

Parish Newsletter



17th April 2022

Easter Sunday

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An Easter Message

At Easter, joy enters the world. Victory is won through defeat; we are freed through a crucified Body. The world is still broken, and still needs saving, still needs hope. In Holy Week, almost concluded, we are invited to embrace a uniquely Christian, mystical moment of tearful joy.

Through the wood of the cross on Good Friday we saw how 'joy entered the world'. Victory is won through apparent defeat. Those who had deserted Jesus and fled from his dying, found the courage to return and proclaim Him as their reason for living.

So, a good way to see Resurrection as being our human capacity to persevere through and beyond tragedy. The essence of Christian hope and living.

Albert Camus wrote that, "In the midst of winter I finally learned that there was in me an invincible summer". That is the Voice of Resurrection. It is the refusal to be gripped forever by the fingers of winter. Whether we are gripped by personal circumstance that renders us immobile, an evil war that confronts us or a virus that in the previous two years kept us locked away from each other, and for far too long. If we say that we believe in the Resurrection, it means that we are choosing to be Resurrection people. Whose lives are transformed by our faith and belief in Christ Jesus. In Him new life and hope is found. Happy Easter!



Divine Mercy Sunday - 24th April 2022

In preparation for the Feast, a novena of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy commenced on Good Friday.

The novena is being recited each day (for nine days) in the church of Our Lady and St. David before Mass.

From Monday 18th to Saturday 23rd, before the 10am Mass at 9.40am.

On Divine Mercy Sunday, in the Church of Our Lady and St. David, Naas:

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| 2pm | Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament |
| | Confessions will be heard during this time. |
| 2.35pm | Chaplet of Divine Mercy recited. |
| 2.50pm | Benediction |
| 3pm | Holy Mass |
| | The image of Divine Mercy will be blessed. |
| | Veneration of the Image will take place at the end of Mass |

And, in St. Peter's Church, Two Mile House:

Adoration will start after the 11am Mass and continue through until 8pm.

PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION

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PARISH WEBSITE: www.naasparish.ie

NAAS PARISH OFFICE: Tel.: 045 879 730

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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

PARISH TEAM

Fr. Liam Morgan	Sallins Road	087 133 7879
Fr. Alex Kochatt	Lakelands	045 898 684
Fr. Michael Flattery	Sundays Well	045 888 112
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Ms. Trish O'Neill	Youth/Pastoral Minister	045 879 730
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**"THOSE WHO DIE IN GRACE GO BUT TO GOD AND
GOD IS VERY NEAR"**

Michael Nolan, Broadfield View

MAY HE REST IN PEACE



PARISH FINANCES

Naas: Offertory: €3095 Development Fund: €2780

Online donations (7th - 12th April): €666

Tap & Go (7th - 12th April): €550

Sallins: Envelopes: €425 Baskets: €400

TMH: €575

The Parish Offices and Shops on the Sallins Rd and at Ballycane will be closed on Good Friday and remain closed through and including Easter Monday.

The Parish Office on the Sallins Road will remain closed on Tuesday 19th April. It will re-open on Wednesday 20th April.

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Trocaire boxes may be left in with the Sacristan in one of the four Churches or into one of the Parish Offices.

Thank you!

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.



Ukrainian Gathering

At our most recent meeting of Naas Parish Pastoral Council on 6th April, a spontaneous decision resulted in a heart-warming experience.

A moment of Welcome and Encounter.

Just 48 hours later on Saturday afternoon last (9th April), the PPC hosted an afternoon for recently arrived refugees to our parish.

About 30 Ukranian nationals arrived to Ballycane Church, and over a cuppa: hospitality and information was offered and shared.

More importantly, a safe space where they themselves could meet and find some measure of comfort in the chat and conversation.

Those in attendance were, by and large, all women and young children with some teenage boys. The oldest, a Ukrainian lady, 94 years of age, her first time to find herself in a foreign country.

A sad consequence of this war, to be displaced and forced to leave your home, your country.

May God bless all who have opened their homes locally and offered welcome and safe refuge.

We continue to pray for an end to this war.

(Further gatherings to be arranged in the very near future.)



A Word of Appreciation.

Easter Sunday has arrived! A day filled with hope, joy and the promise of life eternal.

Each of our four churches are blessed to have so many Parishioners willing to 'roll up their sleeves', simply because they have a deep love for their particular Church or Parish. On this Easter day our Churches look resplendent with floral arrangements that befit the moment. To all who contributed in any way to the experience of Holy Week we express a heartfelt word of appreciation. To our organists and choirs, Ministers of the Word and of Communion, altar servers, collectors and counters, floral arrangers, altar societies, those who look after and clean our Churches, Liturgy Groups, PPCs and Lotto Committee, and to those who carry out a multitude of individual tasks.

To the office staff on the Sallins Road and in Ballycane, to our Sacristans in all four Churches.

Thanks to the many Parish Groups who participate and keep alive the mission of our Parish. Finally, to you the Parishioners of Naas, Sallins and Two Mile House, thank you for your faith, thank you for the courage and conviction you have shown in returning to Sunday Mass after the experience of repeated lockdowns, therefore placing God at the centre of your lives.

On behalf of the Parish Team, thanks for the encouragement, kindness and the generous support you extend to each one of us, it is deeply appreciated.



from The Parish Team.



The Sallins Road Car Park, next to the Mercy Convent School has been placed under new management. RFC Security will be looking after the car park and taking responsibility for enforcing the new parking arrangements.

A new machine has been installed and the parking will be charged at an hourly rate of €1.20 up to a maximum of €6 for 24 hours.

When using the new machine, you will be asked to

1. **input your car number plate,**
2. **select the amount of time you wish to park for**
3. **pay by contactless using your card, phone or watch.**

Payment is not required for parking during Sunday Mass times.

This will include the vigil Mass on the Saturday evening.

Parking will be free during Sunday Masses.



The Little Way Cancer Support Centre, Clane

Cancer Support Groups are starting from Thursday 28th April. Facilitated by an experienced counsellor, they are free of charge to people and their families who are affected by cancer.

For more information or to register,
please call 045 902996 /

087 298 3140 or

email: clane@little-way.org.



Family Carers Ireland are holding a support group for carers in the meeting room of Newbridge library on Wednesday 27th April at 3pm. Drop down to meet with the Carer Support Manager, chat with other carers and to see what supports Family Carers Ireland can offer.

Any queries, please contact Sarah on **086 0213749**.



EASTER WEEKDAY MASSES

From Monday 18th until Friday 22nd April there will be 10am Mass ONLY in Our Lady & St. David's Church on the Sallins Road, Naas.

NO other weekday Masses in the Irish Martyrs, Sallins or Two Mile House Churches.

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

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.



Parish Easter Raffle!

*Congratulations to the two lucky winners of the
Easter Raffle Prizes:*

Peter Waldron and Ann Jennings.

*Many thanks again to Naas parishioner, Marie,
who very generously donated the prizes.*

A grand total of €265 was raised.



Kildare Small Jobs is a DIY property maintenance service
for people over 65 living in County Kildare.

For a subscription fee of €55 you will get up to 5 callouts.

Each callout offers you *two qualified, experienced, and
insured KSJ Workers* calling to your home for **1.5 hours**, to
get your small job done.

There is no charge for us calling out to assess a job.

For further information and a list of what jobs we can do
please feel free to call us on **086 060 7346**.

*A Social Enterprise and a Community Employment initiative
hosted by County Kildare LEADER Partnership, funded by*

The Department of Social Protection and Dorman Account Funding.

Last few spaces available

Sallins Lourdes Pilgrimage

Dates: 27th June - 4th July 2022

Hotel: 4* Hotel Padoue

Cost: €865pps Full Board (Deposit €100)

Spiritual Director:

Fr. Michael Flattery

**For all further information,
please contact**

Rita Fanning on 087 653 5112.



Concert for Peace

KARL JENKINS' - THE ARMED MAN

Nás na Rí Singers with Orchestral Ensemble

SUNDAY 8th MAY 2022, 7.00pm

Church of Our Lady and St. Joseph, Caragh, Naas

TICKETS: €20.00 (Adults) €10.00 (Children)

AVAILABLE FROM:

Barker & Jones, Naas; Centra, Caragh Village

Online at [eventbrite.ie](https://www.eventbrite.ie) and from choir members

Next weekend, **23rd and 24th April**, we will be
welcoming Fr. Pat Byrne and Fr. Garry Roche to
Ballycane Church and to Our Lady and St. David's.

Fr. Pat and Fr. Garry are from the Divine Word
Missionaries and over the course of this year will be
visiting all the parishes of the
diocese to talk about their
missionary work overseas.

Fr. Pat will return on **Saturday
30th April / Sunday 1st May**
to join Parishioners in Sallins and
in Two Mile House for Mass.



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!**