

# Parish Newsletter

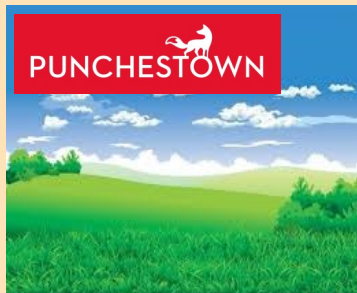
27th March 2022

Fourth Sunday of Lent



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Lk. 15:1-3, 11-32



## Punchestown - Not the Horses this time!

All roads from Two Mile House, Naas and Sallins are heading in just one direction.... Punchestown! On Sunday 3rd of April at 3pm we will undertake our Synodal Walk, following the way of Jesus.

Reflecting upon the Stations of the Cross which led to His crucifixion upon the Hill of Calvary.

We walk together, as a community of faith, as people who belong to Christ. We pray for ourselves, for each other, for our parish, our Church, for our country and most especially for peace. Over these past four weeks we have watched mainly women and young children walk 'a different kind of walk' -walking in desperation, fear etched on their faces, as they attempt to escape the horrors of war and destruction.

We walk in solidarity and prayer with all who carry the heavy cross of pain and suffering. And we pray that the hope and peace of Christ will reign in those troubled parts of our world.

*"Peace I leave to you, my own peace I give you, a peace the world cannot give, this my gift to you"* (John 14:27)

On Sunday 3rd of April, let our walk be a walk of faith, hope and love, with Jesus as our companion on the journey!

So, the invitation....

all are welcome, grandchildren and grandparents and everyone in between!

*(this is a pastoral initiative by the three Parish Pastoral Councils of Naas, Sallins and Two Mile House).*



## Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane

The 9th of March marked a significant milestone, 25 years since the opening and blessing of our Church in Ballycane. It is important that we mark and celebrate this milestone.

On Sunday 12th June, Bishop Denis Nulty will celebrate the 12noon Mass.

It is an occasion we need to plan for and prepare in a way that is fitting and acknowledges this church as a place of prayer and welcome.

This task will be foremost on the agenda of Naas Parish Pastoral Council on Wednesday 6th April.

*We will keep you informed!*

## UKRAINE COLLECTION

*Sincere thanks for the wonderful response to this collection which was taken up in all four churches for Ukraine.*

**Naas: €8,375, Sallins: €2,295 and Two Mile House: €1,430**



## PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION

**PRIEST ON DUTY: 085 708 8407**

**PARISH WEBSITE: [www.naasparish.ie](http://www.naasparish.ie)**

**NAAS PARISH OFFICE: Tel.: 045 879 730**

**E-mail: [office@naasparish.net](mailto:office@naasparish.net)**

**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**

**SACRISTY TWO MILE HOUSE: 086 399 1706**

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

Geraldine Kehoe, Dublin Road  
Peter Shaughnessy, Hollywood Park

**MAY THEY REST IN PEACE**



## PARISH FINANCES

**Naas:** Offertory: €3,950 Development Fund: €3,210

**Online donations (17th - 23rd March): €491**

**Tap & Go (17th - 23rd March): €475**

**Sallins:** Envelopes: €415 Baskets: €750

**TMH:** €270



Church of Our Lady and the Guardian Angels



Church of the Irish Martyrs



St. Peter's Church



Church of Our Lady & St. David

**Thank you to the Liturgy Groups for creating beautiful sacred spaces for Lent in all four of our Churches.**

NAAS, SALLINS AND TWO MILE HOUSE PARISHES

**YOUR VOICE MATTERS**



**It's SYNOD TIME!!!**

Pope Francis wants to hear from the whole Church about the reality of being part of the People of God right now. He wants us to have a conversation about how we are journeying together and with God in our local parishes. He wants us to dream dreams together about our future. And he wants everyone's voice to count.

***Your Voice Matters...***

***Please could all completed questionnaires be returned to the boxes in one of the Churches or Parish Offices by Sunday 28th March.***

***We look forward to hearing from you!***

## **Family Friendly Masses**

All Masses next weekend, Saturday 2nd and Sunday 3rd April, (with the exception of the 9am and 6pm Masses on Sunday in OLSD) will be focused on being Family Friendly Masses.

We invite all families to join us for Mass in any of the four Churches.



**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, concludes tomorrow evening, Monday 28th 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 continue on Friday 1st April at 7.30pm.
<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.



## A Mother's Prayer

Make me a wise mother, O Lord.

Keep me calm and give me  
patience to bear the small irritating  
things in the daily routine of life.

Give me tolerance and  
understanding to bridge the gap  
between my generation and that of  
my children.

Let me not be too ready to guide  
my children's stumbling feet but  
allow me to be ever near them to  
bind their bruises.

Give me a sense of humour that I may  
Laugh with them but never at them.

Make me humble. Keep my  
children close to me, O Lord,  
though miles may separate us.

And let your light so shine  
upon me that they too,  
will perceive your glory.

Amen



## An Invitation to you from Bishop Denis - Chrism Mass

You are warmly invited to join with Bishop Denis for the annual celebration of  
the Chrism Mass in Carlow Cathedral on Monday 11th April at 7.30pm.



## MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGE 2022

Naas, Sallins and Two Mile House Parishes  
Pilgrimage to Medjugorje, departing on 1st June for  
7 nights.

Accompanied by **Fr. Alex Kochatt** as Spiritual  
Director.

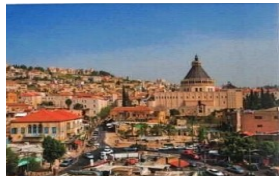
For full details, please see posters and fliers in the  
Churches / Parish Office (Sallins Rd) or please  
contact John and Catherine on 086 856 3773



## Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

The Holy Father has entrusted to  
Knights and Dames of the Equestrian  
Order of the Holy Sepulchre of  
Jerusalem the special mission of  
helping, supporting and protecting the Church and Christian  
communities; 'the living stones' in the Holy Land.

Every two years, the Lieutenancy of Ireland organises a  
pilgrimage to the Holy Land visiting the empty tomb 'Holy  
Sepulchre' in Jerusalem, the Church of the Nativity in  
Bethlehem, Christian towns and villages where we meet 'the  
living stones' in person and view their schools and the projects  
which we support.



Clergy and parishioners from Kildare &  
Leighlin Diocese are invited to  
participate in this special pilgrimage.  
Further information and booking forms  
contact Navan Travel tel: 046 9068600.



## Divine Mercy Prayers

will take place after the  
7pm Mass in Ballycane  
Church on **Wednesday**  
**30th March.**

**All are welcome to join.**

## Parish Easter Raffle!



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



**Win one of two beautiful  
Hampers packed with  
Easter goodies!**



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

## Nas na Riogh Active Retirement Group

**Reminder: next meeting 6th April 2-4pm.**

**Please note change of venue back to Ballycane  
Church for future meetings.**



This year Accord is celebrating 60 years supporting couples and families. Please contact us for any support you may need [www.accord.ie](http://www.accord.ie).

Accord is recruiting interested people to assist in the provision of  
Marriage Preparation Programmes.

Application forms are available by contacting  
[marriagepreparation@accord.ie](mailto:marriagepreparation@accord.ie)

Selections will take place in June of this year with training  
commencing in September.



## Naas Parish Weekly Lotto Draw!

**You could win a Jackpot of €1,600 on Wednesday 30th  
March!**

**There was no winner of the €1,350 Jackpot on 23rd March.**

**Numbers Drawn were: 27-18-14-23;**

**Winners of the Lucky Dip €100 prizes: C. Burke, E. Garvey, C. Whelan, J. Conway**

**Thank you for your support.**