

PARISH NEWS!.....PARISH NEWS!



NAAS

SALLINS

TWO MILE HOUSE

NEWSLETTER

No: 1236

Mass Times

Sundays

Our Lady and St David: Saturday Vigil: 6.30pm
Sunday 8.30am, 10am, 12noon, 6pm.

Irish Martyrs Saturday Vigil: 8pm
Sunday 11am, 12.15pm

Our Lady of the Rosary & Guardian Angels:
Sat Vigil: 6.30pm; Sun 10am, 12noon
St Peter's, Two Mile House: Sunday 11am.

Weekdays:

Our Lady and St David: Mon—Fri: 7.30am, 10am
Saturday 10am.

Irish Martyrs: Mon—Fri: 7.30pm; Saturday 11am
(7.30pm Mass Wednesday is celebrated in Parish Ch)

Our Lady of the Rosary & Guardian Angels:
Monday -Friday 10am.

St Peter's Two Mile House: Friday 7pm

**All Masses and Services in the Parish can be
heard on the Radio at 107.3FM**

3rd Sunday in Advent (Year C) 13th December 2009

*'The man who will come after me is much greater than I am....
I baptise you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.'*

There lived an extraordinary lamp lighter who was utterly reliable and punctual as a clock and who lived for one thing only....to light the lamps. At the onset of darkness each evening the gas lamps unfailingly came on. How he judged nobody knew because he had no watch.

His life was not an easy one but it glowed with meaning. He was loved by everybody, but especially by the children. When darkness threatened to put an end to their street games, he would come along, light the lamps, and they would continue to play.....such was his love for his job.

What was it that made him so extraordinary? After all, there are many people who love their work and who do it faithfully. His greatness lay in the fact that he was blind.....the man who was so faithful in bringing the light to others never saw it himself.

Eventually electricity arrived, and the "lamp man" now advanced in years, was made redundant. He felt useless and unwanted. Sadly the people, who once loved him, now forgot about him. The new light was so superior to the old that no one regretted its passing. He spent his days and nights alone in the

darkness of his basement flat.

Like the 'lamp man' John the Baptist worked diligently to bring his own light to the people, but he was always conscious of the fact that a greater light was coming, a light he himself was not destined to walk in. When the light appeared in the person of Jesus, he moved aside to make way for Jesus. That took greatness.

No person ever came to prominence or achieved fame on his own. You will always find that in the background there has been a facilitator whose task it was to help, guide and encourage them...in other words, to prepare the way for them. To make way, or even just to make room, for another person calls for humility and generosity of spirit.

Parents spend the best years of their lives preparing the way for their children, in the sense of opening them to life. But there comes a time when they have to withdraw and allow them to live that life. All of us are tempted to hug the limelight. We must try to shine to the best of our ability while being careful not to block the path for others and yet conscious the debt owed to others who prepared the way for us.

NAAS—SALLINS—TWO MILE HOUSE—PARISH TEAM:

Fr Tom McDonnell	Parochial House, Naas	Ph: 897703
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PARISH OFFICE. NAAS

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General Notices:

Preparation for Christmas You are invited to pray and study the Advent Sunday readings each Tuesday during Advent, from 10.45am—11.30am in the Naas Parish Centre, Sallins Road behind Veritas Shop. Sisters Peggy Cleary and Mary O'Connor will lead the sessions. All welcome.

Youth 2000 Christmas Retreat, Newbridge College from 18th-20th December for young people aged 16-35 years. For further information phone Youth 2000 Office at 01 6753690 or 086 3025442.

Getting Married in 2010: The next Marriage Preparation Course takes place on 15th and 16th January 2010. Courses are held in the meeting rooms at the Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane. Application Forms from the Parish Office, Sallins Road. Phone 045 879730.

Flower Arrangement Demonstration with Richard Delmar at the Carragh Community Centre today, Sunday 13th December at 8pm sharp. All invited.

St Vincent's Hospital, Athy Annual Christmas Mass takes place on Wednesday 16th December at 1pm.

Kildare LESN Jobs Club (offers free training/support with Job Applications) have a new course starting Monday 11th January 2010. Interviews will be held Tuesday 5th January. For further details phone Naas Office at 045 895555 or Kildare Office at 045 522900.

Naas Lions Club Christmas Food Appeal 2009 collections in Naas at Tesco. Superquinn, Eurospar and Marks & Spencers; in Sallins at Supervalu on 19th, 20th, 22nd, 23rd and 24th December. The main beneficiary of this year's appeal will be St Vincent de Paul to provide food, fuel and other provision for families in need.

Brian Brady Youth Theatre presents 'Beauty and the Beast' from Saturday 2nd to Saturday 9th January at 8pm nightly in the Moat Theatre. Bookings at the Moat box office, phone 883030.

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Parish Office Hours; Tuesday & Thursday - 10a.m. to 1p.m. Phone; 045 897150
(Messages may be dropped in the letter box or phoned in whenever the office is closed.)

Baptisms take place on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month at 5pm. Please contact the Parish Office for details of bookings/requirements.

Anniversary Masses: December

Saturday 12th: 6.30pm Months Mind: Nora McConnell
John and Kitty Dowling

Sunday 13th: 12pm: Eileen Ryan, John Corr,

Fr William Malone, Ann Travers, John O'Meara

Tuesday 15th: Mai Kenny

Parish Finances; Envelopes: €340 Basket: €795

PINK ENVELOPE: CHRISTMAS DUES for Weekend of 19th and 20th December.

Grateful thanks to all who support our collections.

Sallins Parish Continued:

Sallins GAA Lotto: 07/12 Jackpot €1,450....No Winner!! Numbers 1-15-27;
Venue 14/12 Railway Inn; Jackpot €1,600!!

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction takes place at 7.30pm on Friday 18th Dec. You are welcome to join us for the hour or even only for a few minutes.

Legion of Mary meet on Tuesday coming, 15th December in the Community Centre after 10am Mass.

First Communion Programme: This weekend 12th/ 13th December we welcome the children from the parish who are preparing for First Holy communion.

Sallins Conference of St Vincent de Paul Annual Collection takes place this weekend, 12th and 13th December at all Masses. Please give generously. The conference can be contacted at **085 7052294**.

Parish Pastoral Council next meeting tomorrow Monday 14th December at 7pm.

Carol Service with the Adult and Junior Choirs on Tuesday 22nd December at 8pm in the Church.

Sallins Community are holding a Table Quiz in aid of The Waterways Flood Victims in Flanagan's Mill on Wednesday 16th December at 9pm.....€20 per table.....please support.

Humanitarian Assistance Scheme (means tested) for those severely affected by flooding. Application Forms from the Dept of Social & Family Affairs www.welfare.ie. Further info freephone 1800-38-38-00 or fax 899518.

Santa will visit the children in Sallins on Sunday 20th December after 12noon Mass in the Community Centre.

Organised by the Community Festival group in co-operation with the ICA, Scouts, Beavers and Youth Club there will be light refreshments served and Christmas Carols sung, (this event is free of charge). All invited.

Parish Calendar 2010 on sale after all Masses this weekend and during the week from the Sacristy or Parish Office. They will also be on sale in shops in surrounding parishes.

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Parish Finance: Development Fund: €3,812 Offertory: €3,973
Naas GAA Lotto: 10/12/09 (2-11-15-27) No Winner!! Next Week's Jackpot: €8,350

The Christian Community Welcomes You With Great Joy!

Aidan Richard Close, Bán na Greinne
Ethan Damien McGrath Sherry, Oldbridge Walk
Aaron Gorman, Aylmer Park
Cáthal Oisín Brennan, Lakelands
Kaitlin Alex Keaney, Kerdiff Avenue



THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

For those requesting the Sacrament of Baptism two weeks notice is required. Please contact the Parish Office for details .Ph 879730

SAINT PIO PRAYER GROUP



**Next Meeting Tuesday,
coming 15th December at
7.10pm in the Church of the
Irish Martyrs, Ballycane. All
welcome**

"The Master is here; He is calling you". Would you like to spend an hour each week in silent prayer? Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place in the Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane from 10am until 9.30pm, Monday to Wednesday except during the 7.30pm evening Mass.

The Naas Pioneer Centre is seeking members to serve on the local Council. Ph Fr Moling Lennon at 888667.

Naas Active Retirement Association are holding their next meeting tomorrow, Monday 14th December at 1.30pm in the Community Centre, Sallins Road. Guest Joan Keating (Flower Arranging).

Naas Active Retirement Association will have their Christmas Dinner in Lawlor's Hotel on Wednesday, 16th December at 3pm. Deposit €10. For further details phone 876365.

Thank You: From the Naas Flower and Garden Club to all who supported their Charity Gala night. The proceeds €3,000 will go to St Brigid's Hospice and Homecare Unit at the Curragh. Next meeting 14th December

Thank You: From Naas Concern Group to all who contributed to and collected for their recent street collection which raised €5,997.26.

Lost: A green check lady's umbrella with curved handle was mistakenly taken from the Parish Church on Friday 4th Dec night of Nás na Rí Singers Concert (of immense sentimental value to owner) Please contact Parish Office

Two Mile House Parish News

Baptisms take place on the 2nd Sunday of each month at 11.45am.

Parish Finance: €598

First Communion Sunday; today we welcome the first communion boys and girls for their special mass in preparation for their first communion in May.

Calling all Past Primary School Students from 1980's (old and new residents) for an evening of Chat, Fun and Memories on Sunday 27th December at 8pm in The Brown Bear. Spot Prizes in aid of Kenya Orphanage. Fun awards. Contact Brian at 087 8325035 or Pat at 086 6792516 after 6pm. All welcome.

Carol Service on Wednesday 16th at 7.30pm in St Peter's Church.

Children's Colouring Corner 3rd Sunday of Advent