

Parish Newsletter

**Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time
19th June 2016**

No 1551

Luke 9: 18-24



It probably comes as no surprise to you, but society appears to have become more self-focused and more tuned in to “me” time. This is certainly made obvious by the minute to minute updates posted on the various social media platforms. This is the era of me-focused social media; people check their pages or sites multiple times a day from their laptop, smart phone or other mobile device. On most occasions we are curious to see what others think of our ideas, our latest outfit or love interest! We are, above all, curious to know “Who do others say I am?”... Am I conforming as they wish?

Do I live up to their standards? Am I comfortable with criticism? Can I deal with being different? Do I take pride in revealing how wonderful others think I am?

The goal for many now in their use of social media becomes how they can curry acceptance, popularity, status, and by extension, self-esteem through their profiles and postings. Self-awareness and self-expression give way to impression management and self-promotion.

The question that Jesus poses at the heart of today's Gospel is the very one that has taken root in many hearts; “Who do you say that I am?” Jesus was not asking it for any vain reason. He was asking it to bring about an act of faith in the hearts of his followers. We need to stop and think: What would Jesus say to us if we were to ask Him

“Who do you say that I am?” Perhaps we should take it as an exercise in meditation; close our eyes and listen to the honest answers He gives. Our first reaction to this proposal might be one of apprehension but if it is honestly entertained it will bring us back to the core of our beings because Jesus knows us better than we know ourselves.

The answers are already in the scriptures. There we are described as children of God, precious to Him, unique, made in His image, His masterpiece ... the one for whom He has infinite love. The one He waits for, the one He calls.

The one He has set free and does not condemn. Perhaps we should listen more to what God thinks about us rather than what social media impresses upon us. Perhaps we should believe what God thinks about us and form our self-identity on the basis that He, the Christ, the Son of the Living God, came into the world to save us, so that where He is we too might be.

Parish Family Race Evening

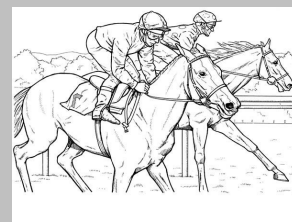
(Naas, Sallins and Two Mile House Parishes)

A Summers' evening of fun at the Races for all the family has been made possible for us through the kind assistance of the Management and Staff at Naas Racecourse.

This Parish Fundraiser Race Meeting takes place on the evening of Wednesday 20th July....this is the evening Racing Fixture for July.

Tickets are available from the Parish Office, Sallins Road at €15 each. Also Corporate Tickets at €50 each, which covers Admission Fee, Race Card and a 3 Course Meal. Children are Free.

Race Sponsorship also available. If you are interested phone Tom on 087 2335206.



PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION

PRIEST ON DUTY: 085 708 8407

PARISH WEBSITE: www.naasparish.ie

NAAS AND SALLINS PARISH OFFICE Tel 879730 Fax 894287

Opening Hours: Monday to Friday 10am to 5pm

Naas eMail naasparishoffice@gmail.com

Sallins eMail sallinsparishoffice@gmail.com

SACRISTY OUR LADY AND ST DAVID: Tel 856925

BALLYCANE OFFICE AND SACRISTY : Tel 895629

Opening Hours: Monday to Friday 10am to 1pm

PARISH TEAM

FR. LIAM MORGAN Sallins Road 949576

FR. JOE O'NEILL Sundays Well 898866

FR. MICHAEL FLATTERY Sallins Road 949576

DN. FERGA O'NEILL Parish Deacon 086 3816133

MS. MAIREAD D'ARCY Pastoral Assistant 897134

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN PARISH REPRESENTATIVES

Naas: Andrew Fagan and Geraldine Faherty

Two Mile House: Anita Comer Julian

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

FEAST AND MEMORIAL DAYS FOR THE COMING WEEK:

Monday 20th: The Irish Martyrs

RECENT BAPTISMS

Naas:

Conor Thomas Nolan, Hollywood Park

Doireann Mary Tighe, Aylmer Park

Quinn Francis Cleary, Maryfield Court

John Philip McCoy, Rathasker Heighs

Ava Lily O'Moore, Esmondale

Gabriela Gama Barreto, Morell Green

Two Mile House:

James Patrick Kennelly, Mylerstown Stud

Emma Sam Murphy, Brenmarin Lodge

Katelyn Teresa Bolger, Clondalkin

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.

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'.*



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

NAAS PARISH NEWS

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

Naas:

Sheila Powell, Brook Court

Paddy Dunne, St. Martins Avenue



MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

St Joseph's Young Priest Society

Annual Pilgrimage to Knock takes place on Saturday coming, 25th June. Bus from Naas €20, return.

For bookings phone: Peggy 879526; Maureen 087 2077044; Pat 086 2314578; John 086 8563773

Summer Collection for the Priests of the Parish will take place at all Masses next weekend, Saturday 25th and Sunday 26th June.

Nás na Ríogh ICA Guild next meeting tomorrow Monday 20th June 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.

Kingsfurze Estate Annual Open Air Mass will take place on Friday 24th June at 7.30pm. All welcome.

Mothers Prayers at the Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane on Wednesday's at 8.15pm.

Cemetery Mass at St. Corbans Cemetery will take place on Wednesday 17th August at 7.30pm. There will be **No evening Mass** in Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane, in this evening.

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).

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

Naas Tidy Towns a special request from the Tidy Towns Committee to all Business, Sports Clubs and Residence Associations. In the interest of reaching, yet again, our goal of our '3rd Year Medal' in this years Tidy Towns Competition and in acknowledgement of our volunteers, continuous hard work we would ask you to be aware of any unnecessary signage displayed and keep your patch clean and tidy at your business, club, estates, etc, as we use *TO DO IN THE OLDEDN DAY!!*

Thank You (A) Touch Ireland Charity sincerely thank all who contributed to '**Touch**' recent cake sale at Ballycane Church which raised €1,279. All the money raised will go towards the building of a 3 class room school in Kalunda, Zambia
(B) On behalf of Eoin and The O'Brien Family, Lakelands, they sincerely thank all for the very generous donations received during their recent coffee morning which raised €1,045, which has been forwarded to the ME Association.

SALLINS NOTICE

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is suspended for the Summer Months.

Sallins Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes group will travel on Friday coming, 24th June. We wish them all safe travel and a spiritual journey.

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Cemetery Mass at Bodinstown will take place on **Sunday, 3rd July at 12noon.** Please note there will be **No** 12noon Mass in the Church on this day.

Table Quiz: The 23rd Kildare Sallins Scouts Group are holding a Table Quiz on Thursday coming 23rd June at 8.30pm in the Bridgewater Inn, Sallins.

St Vincent de Paul Shop, at Waterways Sallins are looking for donations of small pieces of furniture, reusable curtains, bedclothes, clothes, bric a brac.

TWO MILE HOUSE

'Mass at the Bush' in Cowley's Field (weather permitting) to-day Sunday 19th June at 11am.

Weekday Mass at 9.15am Monday to Thursday at St. Peter's Church Two Mile House.

Cemetery Sunday at Two Mile House will take place at 11am on Sunday, 3rd July.

GENERAL NOTICES

Parish Finances:

Sallins: Baskets: €540 Envelopes: € 290
Naas: Offertory: €3,515 Development €3,000
Two Mile House: €1,113

Sports Lottery Results:

Naas: 9/6 (4-5-9-27) No winner, Jackpot €1,450
Sallins: 13/6 (39-23-14) No winner, Jackpot €3,100
Splotto: No Results available.

Naas Parish Bingo continues on Tuesday nights at 8.30pm sharp in the Care of the Aged Centre, Newbridge Road with *Bigger* Prizes and Jackpot. All most welcome.



'Medleys For Michael' Eadestown Choir are happy to announce a fundraising evening of music and song, featuring Patrick Hyland, and guests on Thursday coming 23rd June at 8pm, in Eadestown Church. This is a fundraising event with proceeds going to the Friends of Michael Mullan fund. Tickets from the Choir, Barker and Jones and McAuley Place.

Midsummer Arts Festival Naas and Sallins on Friday and Saturday coming 24th/25th June. This is the beginning of a new annual event sponsored by Kildare Co. Council and Partner Sponsors. The programme includes an abundance of events for all the family to enjoy, so pick up a copy of the events programme in lots of the shops in town. "We hope you get involved and enjoy" See the website midsummerartsfestival.ie for more information.

Naas No Name Club. Volunteers Needed. No Name Clubs are run by and for young people aged 15 -18 years, who come together in a safe and lively environment where there's fun, friendship and enjoyment without the pressure of alcohol or other drugs. We are currently seeking Adult Volunteer Leaders to help establish a No Name Club in Naas Town. If you are interested in helping set up a new youth club for your area, please attend our first meeting of volunteers on Wednesday 29th June in the Naas Community Centre, Sallins Road, at 8pm. Contact Bryan on 059 6400299 for more details.

You Could Win €8,250

**On this Wednesday coming, 22nd June in Naas Parish Lotto Draw
Simply Buy A €2 Ticket And It Could Be You**

There was no winner of the Jackpot on Wednesday 15th June; numbers drawn were: 26-7-13-12.

Tickets are available from the Parish Office, Sallins Road, or at The Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane. Lotto Envelopes are also available in the Church Porches, simply complete and drop it into the Parish office before the weekly draw. Tickets can also be purchased from various outlets throughout the town

**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: 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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**Monastic Experience 'Poor Clare Monastery',
Carlow**, Open Day on Saturday coming 25th June
from 11am to 5pm. Visit
www.pooreclarescarlow.ie

Second-Hand Book Sale buy and sell second-hand
Secondary School books and uniforms
on Saturday 9th July at 2pm, at Naas Community
Church, Millbrook (beside CBS school). Donations
of current books/uniforms accepted in advance at
St. Vincent de Paul shop, Naas and sold on behalf
of SVP. Sellers can book a table for €10 to sell
their own books. Sellers fees donated to SVP.
Free parking. Contacts: office@naaschurch.ie or
phone 086 8514265, www.naaschurch.ie

Kildare Suicide Bereavement Support Group
(K.S.B.S.G.) is a Voluntary Group, founded in
1997. We offer a free, one to one, confidential
counselling service for people bereaved by or
contemplating suicide.

- * No waiting lists; * No referrals are necessary;
- * No donations required; * No one is turned away

**There is a walk-in service every Thursday night
in the Parish Centre in Ballycane from 8pm to
9.30pm or appointments can be made by
phoning 045 895629 or 086 8554852**

Bereaved? Need to Talk? Want to talk?

Four Seasons of Classical Music Summer Concert on
Saturday coming 25th June in McAuley Place.
Tickets on sale at reception, phone 897833.

Lough Derg 3 Day Pilgrimage from 1st to 3rd July.
Contact Michael Sammon on 087 6697902.

Youth 2000 Summer Festival in Cistercian College
from Thursday 7th—Sunday 10th July 2016. For
young people aged 16-35, an opportunity not to be
missed to experience the Catholic Faith and meet
many new people from all corners of Ireland. To
book online www.youth2000.ie or ph 01 6753690.

Year of Mercy San Giovanni/Assisi Pilgrimage—
Offally/Kildare Group led by Fr. Sean Crowley on
30th September for 6 nights, ex Dublin. Price €919
per person sharing.....payment can be made in
instalments. For more details phone James Treacy
on 061 921470 or 086 0572216.

