

Parish Newsletter

20th March 2022

Third Sunday of Lent



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Memorial Day for Blessed Peter Higgins

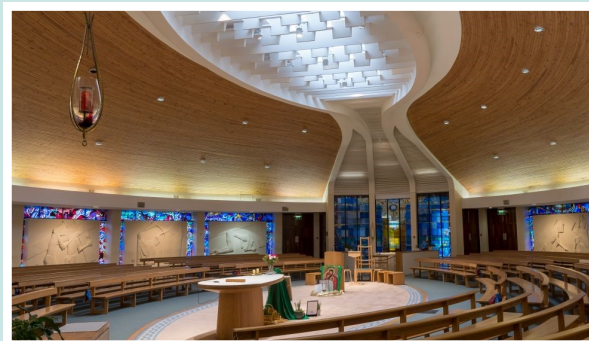
Wednesday next, March 23rd, is the memorial day for Blessed Peter Higgins, Dominican Prior of Naas.

He was hanged for his faith at George's Hill, Smithfield, Dublin on March 23rd 1642. Peter Higgins was one of the 17 Irish Martyrs who were beatified by Pope John Paul II in Rome in 1992.

The Church of the Irish Martyrs at Ballycane is named in honour of these 17 Martyrs.

The church was blessed and opened on 9th March 1997 and celebrated its silver jubilee last week.

We invite you to join us for Mass with Bishop Denis on Sunday 12th June at 12noon in the Church to celebrate this milestone.



Confirmation 2022

Last weekend we were delighted to welcome Bishop Denis who celebrated the Confirmation Ceremonies for the Mercy Convent. We acknowledge this weekend the hard work and effort of our School Principals, class teachers and parents of all the boys and girls from the following schools:

**Mercy Convent, St. Corbans, Sallins NS,
Scoil an Linbh Iosa, Scoil Bhríde, Two Mile
House, Gael Scoil Nas na Riogh,
Killashee MDNS, Naas CNS and St. David's.**

Thank you also to our parish readers, singers and organists and stewards.

It was a great team effort and the spirit of co-operation and generosity was very evident.

A total of 414 young people were confirmed in our three parishes.



Pictured above: Bishop Denis and the priests of the parish with the three Mercy Convent classes. Missing from the photo is Fr. Robert who was busy confirming the young people from Scoil an Linbh Iosa on Saturday morning in Ballycane Church.



Thank you very much for the wonderful response to the collection last weekend which was taken up in all four churches for the Ukraine.

Donations are still coming in and we hope to publish a figure next weekend.

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

SACRISTY TWO MILE HOUSE: 086 399 1706

PARISH FINANCES

Naas: Development Fund: €4,510

Online donations (10th - 15th March): €216

Tap & Go (10th - 15th March): €590

Sallins: Envelopes: €473



The **Pope John Paul II Award** is holding its annual pilgrimage to Knock Shrine on **Tuesday, 22 March 2022**.

This pilgrimage is open to all young people between the ages of 16-18, Award Leaders,

Parish Leaders, School Principals and Teachers.

Venue: Knock Shrine, Knock, Co. Mayo

Date: Tuesday, 22 March 2022



Pilgrimage Programme:

10:30am: Assemble in the Basilica

11:00am: Welcome ceremony

11:30am: Song, prayer, discussion and guest speakers

GUEST SPEAKER: Fr Peter McVerry - McVerry Trust

12:50pm: Lunch break

2:00pm: Prayers of Thanksgiving at the Apparition Chapel

2:30pm: Mass led by Award Patron, Bishop Donal McKeown

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

Mary Quinlan, Woodlands

MAY SHE REST IN PEACE



Naas Parish Church Choir sing

at the 11am Mass on Sundays.

We are inviting new members!

Would you like to sing with the choir? Choir attendance and

practice are flexible. For further details please phone Bernard on 087 235 2545. Thank you!



Friends of Calcutta

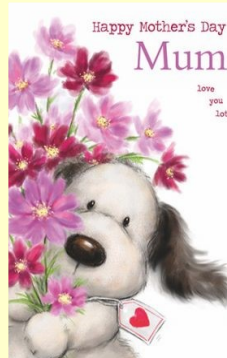
are holding a clothing collection on Wednesday 23rd March.

All wearable clothes and footwear are most welcome and can be left at Sallins Church (up until 2pm), Two Mile House Church (until 3pm) and Ballycane Church (until 4pm) on that day.

Your support is greatly appreciated.

For further information, please contact Michael on

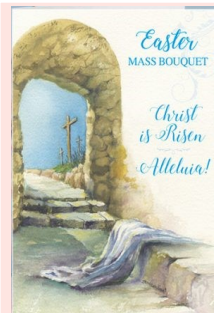
087 907 3074.



Mothers Day

Sunday March 27th

Please call into the Parish Shops on the Sallins Rd and at Ballycane to see the full range of Mothers Day Mass Bouquets and Cards.



Easter Mass Bouquets now

available in the Parish Shops along with a new range of bibles, prayer books and Confirmation/First Holy Communion gifts, cards and books to help prepare your child for the celebration of the Sacraments.

Also, beautiful selection of handmade olive wood gifts from Medjugorje.

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 together every Saturday at 6pm in Our Lady & the Guardian Angels Church, Sallins. All welcome!**

Parish Programme for Lent 2022

<u>Trócaire Box:</u>	Placed at the centre of each home we continue this important tradition.
<u>Weekday Mass:</u>	Usual Mass times each morning in Naas, Sallins and Two Mile House. Mass on Wednesday evening in Ballycane at 7pm.
<u>Bible Study:</u>	Bible Study Sharing, with Fr. Michael, continues tomorrow evening, Monday 21st March, 7.30pm-8.30pm in Ballycane Church. Please bring a bible!
<u>Fridays of Lent:</u>	Stations of the Cross at 12.30pm each Friday in Naas Parish Church.
<u>Rosary:</u>	Each weekday evening at 5.30pm in Naas Parish Church.
<u>Lenten Prayer Evenings:</u>	Prayer and Reflection evenings in Ballycane Church on Friday 25th March and Friday 1st April at 7.30pm.
<u>Synod Gathering:</u>	Parish meeting on Thursday 24th March, to discuss the Synodal questions, in Killashee House Hotel from 7.30pm - 9.30pm.
<u>Synodal Walk:</u>	In Punchestown at 3pm on <u>Sunday 3rd April</u> , 'Walking the Way of the Cross (Stations)'. Open to all generations and families!

A Daily Prayer for Peace

Loving God,
We pray for the people of Ukraine,
for all those suffering or afraid,
that you will be close to them and protect
them.

We pray for world leaders,
for compassion, strength and wisdom to
guide their choices.

We pray for the world,
that in this moment of crisis,
we may reach out in solidarity,
to our brothers and sisters in need.

May we walk in your ways, so that peace
and justice become a reality
for the people of Ukraine and for all the
world.

Amen.



Synod Prayer

We stand before You, Holy Spirit,
as we gather together in Your name.

With You alone to guide us,
make Yourself at home in our hearts;

Teach us the way we must go
and how we are to pursue it.

Let us find in You our unity so that we may
journey together to eternal life
and not stray from the way of truth and
what is right.

All this we ask of You,
who are at work in every place and time,
in the communion of the Father and the Son,
forever and ever. Amen.



The Synodal Pathway
of the Catholic Church in Ireland

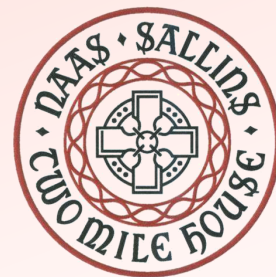
JOB VACANCY!

The Parish is now looking to recruit for the full-time permanent role of **Office Administrative Assistant**.

Reporting to the Parish Manager, the main responsibilities are:

- Directly supporting the Parish Manager in the administration of the Parishes.
- Administration of the sacramental registrations.
- Supporting the preparation and content of meetings, presentations etc.
- Production of Parish Newsletters, Publications and website and app maintenance.

Please see www.naasparish.ie for more detailed candidate requirements. **How to apply:** please email your CV and cover letter (not more than 500 words) outlining your suitability and experience to office@naasparish.net by 5pm on Friday 25th March 2022. Shortlisting of candidates will apply for the above position.



St. Mary's College annual
Transition Year Musical is
on Wednesday 23rd and
Thursday 24th of March in the
Moat Theatre.

*Tickets are €15, available from the theatre.
Buy early to avoid disappointment!*

School Caretaker in Sallins NS

Caretaker sought for 6 weeks for St. Laurence's NS, Sallins from 30th May 2022 to the 15th July 2022. Candidates will need to be available for interview. The successful candidate will require Garda vetting. Please apply for this position by sending in an application letter along with your CV to:

Chairperson, St. Laurence's NS, Sallins, Co. Kildare

Applications should be in the school by Wednesday 30th March 2022.

**Want safer cycling in Naas? If so, join us for our
next #CriticalMass event**

**2pm, Sat 26th of March
Meet at Poplar Square**

**Kids, families & cyclists of all levels welcome for
a gentle, guided cycle through Naas town.**

#IBikeBop

Follow @naascycling on Twitter for updates



Parish Easter Raffle!

**Tickets are €3 per strip, available from the
Parish Office on the Sallins Road.**

**Pictured here
is the beautiful
2nd Prize
Hamper.**

**The draw will
take place on
Tuesday 12th
April.**



Bake Sale



Ireland for Ukraine will be hosting a cake sale
on Sunday 20th March in Sallins community Centre
from 10 am.

We would love to take your cakes and sweet treats to sell.
They will be accepted at the community Centre from 10am on
Sunday.

Please come along to support this wonderful appeal.



Naas Bingo

is back! Tuesdays
in the Care of the
Aged Centre (Newbridge Road), **at the NEW
TIME OF 8PM! All welcome to join us** - if
you have never been and would like to come
along, please do!