

Parish Newsletter

21st July 2024

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

No: 1955, Summer Edition



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The Gift of Silence...

In 1991, we moved house to the west coast of Ireland, to a two-storey thatched house at the end of a boreen leading to an inlet of Galway Bay. Negotiating that boreen was quite a task for the driver of the removals truck but he managed it - literally by inching his way along. He jumped out of the cab and surveyed the (to me) idyllic scene on a bright July morning. There was a long pause. 'Aye,' he sighed eventually. 'It's a grand place alright - if you could stand the quiet!' He was a true 'Dub' - a city man, who felt ill at ease at the lack of traffic noise, people chatter, all the normal bustle of city life. The occasional calling of a seabird or lowing of a cow were a poor substitute.

There was too much 'quiet'.

His comment has stayed with me over the years. How uncomfortable we can be with stillness. Why do we fear silence, when - as John O'Donohue reminds us - it is 'the sister of the divine', helping us to unveil the riches of solitude?

He quotes his great mentor Meister Eckhart who said that

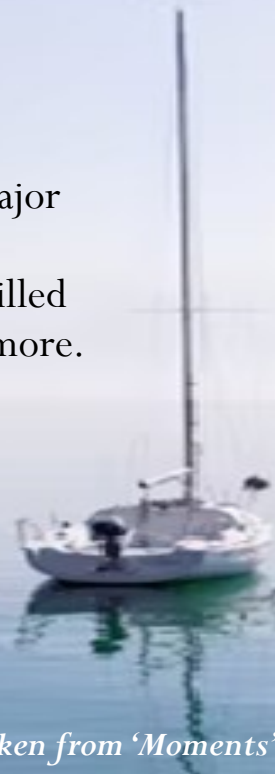
*'there is nothing in the world that resembles
God as much as silence'.*

The French philosopher Pascal claimed that many of our major problems derive from our inability to sit still in a room.

Modern life often insists that silence is space that must be filled with clamour, music, noise. We need to embrace stillness more.

Our own writer/philosopher John McGahern claimed that

*'the best of life is lived quietly,
where nothing happens
but our calm journey through the day,
where change is imperceptible and
the precious life is everything.'*



taken from 'Moments' by John Quinn.

SALLINS CHURCH UPDATE

All going well, and working with the suppliers, we plan on laying the new carpet in Sallins Church starting on Monday 26th August. This will involve the complete closure of the Church and we hope to have the work completed within the working week.

As a result, there will be no Confessions in the Church that week (Thursday 29th August) and it will not be possible to celebrate any Funerals from Monday 26th August until Friday 30th August. Funerals will take place in one of the Naas Churches instead.

PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION

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SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN PARISH REPRESENTATIVES

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Diocesan Designated Liaison Person: Ailish Higgins

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c/o Bishop's House, Carlow **Phone:** 085 802 1633

Safeguarding Policy is displayed in all Church Porches.

Annual Cemetery Mass

Two Mile House- Sunday 21st July, 10am

This will replace the usual 10am Mass.

Afterwards there will be refreshments available
at TMH School hosted by TMH ICA.

All are Welcome



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

David (Dave) Smyth, Lakelands

MAY HE REST IN PEACE

PARISH FINANCES

Naas: Development Fund: €3,203 Offertory: €2,675

Online donations (11th - 17th July): €143

Tap & Go (11th - 17th July): €675

Sallins: Envelopes: €270 Baskets: €555

TMH: €530

Catholic Grandparents Association Pilgrimage to Knock



**Sunday, 28th July - World Day for
Grandparents & Older People**

Archbishop Luis Mariano Montemayor,
Papal Nuncio of Ireland will lead the pilgrimage:
Anointing of the sick takes place at 2.30pm in the
Basilica then **Mass and Rosary.**
All are welcome to attend.

Recent Baptisms

Noah Lukaszewicz, Whitethorn Place

Ari Garvey, Monread Gardens

Fiadh Mahon, Hollywood Park

Aoileann Donnelly, Sallins

Billy Shirley, Millbridge

Cadhla Carton, Oldtown Way

Askea Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes

18th - 22nd August 2024 Cost €965.00 p/p sharing a
twin/double room. For further information,
contact Tully's Travel, Carlow 059 9136100.

Pope's intention for July: We pray that
the Sacrament of the **Anointing
of the Sick** confer on those who
receive it and their loved ones
the power of the Lord and
become ever more a visible sign
of compassion and hope for all.



Our Lady's Island Annual Pilgrimage

Will take place on Sunday 28th July. Bus €25.

Departing from Our Lady & St. David's
Church, Sallins Road at 11.15am.

*For Bookings please call Maureen -
087 2077044 or John - 086 8563773*

St. Joseph's Young Priests Society



Kildare 3 day Lough Derg Pilgrimage

Thurs. 15th August. Pick up from Naas and Sallins.

For bookings ring Joe 0873815887 or email Deirdre:

deirdregleeson@medwise.ie

All are very welcome



Wallet found on Blessington Road - contact Parish
Office, Sallins Road.

Naas Parish Weekly Lotto Draw

There was no winner of the €6,300 on 17th July

Numbers Drawn on were: 27-19-6-10

Lucky Dip: K. Abrook, S. McNamara, Anon., S. Treacy

You could win the Jackpot of €6,550 on Weds 24th July

Thank you for your support!