

Parish Newsletter

31st March 2024
Easter Sunday



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Jn 20:1-9

An Easter Message from Fr. Liam

You can almost feel the life and the hope that comes with the promise of Easter. There is an obvious change of mood and our outlook takes on an optimistic tone. It is something about new life, of life that triumphs over death. We see that in nature, in new beginnings and everywhere there is an awakening.

During these days of Holy Week, we have reflected upon those most profound and poignant moments in the life of Jesus. Holy Week is a time apart, as we ponder, reflect and pray, recalling the life, suffering and death of Jesus upon the cross. However, as Easter Sunday dawns, resurrection becomes our hope, the hope that saves.

St. Paul tells us

“that hope does not disappoint us, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts.” (Rom 5:5)

And so, the prayer of Easter, our Christian prayer becomes:

“let us hold fast the confession of one hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful” (Heb 10:23)

This Eastertime I want to thank you: for your faithfulness, your commitment, your care and concern for our three parishes, your generosity to us, the priests of the parish, your volunteerism and your willingness to ‘roll up the sleeves’ whenever and wherever the need arises.

**Our parish is built upon
your involvement,
your participation,
your generous ministry.**

All we can say is ‘thank you’!

And, of course, ... Happy Easter!



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Safeguarding Policy displayed in all Church Porches.



Chrism Mass

Altar Servers from Naas pictured here with Bishop Denis at the Mass in Carlow. They represented our parish extremely well as they served Mass in the Cathedral. The Chrism Mass is a way for people to show appreciation and support for our priests as they renew their commitment to serve the people of the Diocese.

Thank you to everyone who travelled to Carlow on Monday 25th March.



Young Parishioners enjoying their well-earned chocolate treat.



Stations of the Cross Walk, Punchestown 2024



Our grateful thanks for the musical accompaniment provided by our Filipino Parishioners.



Parishioners representing Kill Parish.



Sallins Parish was well-represented.



Naas Parishioners



Two Mile House Parishioners

HOLY MASS, COME AND FIND OUT MORE

We continue the journey Tuesday 9th April
Ballycane Church at 7.15pm



Alliance of the Holy Family International
Retreat with Fr. Bing. April 20th-21st, Dublin.
See posters in Church Porches.

Family Masses: April

2ND SUNDAY OF THE MONTH - 13th/14th April

First Saturday Devotions, Newbridge
in St. Conleth's Church at 9.10am.

As we go to print (Wednesday) the
Lotto Jackpot still stands at €10,000

Adoration in Ballycane Church
Thurs, 11th April at 9.15pm - 10.15pm
(for 1st Thursday)



Eucharistic Adoration in TMH for Divine
Mercy Sunday from 11am to 8pm (the
Mercy Chaplet will be recited at 3pm).

Naas Parish Shops & Offices will be **closed from
Good Friday to Easter Tuesday.**

The Shops will reopen on Wednesday 3rd April and the
Offices will reopen Thursday 4th April.

Recent Baptisms

Chloe Cox, Oak Park Dive
Oliver Whelan, Maynooth
Danny O'Neill, Sallins
Darcie O'Neill, Sallins
Alimat Akinbami, Bellingsfield

PARISH FINANCES

Naas: Development Fund: €3,941 Offertory: €2,980

Online donations (21st - 26th Mar): €123

Tap & Go (21st - 26th Mar): €640

Sallins: Envelopes: €275 Baskets: €700

TMH: €600



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Divine Mercy Sunday Sunday 7th April in OLSD

In preparation for the Feast, a novena of
the Chaplet of Divine Mercy & Novena
prayers from the leaflet will commence
on Good Friday. The Novena will be
recited each day (for nine days) in the
church of Our Lady and St. David before
the ceremonies. Commencing on:

- Good Friday at 2.40pm
- Holy Saturday at 7.40pm
- Easter Sunday at 10.40am (before 11am Mass)
- From Monday 1st to Saturday 6th April, at 9.40am (before the 10am Mass and immediately following the Rosary).



On Divine Mercy Sunday

- 2.00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
(Confession will be heard during this time)
- 2.35pm Divine Mercy Chaplet recited
- 2.50pm Benediction
- 3.00pm Holy Mass
- The Image of Divine Mercy will be blessed.
Veneration of the Image will take place after
Mass.

All are Welcome.

'I desire that the whole world know My Infinite Mercy'

Easter Sunday Sunrise Liturgy will
take place at 7am in PuncHESTOWN.



**"THOSE WHO DIE IN GRACE GO BUT
TO GOD AND GOD IS VERY NEAR"**
Jane Doyle, St. Brigid's Terrace, Sallins
MAY SHE REST IN PEACE

Thought For Holy Week...

It was lovely to see Jason Smyth win the RTE Dancing With The Stars Final last Sunday week. Jason is a Paralympian who has Stargardt's disease with only 10% sight and so is blind. So dancing for Jason was always going to be a challenge but he rose to the challenge right throughout the series.

His dance partner Karen, in their final show dance, wore a blindfold to enter Jason's world of darkness to get a sense of what it's like and they danced together with a beautiful trust and beauty. There were many tears shed, as people watching at home were genuinely moved.

Jesus wears a blindfold too during Holy Week. He wears our shoes and walks our story with us. Jesus knows and understands better than anyone our darkness, difficulties and struggles. He is not removed or distant from them, but very much a part of them. He walks our story with us. The Easter story reminds us that there is hope, that there is light no matter how dark it may get for us and that there is a meaning to life. I hope your journey through Holy Week goes well for you.

(from the diocese of Cork and Ross)

