

Parish Newsletter

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
23rd February 2020



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PARISH PROGRAMME FOR LENT 2020

- Ash Wednesday:** Day of fast and abstinence with blessing and distribution of Ashes.
- 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 Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday evenings in Ballycane at 7.30pm.
- Tuesdays of Lent:** **Family Prayer Time** - Pray together with your children/grandchildren. All generations welcome! Commencing on Tuesday 3rd March at 7pm in CIM, Ballycane. Please see inside of this newsletter for further details & dates.
- Bible Study:** Bible Study Sharing, with Fr. Michael, begins on Monday 2nd March at 8pm in CIM Ballycane after Mass.
- Scripture Study:** Scripture Study for Lent, with Fr. Seán, begins on Monday 2nd March, and will also take place on the 9th & 23rd March, at 8pm in the Parochial House, Sallins Road (blue door). Please bring along a bible! All are welcome, however spaces are limited to 15 people. Sessions will normally last no more than one hour and will be based around reading Scripture and discussion of that reading, ending in a quiet moment of Prayer.
- Scripture Sharing:** Tuesday mornings after the 10am Mass, in the Parochial House, Sallins Road (blue door), beginning on Tuesday 25th February.
- Fridays of Lent:** Stations of the Cross at 12.30pm in OLSD, Naas beginning on Friday 6th March.
Mass by candlelight, followed by Adoration and Benediction, in CIM Ballycane beginning at 7.30pm.
- Diocesan Initiative - 'Digging Deeper'; a weekly bulletin for Lent. Extracts of this bulletin will be included in our Sunday newsletter beginning this weekend, please see inside.**



Good Friday Drama! We are all familiar with the proclamation of the 'Lord's Passion', usually delivered in three voices, from our attendance at the Good Friday Ceremonies each year. It is a solemn moment during which the journey of the Suffering Christ is recalled. The names of the central characters are all so familiar to us. We recall vividly the poignant moments of the Lord's Passion; moments filled with emotion, tenderness and deep human pain. We reflect on that journey to Calvary, where Jesus hangs upon the cross. Good Friday is so central to our faith, and this is obvious when

people stand patiently and reverently in line to either touch or kiss the cross.

This year in the Church of Our Lady and St David, we are hoping to have a dramatisation of the Lord's Passion. We need people to take on the various roles, including crowd scenes, approximately 30 - 35 people are required. When rehearsed and performed prayerfully it can be a deeply spiritual and moving experience. If you think you might be interested, and would like to find out more, then please leave your name and contact number with the Parish Office. The Good Friday Drama will be produced and directed by Mona Conroy. The Co-ordinator of this Holy Week initiative will be Caroline Quinn. This invitation is extended to one and all! Please give it your consideration as it has great possibilities.

Fr Liam

PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION

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Safeguarding Policy displayed in all Church Porches.

FEAST AND MEMORIAL DAYS FOR THE COMING WEEK

Wednesday 26th Feb. Ash Wednesday

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



- Deirdre Mannion, Parkside
- Theresa Kelly, St Brigid's Terrace
- Noeleen Stephens, late of Ashfield Park
- Michelle Hederman, Blessington Rd.

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

RECENT BAPTISMS

- Sadie May Costello, Sallins
- Koby De Búrca, Gleann na Riogh
- Alice Ann O'Connor, Arconagh
- Kyla Jane White, Primrose Gardens



Confirmation Ceremonies will take place in our Parish this week, please see our website for a full listing of the dates. Thank you.

NAAS PARISH NEWS

Divine Mercy Prayers will take place in Ballycane Church after the 7.30pm Mass on Wednesday 26th February.

Holy Face of Jesus Prayer Meeting takes place every Wednesday after 7.30pm Mass in Room 2, Ballycane Church. Relic, blessed oil, international shrine tours available. Call Caoimhe on 085 252 5612 for all info.

SALLINS PARISH NEWS

A team from Radio Maria will visit and distribute leaflets at all Masses in Sallins Church this weekend, Saturday 22nd and Sunday 23rd February.

Confessions available in Sallins Church every Thursday from 2pm-4pm.

TWO MILE HOUSE PARISH NEWS

Weekday morning Mass is celebrated Monday to Thursday at 9.15am. Friday evening Mass at 7pm.

Volunteers Required: Cleaning of St Peter's Church in preparation for the Confirmation will take place on Friday 28th February at 1.40pm. If you are available to help, please contact Dorothy on 087 225 6055. Thank you!

**Naas Sallins and Two Mile House Parish
Social Evening!**

**Friday 20th March 2020 in Killashee Hotel!
Tickets €25, available from Parish Offices.**

Thank you to all in our Parish who enthusiastically and patiently made our St Brigid's Crosses which were sold at Masses recently and to everyone who supported us, it is greatly appreciated. A total of €1,095 was raised and will go towards supporting our ARK Youth in the Parish.

Lenten Station Collection in support of the Priests of the Parish will take place at all Masses next weekend, 29th February and 1st March. We thank you for your continued support.



***Digging Deeper, Living
Lent - Stepping into
Lent Together***
What does Lent mean?

*While we associate Lent with preparation for Easter, the word 'Lent' actually comes from the Anglo-Saxon word **Lentzen**, meaning 'spring'. Every spring, Lent holds the promise of a fresh start and new life; this is a time when we can honestly look at our lives and take even the simplest of steps to **turn back to and deepen our relationship with God** and allow our faith to impact who we are in the world.*

*Lent, then, is a time of doing **penance**, of actively embracing the Lenten disciplines of **prayer, fasting and almsgiving**. None of these are ends in themselves, they are all part of the process that leads us back to God.*

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Family Prayer Time - "A family that prays together stays together"

At Saint Peter's Square, during the Holy Mass for the Family Day, in October 2013, Pope Francis asked if people prayed together as families. He said "And all families, we need God: all of us! We need his help, his strength, his blessing, his mercy, his forgiveness. And we need simplicity to pray as a family. Praying the Our Father together, around the table, is not something extraordinary: it's easy. And praying the Rosary together, as a family, is very beautiful and a source of great strength! And

also praying for one another! The husband for his wife, the wife for her husband, both together for their children, the children for their grandparents....praying for each other. This is what it means to pray in the family and it is what makes the family strong: prayer."

We are inviting all parents/grandparents/children to Family Prayer Time with us in Ballycane Church on **Tuesday 3rd March** for a child-friendly introduction on what prayer is and how to pray together as a family, based on 'YouCat for Kids'.

On **Tuesday 10th March**, we will have a child-friendly and hands on exploration of the Sacrament of Baptism which Bishop Denis is emphasising in 'Digging Deeper' for Lent.

We will explore Confession for Families on **Tuesday 24th March** with 'story time' and introduction to confession for children, with an opportunity for the Sacrament of Confession.

Praying the Rosary as a Family will be explored on **Tuesday 31st March**. Followed by light refreshments and a chat!

All sessions take place from 7pm-8pm in Ballycane Church.



NAASPOINT

NaasPoint is a hospitality project with a difference: Each Monday, open house hospitality will be offered in Ballycane Church to all comers.... People will have a chance to meet and to learn from one another - those with skills and insights will meet people who are trying to recover dignity and regain hope.

Who comes to NaasPoint? Anyone at all can come. People who are homeless, those who would like a cup of tea or coffee, those passing by, people who might want to pass some time in a friendly environment, people who want to chat, people who want to find out about our locality, people who want to ask a question and are not sure where to go....really anyone! Please come just to support us!

What will happen? Hospitality is key but we also hope to engage with people in a real way and to find ways to offer practical support for anyone who needs direction, motivation and activation. In that context, as time goes by, we hope to invite specific groups (sports clubs, literacy projects, local amenities) to facilitate anyone who might need direction and motivation. **If you have an interest and would like to help, or need to find out more, please come along.**

Digging Deeper Living Lent - Stepping into Lent Together....

Baptism and Lent: Given the Lenten focus on baptism, in these weekly bulletins we are going to highlight some of the elements of the Rite of Baptism. We will take the Rite of Baptism for Children as our starting point while acknowledging the whole complex of Rites that make up the Rites of Christian Initiation of Adults. Baptism is the first of the sacraments of initiation which are Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist.

The Reception of the Children: What does it tell us about baptism and our faith?

The first action of the Church in the Rite of Baptism is one of **welcome**. Following the example of Jesus' own ministry, the Church welcomes the parents, families and, of course, the children for baptism. This typically takes place at the door of the church. It marks a welcome of the child not just to this sacrament but to the life of the Church itself and the sacraments of the Church. Within this welcome, parents share the **name** of their child and their commitment to sharing the gospel and their faith with them. Having declared their wish to have their child baptised, parents and godparents publicly make the **sign of the cross** on their child's forehead. This is the sign of our faith, the sign of the depth of God's love for us. It is a sign that accompanies us for the rest of our lives. How appropriate, then, that this is what we were marked with on Ash Wednesday as we set out on our journey to renew our baptism.

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Caring for our Common Home - Bringing Laudato Si to Life in our Parish Communities. Join us for a conference with dynamic *speakers*, practical exhibits, workshops and more. Wednesday 4th March in Dolmen Hotel, Carlow, 10.30am-4.30pm. This event is free and lunch is included. To register, please contact 01 629 3333. Please see posters in Churches for further details.

Table Quiz Fundraiser in aid of St Mary's College, Naas will take place on Friday 28th February at 8pm in Naas GAA Club. Tickets (€10) from Parish Office, Sallins Road and at school reception. All support greatly appreciated.

Seachtain na Gaeilge: Fáilte roimh cách ag Seachtain na Gaeilge 'sna Solláin agus i Nás na Ríogh idir 1ú agus 17ú Márta. Beidh imeachtaí ar súil do gach aois grúpa - bainigí sult astu. Sonraí agus tuilleadh eolais ar www.sultnasollan.ie.

Church gate collection in support of 4th Kildare Naas Scouts will take place this weekend, Saturday 22nd and Sunday 23rd February. Thank you for your support.

An Garrai Beag, an initiative of Kildare Down Syndrome has potted spring bulbs, lettuce, cauliflower, sprouts and some herb plants available for sale. The polytunnel will be open for the next few Tuesdays and Thursdays between 10am-3pm for anyone who would like to purchase pots.

St Mary's College Annual Transition Year Musical runs from Wednesday 4th - Friday 6th March. This year it is 'All shook up'. Tickets €12 (adult), €8 (students and senior citizens), available in school from Monday 24th February at lunchtimes only or at the door on the night.

Naas Toastmasters meeting at 8pm on Wednesday 26th February in Naas Townhouse Hotel. Guests welcome.

AGM Hazelmere Residents Association - Tuesday 25th February at 8pm in Ballycane Church, Room 1.

AGM Kildare Water Safety - Monday 24th February at 7.30pm in Townhouse Hotel, Naas.

The next Alzheimer Café evening is on Wednesday 26th February, 7pm-9pm in the Convent tea rooms at McAuley Place. The speaker for this meeting will be Kathleen Neehan and will speak on Mindfulness. All welcome.

Choral Magic Concert with HSE, St Mary's 5th Year, Kilcullen Gospel and Milis Choirs! Thursday 27th February at 8pm in the Moat Theatre. All proceeds to Friends of Naas Hospital. Tickets €10 from Moat Theatre.

Volleyball Ireland u19 Girls National Team presents The Garda Band & The Kilcullen Gospel Choir (including 5 students from St Marys School) live in concert! Thursday 19th March at 8pm in St Brigid's Church, Kill. Tickets are €10, please contact Margaret on 087 202 7550.

A Piano (average standard) is available for collection at CBS, Naas. Ideal as a decorative feature if varnished/painted. Could be useful for beginner piano players. Must provide own transportation. Contact Mary, 086 366 7458.

Brannoxtown CNS are now enrolling across all classes. Enrolment open days are Wed. 26th Feb. & Wed. 29th April, 1pm-2pm and 6pm-7pm, this is a great opportunity to visit the school & classrooms, meet the staff & parents and have your questions answered. All are welcome.

Parish Bingo continues every Tuesday night at 8.30pm sharp, in the Care of the Aged Centre, Newbridge Road.

Sports Lottery Results:

Naas: 13/02 (12-16-18-21) No Winner, Jackpot €6,700

Sallins: 17/02 (10-12-20-24) No Winner, Jackpot €7,900

PARISH FINANCES:

Sallins: Baskets: €785 Envelopes: €475

Naas: Offertory: €3205 Development Fund: €3945

Two Mile House: €685

Digging Deeper - Living Lent: Some Suggestions for the Week:

- + *Make the sign of the cross when leaving your home/passing a church/cemetery/before & after a meal*
- + *Give up social media for an evening (or more!)*
- + *Take some time to go on a walk and say a prayer along the way*
- + *Take a pause when you feel you want to give out*
- + *Give up a coffee/meal out and donate the money you saved*
- + *Support Trócaire's Lenten appeal*
- + *Do one green thing, e.g. turn off lights, recycle*

Naas Parish Weekly Lotto Draw

There was **NO WINNER** of the €6,950 Jackpot on Wednesday last, 19th February.

Numbers Drawn were: **15-2-27-21**

Lucky Dip winners of €100 each were: J. & M. Dunne, M. Sharkey, M. Deegan, B. Brady

The next draw will take place on **Wednesday 26th February 2020 at 6.30pm** in the Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane. All are welcome to attend the draw. Jackpot on the 26th February is **€7,200!**