

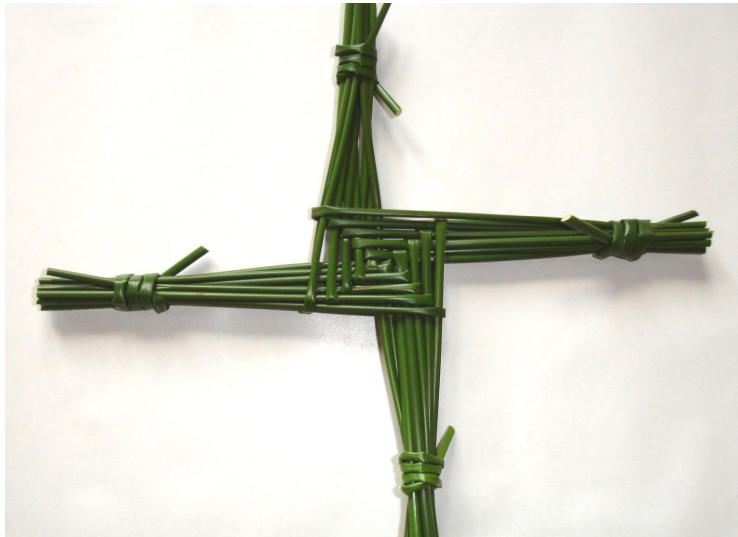
Parish Newsletter

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

31st January 2016

No 1531

Luke 4: 21-30



St Brigid's Day - 1st February

According to tradition, this Feast of our Secondary Patron, Brigid of Kildare, is the first day of Spring in Ireland

What ever the weather take time to look around today at the beauty of God's creation in our landscape. Note how the birds singing brings hope that the lengthening of days lifts our spirits and winter woes begin to recede! We can offer our thanks to God that we live in such a beautiful, safe, free country where every tree represents that tree of Life on which our Saviour died for us.

Many of us have seen St. Brigid's Crosses hanging in homes, schools and Churches in Ireland. They are usually placed by the door to protect the home etc from fire. We believe that St Brigid first weaved rushes into a cross when converting a dying pagan to Christianity and who consequently was baptised before his death. We celebrate Brigid, a woman who lived the Gospel in such a profound way. May we be inspired by her life and try to follow her example of love and service in our lives.

As Lent approaches let us invoke Brigid for a renewal of Faith throughout the land of Ireland. We celebrate Catholic schools during the coming week and given the quality of education in all our schools (not just Catholic schools), we should not be afraid to pray that, once more, Ireland will be known as the Island of Saints and Scholars!

Prayer Reflection

Lord, we thank you that every once in a way you send people into our lives who shock us by showing us that we have been hiding behind the identity of the group we belong to.

They remind us of people who don't belong to our group, whom you have blessed, a humble widow who was visited by a great prophet, the leader of a different religious group whom you healed miraculously while we were left with our diseases.

It is a painful lesson, especially when it comes from someone within our own household, and we exclaim, 'This is Joseph's son, surely, what right has he to be teaching us?' But it is a moment of grace; we realise that we must stop looking down on people of other ethnic groups, of lesser education than ourselves; in this 'Year of Mercy' we must join members of other churches, religions and faiths, and unbelievers too, in asking for your mercy and forgiveness.

Adapted from the writings of Michel DeVerteuil

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**Catholic Schools Week** takes place from 31st January to 6th February. On the theme "Catholic Schools: Challenged to Proclaim God's Mercy". This theme is drawn from the Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy opened by Pope Francis on 8th December 2015 and which runs to 20th November 2016. Catholic Schools Week is an all-Ireland annual event which invites Catholic schools to give expression in a special way to the ethos of Catholic education. It is a celebration throughout Ireland, North and South, which acknowledges the tremendous contribution that our primary and post-primary schools make not just to Irish society, but to the mission of the Church. Bishop Brendan Kelly of Achonry will preside at Mass for CSW which will be broadcast on RTÉ One television at 11am today, Sunday 31st January.

## PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION

**PRIEST ON DUTY: 085 708 8407**

**PARISH WEBSITE:** [www.naasparish.ie](http://www.naasparish.ie)

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**Opening Hours:** Monday to Friday 10am to 5pm

**Naas eMail** [naasparishoffice@gmail.com](mailto:naasparishoffice@gmail.com)

**Sallins eMail** [sallinsparishoffice@gmail.com](mailto: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. JOHN BRICKLEY** Parochial House 897703

**FR. LIAM MORGAN** Curates House 949576

**FR. JOE O'NEILL** Sundays well 898866

**DN. FERGAL 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

**Sallins:** Ann Moran.

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

## CHURCH OF OUR LADY AND ST. DAVID , SALLINS ROAD

### MASS TIMES

**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:** Tues and Fri 10am

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

## CHURCH OF ST. PETER, TWO MILE HOUSE

**WEEKDAYS:** Friday 7pm

**SUNDAYS:** 11am

## CHURCH OF OUR LADY AND ST. DAVID , SALLINS ROAD

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Every First Friday before and after the 10am Mass

Every Saturday after the 10am Mass

### FEAST AND MEMORIAL DAYS FOR THE COMING WEEK:

Monday 1st February: St Brigid

Tuesday 2nd : The Presentation of the Lord

Wednesday 3rd: St Blaise, bishop and Martyr  
St Ansgar, bishop

Friday 5th : St Agatha, virgin and martyr

Saturday 6th: Ss Paul Paul Miki and Companions

**THOSE WHO DIE IN GRACE GO BUT TO GOD**

**AND GOD IS VERY NEAR"**

### NAAS:

Camelia Dunne, Kilcullen



### RECENT BAPTISMS

### Naas:

Joseph Christopher Reddington, Monread Heights

Zoe Louise Norton, The Paddocks

Amber Leigh Fogarty, Castlesize Grove

Andy Gary Stafford, Jigginstown Park

Betty Mae Spain, The Park

Alexander Thomas McLaughlin, Bodenstown

Ellena Maura Cahill, Stephenstown Lawn



For those requesting the Sacrament of Baptism two weeks notice is required. For further details of Baptisms

in Naas, Sallins and Two Mile House Parish website at  
[www.naasparish.ie/sacraments/baptism](http://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.'*

**February Collection in support of the Priests of Parish takes place at all Masses this weekend.**

**Feast of Saint Blaise Wednesday 3rd February.**

Blessing of throats will take place after 7.30am and 10am Masses in OLSD and 7.30pm Mass in Ballycane.

### First Friday 5th February 2016:

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** in the Church of Our Lady and St David, Sallins Road, after the 10am Mass until 4pm.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation** in the Church of Our Lady and St David on Thursday after 10am Mass and Friday, 9.30am-10am and after 10am Mass.

**Novena in Honour of the Holy Face** will take place during 7.30am and 10am Masses in OLSD Church commencing, tomorrow Monday 1st February (Feast Day) and concluding on Tuesday 9th February (Shrove Tuesday).

**Marian Movement Cenacle** meets every month in the Church of Our Lady and St David, Sallins Road, after 10am Mass. Next meeting is on Saturday coming, 6th February. All welcome.

**Preparation for Easter:** You are invited to pray the Lenten Sunday Readings on each Tuesday mornings during Lent. The meetings will take place in the room at the back of the Church, commencing on Tuesday 9th February after 10am Mass and will be led by Sr. Peggy Cleary.

**Coeliac Hosts** We would like to remind you that low gluten hosts are available for distribution at every Mass in all Churches. If you need to receive a low gluten host, come forward to the sanctuary at Communion time.

**Live Streaming of Services** Please note that all services in the Church of Our Lady and St. David are broadcast live to the internet.

**Naas Local History Group:** Tomorrow Monday 1st February a demonstration on the making of St. Brigid's Crosses, by Ronnie and Lilly, takes place at 3pm at Naas Community Library. All welcome.

The Annual Ger Kinchella Memorial Lecture, by Ger Mc Carthy takes place tomorrow Monday 1st at 8pm in the Town House Hotel, . All Welcome

**Parish Coffee Morning** takes place each Wednesday after 10am Mass at back of Church. All welcome for a cuppa and chat.

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

**Naas St Vincent de Paul helpline 045 897306.**

### **SALLINS NOTICE**

**Candlemas Dues Collection takes place at all Masses this weekend 30th/31st January.**

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on** Tuesday coming 2nd February from 10.30am —11am.

**Sallins National School Sports Fund:** During the next 12 weeks Reilly's Supervalu Sallins are enabling the school to raise up to €5,000 for a sports fund. Simply sign up to Supervalu's 'Terms and Conditions' for 'Sallins NS Sports Fund'. Simply use your loyalty card every time you shop. The aim is to get 250,000 points by 10th April 2016. See in store for more details on how to sign up.

**Date for your Diary.....Sallins Pilgrimage to Lourdes** will take place on 24th June 2016.

Cooleragh Parish will join Sallins this year for the Pilgrimage. Spiritual Director will be Fr. Jimmy Doyle. For more details phone Rita Fanning on 045 861070 or 087 6536112.

**Sallins St Vincent de Paul helpline 085 7052294.**

### **TWO MILE HOUSE**

**Liturgy Meeting takes place on Monday coming 1st February at 8.15pm in the School.**

**St Peter's Church Two Mile House 225th Anniversary Book** has now been launched. Copies are available from Parish Offices, Naas and Barker & Jones, Naas; Valentine's Post Office, Two Mile House or Bill at 897160 and Art at 875618.

### **GENERAL NOTICE**

#### **Parish Finances:**

Sallins: Baskets: € 645 Envelopes € 485  
Naas: Offertory: €3,461 Development €3,923  
Two Mile House: € 585

#### **Sports Lottery Results:**

Naas:21/1(13– 17– 19–22) No winner, Jackpot €6,400  
Sallins: 24/1 (15-27-31). No winner, Jackpot €2,950  
Splotto: No Results available

**Parish Pilgrimage to Medjugorje** will take place from Wednesday 1st to 8th June 2016 for seven nights. €100 deposit secures €609, after 17th February price of €659 applies, (fully inclusive). Spiritual Director: Fr. Liam Morgan. To book phone John or Catherine Murphy at 866233 or John at 086 8563773.

**Holy Land Pilgrimage** for Naas, Sallins, Two Mile House and Carlow Parishes takes place from 2nd to 10th September 2016. €1,495 per person sharing, €200 booking deposit required. Spiritual director, Fr. Liam Morgan. Bookings through Parish Office, Naas or Tullys Travel, Carlow. Ph: 059 9136100.

**A Social Media Course** for Voluntary and Community Groups will be organised by Education and Training Centre Jigginstown. This course is for locally based voluntary and community groups to learn how to create and maintain a free website for their community group. Course starts on 11th February at 7.30pm. To book phone Nora at 045 881106. bookings and more details.



# You Could Win €3,250

## On this Wednesday coming, 3rd February in Naas Parish Lotto Draw Simply Buy A €2 Ticket And It Could Be You

**There was no winner of the Jackpot on Wednesday 27th January; numbers drawn were 4 –11—17 –8.**

Tickets are available from the Parish Office on the Sallins Road, or in 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:- Menswear, Londis, Nolans Butchers, Barker & Jones, Stationery Store, Veritas, The Soda Bread Shop, Gouldings Hardware, Swans on the Green. Supervalu.

**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!!***

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(inclusive) and write them in the boxes**

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**Stay Warm Saving Scheme** in association with **St Vincent De Paul.** Take The Chill Off Your Bill by saving up for your Central Heating Oil or Solid Fuel, by purchasing €5 stay warm stamps. Once the card is full you can use them to pay for your fuel from any of the Stay Warm Fuel Suppliers (listed on the Card.) Savings card and stamps are available from Vincent's Shops, Naas and Sallins also Supervalu, Naas and Sallins.

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

**McAuley Bridge Club** continues on Fridays at 1.15pm sharp. All welcome.

**Lost Lady's Watch** between Sallins Road and Parish Church. Contact Parish Office 045 879730.

## Naas Parish Bingo

takes place every Tuesday night at 8.30pm sharp, in the Care of the Aged Centre, Newbridge Road. All Welcome.



**Go For Life** The National Programme for Sport and Physical Activity for Older People is a free service for people over 50. Need to get active? FitLine has the answer. This free service gives information and advice. For a Free Exercise DVD and more information phone 1800 303 545.



### **Thought For The Week:**

*Don't put off for tomorrow what you can do today;*

*because if you enjoy it today you can do it again tomorrow.*