

Parish Newsletter



**Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
12th February 2017.**

No 1587

Matthew:5: 17-37

Happy St. Valentine's Day



Valentine was a priest who lived and worked in Rome in the 3rd Century A.D. The Roman Emperor at the time, Claudius, forbade young men to marry because he believed that single men made better soldiers. Valentine however, was more concerned about the care of the person and so he secretly married young couples.

Unfortunately, Valentine's caring and generous Spirit resulted in his arrest. Legend holds that during his imprisonment, Valentine sent messages to remind each of them how much he loved and cared about them. Whilst in prison Valentine experienced much torture and was later put to death. In honour of this brave and loving person, people remember and honour Valentine by sending cards and gifts expressions of our deep love for those near and dear to us.

Today's Gospel is also about love, the love of God for his people manifest in the coming of his Son, Jesus the Messiah.



"I have not come to abolish the Law and the prophets but to fulfil them" (Matt.5:17).

By impressing upon the disciples that his mission is to fulfil the Law, Jesus teaches the need to form our hearts in the Law and in the love of God and neighbour. It is not enough for us to simply follow the Law. Instead we are asked to go beyond what it asks reaching out to others through the grace of the Holy Spirit and the love of God the Father. Christ's sacrificial, selfless, and unconditional love for each one of us is the love that we as Christians are called to express in our own lives. 'This is my commandment: love one another as I have loved you' (John 15:12). Such love lies at the heart of our Christian belief, we call it *caritas* (loving-kindness, charity). May our daily lives be opportunities to explore the power of this great love.

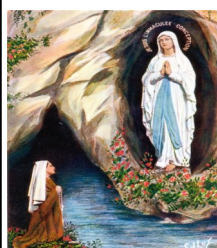
Bringing Holy Communion to the Sick and Housebound.



Training for new Ministers of the Eucharist to include training for those who would distribute Holy Communion in the Church and who would like to bring Holy Communion to the sick/housebound takes place on **Saturday coming 18th February from 10am to 12.30pm** in the **Foyer of the Church of the Irish Martyr's Ballycane.**

This course would also be suitable for Parish/Community members who may have sick/housebound relatives who would like to receive Holy Communion on a Sunday.

Inaugural Kildare & Leighlin Diocesan Pilgrimage To Lourdes, led by Bishop Denis Nulty.



This is a unique opportunity to travel as a Diocese on pilgrimage with Bishop Denis Nulty as our leader and spiritual guide. It will be a time when, as a Diocese, we can come together with our Bishop and with people drawn from every Parish. The Pilgrimage takes place on 16th July for 5 nights at a cost of €719 per person sharing, full board in Hotel Jeanne D'Arc. The pilgrimage is being organised in conjunction with Joe Walsh Tours. Booking Forms now available from the Parish Office, Sallins Road.

PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION

PRIEST ON DUTY: 085 708 8407

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NAAS AND SALLINS PARISH OFFICE Tel 879730 Fax 894287

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Naas email naasparishoffice@gmail.com

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BALLYCANE OFFICE AND SACRISTY : Tel 895629

Opening Hours: Monday to Friday 10am to 1pm

PARISH TEAM

FR. LIAM MORGAN Sallins Road 087 1337879

FR. JOE O'NEILL Sundays Well 045 876197

FR MICHAEL FLATTERY SALLINS ROAD 045 897703

FR ALEX KOCHATT LAKELANDS 045 898684

DN. FERGA O'NEILL Parish Deacon 086 3816133

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN PARISH REPRESENTATIVES

Naas: Andrew Fagan and Geraldine Faherty

Sallins: Keith Murphy

Two Mile House: Mary Valentine

They can be contacted through the Parish Office, Sallins Road, Naas. Phone 045 879730.

*"Be holy, for I, the LORD your God, am holy."
Is your vocation to holiness to be lived out as
a priest "contact: Fr. Ruairi O'Domhnaill. Email
vocations@kandle.ie: www.kandlepriest.com*

FEAST AND MEMORIAL DAYS FOR THE COMING WEEK:

Tuesday 14th: Ss Cyril. monk and bishop

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

Naas:

Josephine Ryan, Our Lady's Place

MAY SHE REST IN PEACE



RECENT BAPTISMS

Naas:

Millie Bohan, Mountain View

Alannah O'Rafferty, Racecourse Gate

Sallins:

Eliana Carmel Crowley, St Brigid's Terrace

Eva Rose Faye Collins, Sherlockstown

Orlagh Bríd Warren, Castlesize Lane

Olivia Grace O'Meara, Osberstown



MASS TIMES

CHURCH OF OUR LADY AND ST. DAVID , SALLINS ROAD

WEEKDAYS: Mon-Fri 7.30am and 10am , Sat 10am

SUNDAYS: Sat Vigil 6pm Sun 9am, 11am and 6pm

CHURCH OF THE IRISH MARTYRS, BALLYCANE

WEEKDAYS: Mon, Wed and Fri 7.30pm

SUNDAYS: Sat Vigil 7.30pm Sun 10.30am, 12noon

CHURCH OF OUR LADY AND THE GUARDIAN ANGELS, SALLINS

WEEKDAYS: Tuesday and FRIDAY 10am

SUNDAYS: Sat Vigil 6.30pm Sun 10am and 12noon

CHURCH OF ST. PETER, TWO MILE HOUSE

WEEKDAYS: Friday 7pm

SUNDAYS: 11am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

CHURCH OF OUR LADY AND ST. DAVID , SALLINS ROAD

Every First Friday before and after the 10am Mass
Every Saturday after the 10am Mass.

Robyn-Rhae Penny Fitzpatrick, Osberstown Cottages
Kit Aidan O'Brien, Sallins Park

For those requesting the Sacrament of Baptism two weeks notice is required. Further details of Baptisms in Naas, Sallins and Two Mile House Parish at www.naasparish.ie/sacraments/baptism.

NAAS PARISH NEWS

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT - *'The Catholic Parish of Naas, in Communion with Christ and with one another and guided by the teaching of the Second Vatican Council, endeavours to welcome, serve and nourish the whole community.'*

St Joseph's Young Priests Society next meeting takes place tomorrow, Monday 13th February at 8pm in the Parish Centre at the Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane. Adoration from 8pm to 9.30pm.

Apostolic Work Society next meeting takes place on Tuesday coming 14th February at 7pm in the Community Centre, Sallins Road. New members always welcome.

St Pio Prayer Group next meeting on Wednesday coming 15th at 7.10pm at the Church of The Irish Martyrs, Ballycane. All most welcome.

Mothers Prayers at the Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane on Wednesdays at 8.15pm.

Novena in Honour of the Holy Face starts on Monday 20th February, taking place before the 7.30am and 10am Masses in OLSD Church and concluding on Tuesday 28th (Shrove Tuesday), which is the Feast Day of the Holy Face.

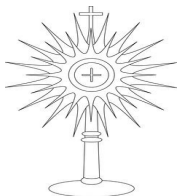
Eucharistic Adoration at the Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane.

Monday and Tuesday 10am to 7pm.

Wednesday 10am to 5pm and resumes at 8pm. T

Thursday 10am to 7pm.

Friday 10am to 7pm.



Car Park Change of Code. With effect from Wednesday 1st March the present Barrier Code will **no** longer be operative. The Church Car Park is for the sole use of Parishioners attending Mass, Funerals and all other Church Services.

Ecumenical Service. The Rotary Club of Naas is holding an Ecumenical Service on Thursday coming 16th February at 7.30pm in St. David's Church, Main St (Beside Donals). The event remembers all those names placed on the Rotary Christmas Remembrance Tree at Tesco's and all members of the Community who wish to remember friends or family who have passed away. The Club members would be delighted to see you there. All are welcome. **The Rotary Club is proud to support 'The Peter McVerry Trust' and Thank You for your continued support.**

Booking Anniversary Masses; In order to make sure names are included for Anniversary Masses we kindly ask that people would contact the Parish Office Sallins Road or the Ballycane Office at their earliest convenience (at least a week in advance).

Plainspeakers Toatmasters Looking for some enjoyable entertainment while building up your self esteem and communication skills? If so join us in Naas Town Hall tomorrow Monday 13th at 8pm. Visit our website on www.plainspeakers.com.

'Naas Carpe Diem Walkers' is a walking group for anyone who would like to get into a regular morning walking habit, improve your health and fitness or simply meet new people. The group meet at the Church of Our Lady and St. David, at 7.30am, Monday to Friday, for a 50 minute loop walk around Naas. More details from Elaine on 0876102428 or Kathrina on 0877473233.

Parish Office is now open on Saturday from **10am to 1pm** to facilitate with Mass Cards, **only**.

Vincent de Paul Naas; helpline number 045 897306.

SALLINS NOTICE

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Tuesday coming, 14th February from 10.30am to 11am.

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

Umbra Clothing Collection on behalf of Fr. Nicholas Ngulutu of St Joseph's Parish, Kavisuni, Kenya. Collection on Tuesday 21st February before 12noon at Sallins Church grounds.

Sallins 43rd Annual Pilgrimage to Lourdes in conjunction with the Diocesan Pilgrimage, from 16th to 23rd July..... 7 nights full board in Hotel Jeanne D'Arc. Cost €819, deposit €200 required at time of booking. For bookings phone Rita Fanning on 086 0834807 or 087 6535112. Spiritual Director Fr. Alex.



Vincent de Paul Helpline number is 085 7052294.

TWO MILE HOUSE PARISH NEWS

Weekday morning Mass suspended until Monday 27th February at 9.15am.

GENERAL NOTICES

Parish Finances:

Sallins: Baskets: € 630 Envelopes: € 350

Naas: Offertory: €3,300 Development €3,330

Two Mile House: € 630

Sports Lottery Results:

Naas: 2/2 (5-7-17-19), No winner, Jackpot €4,750

Sallins: 6/2 (1-2-30) No winner, Jackpot €2,350

Parish Pilgrimage to Medjugorje takes place from Wednesday 31st May for seven nights. Cost is €669. To book phone John at 086 8563773 or directly to Marian Pilgrimages at 01 8788159. Spiritual Director Fr. Liam Morgan.



Meeting of Returned Overseas Volunteers and Lay Missionaries. Have you ever volunteered overseas in any kind of profession or have worked as a lay missionary in Africa, Asia or South America? Would you like to meet up with like-minded people? Join us for a special meeting on Thursday coming 16th February at 7.30pm at the Church of the Irish Martyr, Ballycane. For more information email Jim at jim.farrell@amri.ie or phone/text 083 8422468.

Found Lady's Silver Chain with 'Celtic Cross', outside a house in Patrician Avenue, Friday 3rd February, owner can contact the Parish Office, Sallins Road on 879730.

Naas Parish Lotto Draw

€2,250 that's the Jackpot in the Next Draw on Wednesday coming 15th February.

There was **No Winner**, of the Jackpot on Wednesday last 8th February:

Numbers drawn were :27 —10—26—16.

Four Lucky Dip Winners of €100 each: Gerry & Breda Goode, Andy Wall, Jean Fitzpatrick, BIJU Thomas

We have increased our "Lucky Dip" prizes to €100, if the Jackpot is not won.

If you think you could even sell a couple of tickets, on a weekly basis, to your friends, family or neighbours please contact the Parish Office, Sallins Road, or the draw Office at the Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane, or from the Promoter in your area. Further information can be had from the Draw Secretary on 086 1635994.

Tickets cost €2 each, or an Annual Membership costing €90. You can also pay by Standing Order where €8 per month will be deducted from your bank account. For further Information you contact either of the Parish Offices or the Draw Secretary.

Tickets can also be purchased from the following outlets:- Menswear, Londis, Nolans Butchers, Barker & Jones, Stationery Store, Veritas, The Soda Bread Shop, Gouldings Hardware and Swans on the Green. Remember you can join the Lotto anytime.

If you would like to join the Parish Lotto Draw or renew your Annual Subscription please complete your details below and return it to any of the Priests, The Parish Office Sallins Road or Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane.

If you're not in you can't win!!

Name: _____

Address: _____

Contact Number: _____ Mobile: _____

Email: _____



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Naas Parish Bingo takes place every Tuesday night at 8.30pm sharp in the Care of the Aged Centre, Newbridge Road, with *BIGGER* Prizes and Jackpot. All welcome. Parish Lotto Tickets also on Sale every Tuesday night at Bingo.

"GALA CONCERT" This is a Fundraising Concert in support of McAuley Place featuring, The 'Baldonnell Singers' with 'Tenor Paul Linehan' and the 'Nás na Rí Singers' and takes place on Saturday 25th March at 8pm in the Church of Our Lady and St David, Sallins Road Naas. Tickets €20, on sale from the Parish Office, Sallins Road.

A special Pilgrimage to New York from Knock from 8th to 14th May. Knock Shrine will lead this historic pilgrimage to New York. Flight-only tickets are now available, price €599 (incl. taxes and charges) direct from Ireland West Airport. Full packages also available which include flights, accommodation and itinerary. Contact Joe Walsh Tours for more information (01) 241 0800 or email: bronwyn.clinton@joewalshtours.ie

Is someone's drinking affecting your life? Al-Anon can help. Meetings every Monday night at 8.15pm in Parish Centre, Ballycane (Tuesday on Bank Holiday). Also on Wednesdays at 8.30pm in Parish Centre, Newbridge.

Cenacle Youth Retreat from Friday 24th to Sunday 26th February, cost of weekend €120, full board, staying at La Verna retreat House, Rossnowlagh, Co. Donegal. For bookings contact David Walshe at 087 3858155 or email mmridavid@gmail.com

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Thought for the Week:



A hug's a way to share the joy and the sad times we go through
Or just a way for friends to say they like You cause you're you.