Parish Newsletter

3rd April 2022 Fifth Sunday of Lent



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Synodal Gathering at Killashee House Hotel



Last Thursday evening, 24th March, 81 people gathered in response to our Listening Lent invitation. It was a wonderful response and we were very much heartened by the presence of so many. Those in attendance were almost an even mix of male/female attendees. From teenage to the more seasoned and mature parishioners.

The evening began with a prayer and was excellently hosted and facilitated. As we reflected on the

Synodal Questions placed before us: every voice was heard and listened to in a way that was courteous and respectful. It lived up to the aspiration expressed, a 'Listening Lent'. The feedback given is currently being collated into a report from our parishes and this in turn will be submitted to the Diocese on the 6th April. Eventually leading to a national response from the Irish Church to Rome.

Many people commented positively on the exercise and appreciated being asked to express their view or opinion. Another meeting took place last Monday evening. A focus group inviting members of our parish from the LGBTQi+

Community. This meeting followed the same process as in Killashee.

It was a most positive experience, one that was welcomed and appreciated by those in attendance. As with both evenings there is a recognised need to continue the sharing and the listening.



We pray that the Lord will continue to bless our efforts, evidence too of the Holy Spirit at work: offering to us the gifts of wisdom and understanding.



The Sallins Road Car Park, next to the Mercy Convent School is being 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 <u>Sunday</u> Mass times.

This will include the vigil Mass on the Saturday evening.

Parking will be free for the duration of Sunday Masses.



PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION

PRIEST ON DUTY: 085 708 8407

PARISH WEBSITE: www.naasparish.ie NAAS PARISH OFFICE: Tel.: 045 879 730

E-mail: 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

PARISH TEAM

| Fr. Liam Morgan | Sallins Road | 087 133 7879 |
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| Fr. Alex Kochatt | Lakelands | 045 898 684 |
| Fr. Michael Flattery | Sundays Well | 045 888 112 |
| Fr. Robert Petrisor | Sallins Road | 045 879 730 |
| Dn. Fergal O'Neill | Parish Deacon | 086 381 6133 |
| Ms. Trish O'Neill | Youth/Pastoral Minister | 045 879 730 |
| Ms. Sarah Farmer | Parish Manager | 045 879 730 |

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN PARISH **REPRESENTATIVES**

Naas: Geraldine Faherty & Adrian King Sallins: Dermot McGilloway, Emer McCarthy Two Mile House: Paula Clancy & Suzanne Powell **Diocesan Designated Liaison Person:** Kathleen Sherry **Deputy Diocesan Liaison Person:** Michele Hughes, c/o

Bishop's House, Carlow Phone: 085 802 1633

Safeguarding Policy displayed in all Church Porches.



Are looking for families in the Naas area with school-going children to host a Spanish Student (11-17 yrs old).

Families will receive a weekly payment, your own children will be invited to join in the afternoon activites.

Families are required to bring their Spanish

Student to Mass each Sunday.

For further information, please contact: Gillian Quinn on 086 385 1062 or naasiip@gmail.com.



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

Margaret Clarke, Craddock House Anne Walsh, Ashgrove Park Michael Hartigan, Mill Lane



MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

PARISH FINANCES

Naas: Offertory: €2450 Development Fund: €3190

Online donations (24th - 30th March): €617

Tap & Go (24th - 30th March): €400 Sallins: Envelopes: €380 Baskets: €425

TMH: €751



Trocaire boxes may be left in baskets provided in the sanctuary area of left in baskets provided the Churches on Holy Thursday.

Alternatively, you can leave them into the Sacristan or the Parish Offices.

Access to the car park, next to the Mercy Convent School, will be limited to school staff on school days during the following times; 8.30am and 9.15am AND

2.30pm and 3.15pm

This is at the request of the school and is to ensure the safety of the children.



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.



New in this week: updated range of Mass Bouquet Cards.

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.



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!

Naas, Sallins and Two Mile House Parishes

PENANCE SERVICES

| KILL | 7.30pm | Tuesday 12th April |
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| OUR LADY & ST. DAVID | 7.30pm | Wednesday 13th April |

HOLY THURSDAY, 14TH APRIL

| Our Lady & St. David | 7.30pm | Mass of the Lord's Supper |
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| Irish Martyrs | 7.30pm | Mass of the Lord's Supper |
| Sallins | 7.30pm | Mass of the Lord's Supper |
| Two Mile House | 7.30pm | Mass of the Lord's Supper |

Adoration Following the 7.30pm Mass in the Our Lady & St. David's and in Ballycane, there will be quiet Prayer/Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, ending with Night Prayer at 9.30pm.

GOOD FRIDAY, 15TH APRIL

| Our Lady & St. David | 3pm | Liturgy of the Lord's Passion |
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7pm Stations of the Cross

Irish Martyrs 5pm Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

9pm Ecumenical Prayer around the Cross

Sallins 3pm Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

7pm Stations of the Cross

Two Mile House 3pm Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

7.30pm Stations of the Cross

Ecumenical Prayer 8pm Prayer in St. David's Church of Ireland

9pm Prayer around the Cross Service, Irish Martyrs

HOLY SATURDAY, 16TH APRIL

Church of the Irish Martyrs 8am Blessing of Easter Food for the Polish Community

Our Lady & St. David 10am-1pm Confessions
Our Lady & St. David 8pm Easter Vigil
Irish Martyrs 8pm Easter Vigil
Sallins 8pm Easter Vigil
Two Mile House 8pm Easter Vigil

EASTER SUNDAY, 17TH APRIL

Punchestown 6.20am Sunrise Liturgy

Our Lady & St. David 9am 11am No 6pm Mass on Easter Sunday evening

Irish Martyrs10.30am12noonSallins10am12noon

Two Mile House 11am

EASTER WEEKDAY MASSES

From Monday 18th until Friday 22nd April 10am Mass only in Our Lady & St. David No other weekday Masses in the Irish Martyrs, Sallins or Two Mile House.

A collection of non-perishable food will take place in all the Churches at the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday.

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



Naas Bingo



is back! Tuesdays in the
Care of the Aged Centre (Newbridge Road),
at the NEW TIME OF 8PM!

<u>All</u> welcome to join us - if you have never been and would like to come along,

please do!

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.

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.

Saint Glisabeth Convent

The sisters from the St. Elisabeth Convent in Belarus, an Orthodox community in Minsk provide spiritual and social help to the sick and the suffering in their local community. In particular, they help orphans, people with disabilities or suffering with ill-health and



those with addiction problems.

They have set up 20 workshops and studios to provide employment and a purpose in life. The sale of articles from these workshops also helps to raise money to support the work of the sisters.

They will be visiting Naas on **April 13th** (Wednesday of Holy Week) and will be selling a selection of their produce after 10am Mass in the **Church of Our Lady and St. David** on the Sallins Road.

To find out more about the types of products which they make and the work that they do, please visit www.obitel-minsk.org.





Naas Parish Weekly Lotto Draw!

You could win a Jackpot of €1,850 on Wednesday 6th April There was no winner of the €1,600 Jackpot on 30th March.

Numbers Drawn were: 6-23-16-10;

Winners of the Lucky Dip €100 prizes: K. Phipps, J. Kilfeather, M. Larkin, E. Delmer.

Tickets are on sale in the Parish Offices and from various outlets in the town.

Tickets are €2 each and you can also purchase your Lotto ticket online at www.naasparish.ie or through the Parish App!

Thank you for your support.