

Parish Newsletter



**Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
19th February 2017.**

No 1588

Matthew:5: 38-48

GOD'S WAY IS PERFECT

The message in today's Gospel is a challenging one. Here Jesus is addressing the poor among his followers, those who have been persecuted for their faith and have little now by way of material things. He is asking them not to seek retaliation but instead to strive to be more like God, loving those who make life difficult for them.

It is not easy to love those who harm and shame us, it requires prayer. This is why the Lord's Prayer which we all know and recite regularly has such a powerful message for us. Loving, praying for, and forgiving one's enemy is an extension of Jesus' broader teaching about the perfection of God. Showing mercy to those who have wronged us is crucial in receiving God's forgiveness in turn.

Mahatma Gandhi, the great Indian civil rights leader, was very impressed with Jesus and in particular his teaching in the Sermon on the Mount. He tried to incorporate the wisdom of Jesus into his own life by asking his followers to adapt passive resistance in their struggle for independence. This was no easy task but one which he felt was the best possible way to bring about meaningful change in the world in which we all live.

The weak can never forgive. Forgiveness is the attribute of the strong.
(Mahatma Gandhi)



Preparation for Easter

An invitation to join with Sr. Peggy for Scripture Reflection on the Tuesday Mornings of Lent after 10am Mass in the Parochial House, beginning on Tuesday 28th February, **Please note venue** (next to Parish Office).

'Lent is a time to take stock and reflect, to enter more deeply into the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. Lent is about what you do'.....

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, a €200 deposit required at time of booking. 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.

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.

PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION

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SACRISTY OUR LADY AND ST DAVID: Tel 856925

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Opening Hours: Monday to Friday 10am to 1pm

PARISH TEAM

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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:*

FEAST AND MEMORIAL DAYS FOR THE COMING WEEK:

Wednesday 22nd: The Chair of St Peter

RECENT BAPTISMS

Naas:

Megan Grace Brennan, Church Court

Mia Sophie Delaney, Alder Grove

Hugh Patrick O'Riordan, Jigginstown Park

Jordan Jack Murphy, Castlesize Vale

Tadhg Cathal O'Brien, Sundays Well

Mia Stephanie Balea, Hunterswood

Max Joseph Kennedy, Oakglade

Ollie Kenneth Moran, The Waterways

Charlie Kevin Dorney, 197 Monread Heights

Elliot Thomas Dowling, Dan Diego/Cherry Grove

Two Mile House:

Oisín Ailbe Treacy, Mullacash



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.

Scott William Hackett, Morell Close

Conor Martin Ryan, New Caragh Court

Juno Rea Fitzgerald, Athgarvan

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.*

Novena in Honour of the Holy Face starts tomorrow Monday 20th February, 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.

Divine Mercy Prayer Group takes place immediately after 7.30pm Mass in the Irish Martyrs Church, Ballycane, Wednesday coming 22nd. All welcome.

Nás na Ríogh ICA Guild next meeting tomorrow Monday 20th February at 8pm in Naas Community Centre, (behind McAuley Place). New members are always welcome. Contact Mary on 086 1552145 or Maureen on 086 8232113 for further information.

Plainspeakers Toastmasters will host a 'Tall Tales' contest. The contest takes place on Monday 20th at 8pm sharp in Naas Town Hall. A very entertaining night is assured. All are welcome.

Naas Active Retirement Association members only on Wednesday coming 22nd February at 2pm in Naas Community Centre, Sallins Road.

Naas Musical Society presents '**Some like it Hot**' the hilarious musical version of the Marilyn Monroe Film, from Saturday 4th to Friday 10th March, nightly at 8pm, in the Moat Theatre, with a special family show on Sunday 5th at 6.30pm. For tickets phone the Moat at 883030. Concessions for Senior Citizens on Tuesday 7th.

Naas Community Men's Shed would like to thank all who supported their recent Church Street collection. The group meet every Monday, Wednesday and Saturday from 10am to 1pm; Wednesday (Card Night) from 8pm; location at Rathasker Road (turn at Flemings bicycle shop). For more details phone Sean 087 2971015. New members most welcome.

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

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, 21st February from 10.30am to 11am.

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

St Vincent de Paul shop, Sallins urgently require donations of reusable Clothes, bric a Brac, curtains and small pieces of furniture. Drop your unwanted items into the shop at the Waterways, Sallins

Vincent de Paul Helpline number is 085 7052294.

Umbra Clothing Collection on behalf of Fr. Nicholas Ngulutu of St Joseph's Parish, Kavisuni, Kenya. on Tuesday coming 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.



TWO MILE HOUSE PARISH NEWS

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

GENERAL NOTICES

Parish Finances:

Sallins: Baskets: € 639 Envelopes: € 400
Naas: Offertory: €3,575 Development €3,675
Two Mile House: € 640

Sports Lottery Results:

Naas: 9/2 (11-15-17-26), No winner, Jackpot €5,050
Sallins: 13/2 (2-3-9) No winner, Jackpot €2,500

26th Divine Mercy National Conference is taking place on Saturday/Sunday 25th/26th February in Main Hall RDS, Ballsbridge. For group bookings or enquiries phone: 086/0669203.

The Annual Memorial Mass for Deceased Civilian Employees of the Defence Forces including the Curragh Camp, Devoy Barracks Naas, Magee Barracks Kildare and Coolmoney Camp will take place on Friday 3rd March at 10am in St. Brigids Church, the Curragh Camp. Relatives and friends of the deceased are invited to attend. Refreshments will be available after Mass in McDonagh Catering Centre until 12 noon.

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.

Table Quiz in support of Naas student Laura Hession who will be travelling to Uganda with UCD Volunteers Overseas for a 4 week project this coming June. The Quiz takes place on Wednesday coming 22nd February at 8pm in Kavanagh's Pub. Great spot prizes on the night, "*please come along and support and have a bit of fun*".

"GALA CONCERT" The Baldonnel Singers with 'Tenor Paul Linehan' and The Nás na Rí Singers are coming together for the first time ever to raise much needed funds for the new 'Health through Learning Centre' at McAuley Place. The concert will take place in the splendid setting of the Church of Our Lady and St. David, Sallins Road on Saturday 25th March at 8pm and is guaranteed to be a magnificent night of song for all music lovers. Tickets €20, on sale from the Parish office Sallins Road or McAuley Place, phone 883599.

Naas Parish Lotto Draw

€2,500 that's the Jackpot in the Next Draw on Wednesday coming 22nd February.

There was **No Winner**, of the Jackpot on Wednesday last 15th February:

Numbers drawn were :13 —7—6—15.

Four Lucky Dip Winners of €100 each: Bernie Toner, Breda Pitt, June Quinn, Lilian Meagher

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: _____

Please choose four numbers between 1 and 28 (inclusive) and write them in the boxes



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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.

Are you in your 40s???? The Dublin 40somethings organise spiritual and social events for people in their 40s in and around Dublin who have a Catholic ethos. You are invited to come along and get involved. The next monthly gathering will take place on Friday 3rd March at 8.30pm in the Trinity City Hotel, Pease Street. Come along or phone 087 7608268 or email dublin40somethings@gmail.com

Bereaved? Need to Talk? Want to Talk? Qualified counsellors are available every Thursday Night in the Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane from 8pm to 9.30pm. For further information phone 045 895629 or 086 8554852. This is a free, confidential and non denominational service.

Prosperous Dramatic Society presents 'The play about the baby' written by Edward Albee and directed by Lurlene Duggan in Prosperous Theatre on 24th, 25th and 26th of February at 8.30pm. For bookings text 085 1615590

Lost pair of Lady's glasses (purple rimmed, Morgan brand) on Main Street on Wednesday 15th February, if found please phone 086 8395295.

Thought for the Week:

***I Thank God for
protecting me from what I thought I wanted
And Blessing me with what I didn't know
I needed.***

