from the loss of this awareness of gratitude. We have grown used to owning, but too little to thanking.

Is this our moment of truth?

Online Registration is now open for Communion and Confirmation 2022.



Any candidate in Naas, Sallins or Two Mile House parishes who wishes to receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion or Confirmation in 2021/2022 is asked to go to the parish website to register, www.naasparish.ie.

Please go to the online services tab on the home page and select the required Sacrament.

Any problems, please contact the Parish Office on 045 879730 or office@naasparish.net.

Please register by Tuesday 23rd November.



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PARISH TEAM

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SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN PARISH REPRESENTATIVES

Naas: Geraldine Faherty & Adrian King
Sallins: Dermot McGilloway, Emer McCarthy
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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"***

Teresa Clifford, Broadfield

Patrick Brendan Keogh, formerly Rathasker Road

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE



Divine Mercy Prayers will take place after
7pm Mass in Ballycane Church on
Wednesday 24th November.

PARISH FINANCES

Naas: Offertory: €1,820 Development Fund: €1,820

Online donations (11th - 17th Nov.): €492

Tap & Go (11th - 17th Nov.): €580

Sallins: Envelopes: €385 Baskets: €490

TMH: €375

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.



Friends of Calcutta

are holding a clothing collection on **Thursday 25th November**. All wearable clothes and footwear are most welcome and can be left at Two Mile House, Sallins and Ballycane Churches up until 3pm on that day.

Your support is greatly appreciated.

For any further information, please contact Michael on
087 907 3074.

Advent Reflection Nights from the Church of Our Lady and St. David.

Some dates for your diary...

Why not take some time in prayer and reflection as we prepare for Christmas - a short while away from the busyness and in the presence of God and each other. Two evenings of reflection with guest speakers will be held in the Parish Church on:-

***Friday 3rd December at 7.30pm - Evening Prayer with Sr. Claire McGrath
(Holy Family Sister based in Dublin)***

***Friday 10th December at 7.30pm—Evening Prayer with Fr. Michael Rogers SPS
(Tearmann Spirituality Centre, Glendalough)***

Come in person or join us via the WebCam!



ACI Zoom meeting - Being Catholic in Contemporary Ireland

November 25th, 2021, at 8.00 p.m.

"The majority of Irish people see and understand themselves as Catholics. Being Catholic is embedded in school, community and family life. And yet there seems to be little interest in salvation in and through the Church. Moreover, being Catholic seems no longer relevant to fulfilling social, political, economic and, more significantly, environmental interests." Tom Inglis - Irish Sociologist and Commentator

This observation - by the renowned writer on the Catholic Church's 'Moral Monopoly' in 20th century Ireland - will be expanded by Tom on 25th November - for discussion by all who are interested.

If, like ACI, you are convinced that 'being Catholic' is far from irrelevant in an ongoing world secular crisis - climatic and otherwise - be sure to join us to tell us why.

For more information and for the zoom link, please see www.acireland.ie.



**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!**





Today is World Youth Day!

World Youth Day is celebrated by Catholic Communities around the World at the invitation of Pope Francis. This unique festival was initiated by Pope John Paul II in the early 1980s to honour the faith shown by young people from many different countries. In the early years, it was held on Palm Sunday in Rome, but it quickly developed into an international Festival of Faith which is held each year in Rome, and travels every three years to different locations. Young people from our own parishes have participated with their leaders at World Youth Day events in Cologne, Sydney, Madrid and Poland.

This year, Pope Francis has invited us to celebrate World Youth Day on the Feast of Christ the King. He reminds us of the great gift that our young people bring to the Church, and encourages us all to invest our time and effort in helping them to learn about and develop their faith. Today, we welcome and acknowledge the involvement of teenagers and young adults in our three parishes, and thank those in our Youth Ministry Team and our Parish Pastoral Councils who foster and inspire them to play a meaningful role in the life of their faith community.



Trócaire

A collection will be taken up at all Masses in the Four Churches this weekend in aid of the famine crisis in East Africa.

"A terrible hunger crisis is raging across East Africa, driven by escalating climate change, conflict, swarms of desert locusts and Covid. Over 30 million children, women and men are being pushed into starvation. People and their livestock are dying. Without emergency food and aid, many more won't survive. Lives depend on our ability to reach them."



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 €6,750 on Wednesday 24th November!

There was **NO WINNER** of the €6,500 Jackpot on Wednesday last 17th November.

Numbers Drawn were:

10 - 2 - 13 - 23;

Winners of the Lucky Dip €100 prizes were:

J. Higgins, W. Noone and two Anonymous winners.

