

Parish Newsletter

28th March 2021

Palm Sunday



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Recent Events in our Parish - Feast of St. Joseph & Lenten Talks



Bishop Denis (pictured centre here) visited Naas Parish on March 19th as we celebrated the Feast Day of St Joseph.

Below is our statue of St Joseph. Thank you to our volunteers for their help with flower arranging.



Thank you to everyone who joined us online and by radio for our recent Lenten Talks series. A thank you also to our guest speakers, including Sr. Brenda Dolphin (pictured above) and Noel Shannon (pictured right).

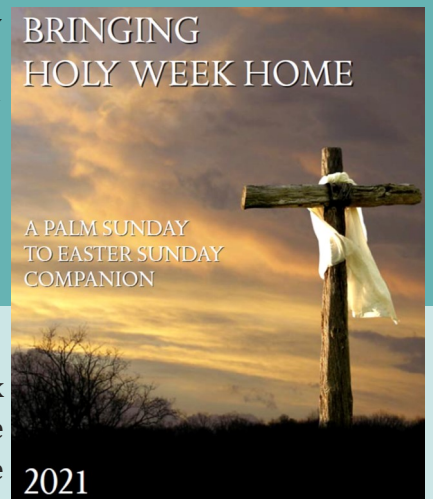


Holy Week 2021

Monday 29th	7.30pm	Chrism Mass Online	Carlow Cathedral
<i>Please join the Chrism Mass via the Kildare and Leighlin Facebook page or via iCatholic Youtube Channel. There will be video greetings from different parishes from 7.10pm.</i>			
Tuesday 30th	7.30pm	Parish Penitential Service	Naas Webcam
Holy Thursday	10am	Morning Prayer	Naas Webcam
	7.30pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper	Naas Webcam
Good Friday	10am	Morning Prayer	Naas Webcam
	12noon	Stations of the Cross	TMH Webcam
	3pm	Lord's Passion	Naas Webcam
	8pm	Prayer around the Cross	Naas Webcam
Easter Saturday	10am	Morning Prayer	Naas Webcam
	10.30am - 12noon	<i>Outdoor Confessions, OLSD (weather permitting)</i>	
Easter Saturday	8pm	Easter Vigil Mass	Naas Webcam
Easter Sunday	11am	Mass	Naas & TMH Webcams

Holy Water Bottles available to collect in the Churches from Easter Sunday.

Bringing Home Holy Week 2021: A resource for the home for Holy Week, includes scripture and a short prayer for each day and much more. Along with visits to the church, we can still celebrate Holy Week well this year in spite of the restrictions. You can find the complete resources on kandle.ie (Kildare and Leighlin Diocese). The daily resources will also be posted on the kandle Facebook and twitter pages. An extract from these resources can be found below.



A most special week...

For Christians, Holy Week is the most important week of the year. Holy Week lasts from Palm Sunday until Easter Sunday and reaches its highpoint in what we call the Easter Triduum – those three great days from the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper to Evening Prayer on Easter Sunday. Reflecting on the Scriptures and turning to ritual and symbols, Christians throughout the world, journey with Jesus through those final days of his life, his passion, his death and resurrection. In the process, we experience God's redemptive presence, our faith is deepened, our hope is renewed and our commitment to living a life of love of God and one another is strengthened.

A different way of praying as a community of faith...

Again this year, our celebrations will be very different due to the restrictions in place because of the Covid-19 Pandemic. As a Christian Community we cannot gather together in person for our usual religious services. This will not prevent us from uniting spiritually and taking time to pray, to reflect and to make this Holy Week a truly enriching experience of the presence of God in our lives.

Some suggestions for Keeping Holy Week...

- + Create a sacred space in your home for the week. It can be as simple as a candle and a bible. You can add particular symbols for given days, palm on Palm Sunday, a water bowl & towel on Holy Thursday, a cross on Good Friday, a candle and holy water for Easter Sunday
- + Take time each day for prayer: Join Mass on our Parish webcam/use the daily prayer ritual in *Bringing Holy Week Home 2021* on Kandle.ie/read the readings of the day and go out for a walk as you reflect on them
- + Visit your local parish church for some private prayer and a physical connection with your parish

A PALM ON YOUR DOOR

Palm Sunday, March 28, 2021



You are invited to place a piece of palm or any green branch on your front door to let people know it is Palm Sunday.

Together, let us begin the greatest week of the Church year.

Photos can be sent to:
Cathriona by Whatsapp to 085
1450321 or
Cathriona.Kelly@Kandle.ie

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Palm Sunday Mass Times

Church of Our Lady & St David,
Naas

6pm Vigil Mass (Saturday)

11am Sunday

Church of St Peter, Two Mile
House

11am Sunday

*Palms will be blessed at these Masses
and will be available for collection on
Sunday from OLSA, Two Mile House
and Sallins Churches.*

A Prayer on Palm Sunday...

Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week, the high point of the Church Year. Pause for a few moments to become aware of God's presence and pray:

Loving Father, with palm branches we recall when Jesus was welcomed by crowds into the city of Jerusalem.

Bless us with your Spirit as we prepare to journey through Holy Week.

May we find time to listen again to the story of the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus.

There, may we discover the love of God, which knows no bounds.

We bring with us our suffering and pain, our worry and loss and the suffering, pain, worry and loss of the whole world at this time.

May we hear proclaimed this coming Easter Day that Jesus is risen!

May we have our hope renewed in God who brings good out of bad and even life out of death.

Amen.

Glory be to the Father ..

Place the blessed Palm somewhere prominent in your home.

Candles for Easter will be available to collect in all Churches, Parishioners are invited to take a candle home with them to have for the Easter Vigil.

Envelopes for the Easter Collection for the Priests of the Parish are available in the Church Porches in Naas and Sallins. Please place your donations inside and place the envelope into the normal collection boxes in the Churches. Thank you for your continued kind support and generosity shown to us.

Congratulations and well done to three of our Pope John Paul II Awardees for this year, who participated in the making of a music video with young people from six Dioceses. Lucy Byrne, Aoife Lawlor and Chloe O'Malley recorded their sections at home, as part of their Pope John Paul II Award, and forwarded the recording to The Sisters of the Home of the Mother, in Waterford, who compiled the video. This Easter Music Project is in aid of the Mary's Meals initiative, and tells the Easter Story in a creative and joyful way. The project was launched last Thursday evening via Zoom by Bishop Denis Nulty (Kildare & Leighlin), Bishop Alphonsus Cullinan (Waterford & Lismore) and Manus McFadden (Founder of Mary's Meals). It's heartening to see that even in these times of restrictions and social distancing our young people are finding ways to reach out to others! This video can be viewed on YouTube, by searching for 'Holy Week Virtual Choir'.

PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION

PRIEST ON DUTY: 085 708 8407

PARISH WEBSITE: www.naasparish.ie

PARISH OFFICE Tel.: 045 879 730

Opening Hours: Monday to Friday 10am to 5pm

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SACRISTY OUR LADY AND ST DAVID: Tel 045 856 925

BALLYCANE OFFICE AND SACRISTY : Tel 045 895 629

Opening Hours: Monday to Friday 10am to 1pm

'NAAS PARISH' APP: DOWNLOAD FOR FREE VIA APP STORE OR PLAYSTORE/GOOGLEPLAY

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: Mr Mick Daly

Deputy Diocesan Liaison Person: Ms Michele Hughes, c/o Bishop's House, Dublin Rd, Carlow **Phone:** 085 802 1633

Safeguarding Policy displayed in all Church Porches.

PARISH FINANCES

Naas: Offertory: €1470 Development Fund: €1470

Online donations (18th - 24th March): €667

TMH: €205

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

Seamus Kavanagh, Ashgrove Avenue

Michael Dooley, Our Lady's Place

John Kehoe, Oldtown, Killashee

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE



Divine Mercy Sunday - Sunday 11th April

Normally this Feast would be celebrated in the Parish.

The preparation consists of;

- Novena of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, in the home, commencing on Good Friday, 2nd April (9 Days).
- Confession on or before the Feast.
- Holy Communion on the Feast Day (A Spiritual Communion is sufficient).
- Acts of Mercy to be performed by Deed, Word or Prayer.
- Listening to the Sermon by the Priest on Divine Mercy.

Leaflets for the Novena will be available in the Church Porches in both Ballycane and Naas.

Flowers for Easter: We would greatly welcome and appreciate donations of flowers, yellow and white, to decorate the Church of Our Lady & St David, Naas for Easter. If you could please leave them on the Sanctuary on or before Tuesday coming 30th March. Thank you.

MASS TIMES & CHURCH OPENINGS

MARCH 2021

All public masses are suspended in line with current measures from the Government. Places of worship will remain open for private prayer only. You may join us for Mass via webcam through the Naas Parish App or via naasparish.ie, from the Parish Church or from Two Mile House Church. You can also join by radio, from OLSD only, at 107.3FM.

The following Mass schedule currently applies in the *Church of Our Lady and St. David*, on the webcam:

Monday - Friday

Morning Prayer: 8am

Holy Mass: 10am

The Church opens after Mass each day, Monday to Friday, from 11am for quiet, personal prayer.

Evening Prayer: 5pm, followed by the Rosary

Weekends:

Saturday: Holy Mass 10am

Vigil Mass 6pm

Sunday: Holy Mass 11am

The following Mass schedule applies in the *Church of St. Peter*, on the webcam:

Monday - Saturday: 9.30am

Sunday: 11am

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

Mon - Fri, 10am - 6pm Ballycane Church

Sat, 12noon - 5pm Parish Church

Sun, 12noon - 6pm Parish Church

Masks must be worn in the Church at all times.

Later Church Opening Time!

The Church of Our Lady & St David will open at the later time of 1pm on Tuesday 30th March to allow for extra cleaning after Mass. Thank you for your co-operation.

Easter Mass Bouquets and Mass Cards are available to order, for delivery/post only, from the Parish Offices and Shop. *Please phone 045 879 730 (Naas) or 045 895 629 (Ballycane) for all enquiries.*

NaasPoint is a Parish sponsored organisation that works with the homeless and families who are vulnerable, disadvantaged or in need in the local area. They also provide a telephone service offering friendship and support to those who live alone or are isolating. To get in touch with them, please contact us on 045 879 730.