

Parish Newsletter



6th March 2022

First Sunday of Lent

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Listening Lent – Your Voice Matters

As we outlined in the newsletter last weekend, Pope Francis has called for a Universal Synod of the Church. He wants to hear from the whole Church about the reality of being part of the Church right now. The first level of this four-fold process is Parish. He wants us, in the parish, to think about the following questions;

Communion

1. Thinking about the Church and our parish,

how and when do I find being part of it a source of joy or
nourishment for me in my faith?
when might it bring disappointment or pain?

Participation

2. When I hear the word 'Church',

who do I think of?
who is missing?
whom do we need to listen to?
how can we be more inclusive?

Mission

3. Thinking about how we as a parish community bring the love of Christ into the world,

what one thing does our local parish do really well?
what one thing could it do better?
what one thing could I do?
what specific hope or dream do I have for the Church moving forward?

We invite you to take home a questionnaire, to fill it in over the course of the next days or weeks and to return it to the **synod box** in one of the four Churches or in either Parish Office by Sunday 27th March.

We invite everyone (it doesn't matter whether you have filled in the questionnaire or not) to come to a Parish gathering to discuss these questions on **Thursday 24th March in the Killashee House Hotel from 7.30pm until 9.30pm**. For planning reasons, if you would like to attend, please let us know by emailing office@naasparish.net by Sunday 20th March. Refreshments will be served afterwards.

These questions are also available in the form of an online questionnaire from the diocese. Pointing the camera on your phone to the QR code (pictured right) should take you directly to this survey. Alternatively, a link can be found on the Kandle website (www.kandle.ie).



Kildare and Leighlin Synod Listening Survey

PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION

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Opening Hours: Monday to Friday 10am to 5pm

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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: Offertory: €1,565 Development Fund: €1,565

Online donations (24th Feb - 2nd March): €789

Tap & Go (24th Feb - 2nd March): €595

Sallins: Envelopes: €255 Baskets: €410

TMH: €455

NOTICE: Reminder that there will be
NO public 10am Mass, in Naas Parish Church,
on Saturday next, 12th March, due to a
Confirmation Ceremony at this time.



*Mothers Day and Easter Cards
and Mass Bouquets now
available from the
Parish Shops.*

*Novena to St Joseph, (Friday 11th March -
Saturday 19th March (Feast of St Joseph)*

*Please see Parish website
(www.naasparish.ie) for the full Novena
Prayer to St Joseph.*

St Patricks Day Mass Times

OLSD:

Vigil Mass (Wed. Evening) 6pm
9am and 11am on Thursday morning

NO 6PM MASS ON THURSDAY

EVENING

Ballycane:

Vigil Mass (Wed. Evening) 7pm
10.30am and 12noon on Thursday morning

Sallins: 10am and 12noon

Two Mile House: 11am



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.



Cemetery Mass this year will be on
Wednesday 15th June at 7.30pm at
St Corban's Cemetery.

Family Friendly Masses

All Masses next weekend, Saturday 12th and Sunday
13th March, (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.

**Reminder: A Special Mass to celebrate 25
years of Ballycane Church takes place on
Wednesday 9th March at 7pm.**

Parish Programme for Lent 2022

Trócaire Box:

Placed at the centre of each home we continue this important tradition.

Weekday Mass:

Usual Mass times each morning in Naas, Sallins and Two Mile House.

Mass on Wednesday evening in Ballycane at 7pm.

Bible Study:

Bible Study Sharing, with Fr. Michael, begins tomorrow evening, Monday 7th March, and will take place on each Monday evening in March (14th, 21st and 28th) from 7.30pm-8.30pm in Ballycane Church.

Please bring a bible! *If you need to purchase a bible, you can do so in the Parish Shop, Sallins Road.*

Fridays of Lent:

Stations of the Cross at 12.30pm each Friday in Naas Parish Church beginning on Friday 4th March.

Rosary:

Each weekday evening at 5.30pm in Naas Parish Church.

Lenten Prayer Evenings:

Prayer and Reflection evenings in Ballycane Church on Friday 25th March and Friday 1st April at 7.30pm.

Synod Gathering:

Parish meeting on Thursday 24th March, to **discuss the Synodal questions**, in Killashee House Hotel from 7.30pm - 9.30pm.

Synodal Walk:

In PuncHESTOWN at 3pm on **Sunday 3rd April**, **'Walking the Way of the Cross (Stations)'**. Open to all generations and families!



Praying for the Ukraine / Offering Practical Help

We have been collectively moved and indeed horrified by the images of pain and suffering emanating from the Ukraine. The human misery of innocent people; terrified and displaced. Fighting for their human survival, men, women and young children. These images and stories are heart-breaking. We feel helpless. Is there anything we can do?



This weekend we are proposing the following:

- An afternoon vigil of Prayer and Adoration on Sunday 6th March from 2pm until 5pm in the Parish Church (Sallins Road).

An opportunity to offer a silent prayer or to light a candle, praying for an end to this invasion and for an end to this war.

- Secondly, we are proposing to have a collection for the Ukraine and to support the efforts being made to offer practical help to these people. Next weekend, the 'offertory collection' will be taken up in support of the Ukrainian people.

I know many parishioners want to do something practical.

Perhaps, this is our opportunity to stand in solidarity with the people of the Ukraine.



Parish Easter Raffle!

Tickets can be bought in the Parish Office (Sallins Road), €3 per strip.

Pictured left is the beautiful 2nd Prize Hamper.

A public meeting will be held in the Osprey Hotel Conference Centre at 7.15pm on Monday evening, March 7th, to form a Supporter Group Festival Committee, to prepare Naas for a Bealtaine Festival on May 1st 2022.

The Town Centre Festival is being supported by Naas Municipal District Council and will be organised by Community Naas to celebrate the release from Covid and its restrictions, wonderful achievements by Naas Sports Teams, the winning of the IBAL Award for the 'Cleanest Town in Ireland' and to acknowledge our safe environment away from Russian aggression in Ukraine.

'Please come and help to get this Festival underway.'

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.

Seachtain na Gaeilge 1ú – 17ú Márta 2022

Fáiltíonn Sult na Sollán romhaibh chuig imeachtaí Seachtain na Gaeilge a bheas ar Zoom ach le “Féile Sráide” ar Lá Fhéile Pádraig i Nás na Ríogh i mbliana. Tá an clár iomlán ar fáil ar www.sultnasollan.ie. Tá imeachtaí ann do gach aois ghrúpa idir comórtais, ceol, ceardlanna &rl. Bainigí taithneamh as! **This year Sult na Sollán will present Seachtain na Gaeilge on Zoom with a “Féile Sráide” in Naas on St.Patrick’s Day. Log onto www.sultnasollan.ie for the full programme – you will find something for all ages!**

Naas Parish Weekly Lotto Draw!

You could win a jackpot of €3,450 on Wednesday 9th March!

There was NO WINNER of the €3,200 Jackpot on Wednesday last 2nd March.

Numbers Drawn were:

13 - 4 - 21 - 17;

Winners of the Lucky Dip €100 prizes were: O. & F. Mac Donncha, K. Hanrahan, C. Whelan and P. Higgins

