

# Parish Newsletter



**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
5th February 2017.**

**No 1586**

**Matthew: 5:13-16**

## **'THOUGHTS AT SUNDOWN'**

Much loved, fondly remembered and one time curate of Naas, Fr. Pat Ramsbottom died last September.

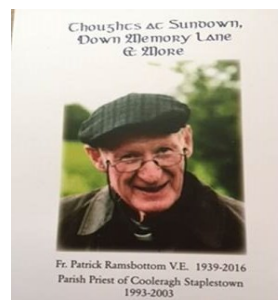
He served as Parish Priest of Cooleragh and Staplestown from 1993-2003. Fr. Pat was something of a wordsmith, with a wonderful capacity to put images together both, in the spoken and written word. The Parish of Cooleragh have just published what might loosely be called a 'Memoir' titled "Thoughts at Sundown"

Writing in the opening pages he explains: I never dreamed these little 'contributions' would end up in a booklet. I have chosen to give them the title 'Thoughts at Sundown', for two main reasons.

Firstly, almost all the articles were written after Sundown and sometimes more after the midnight hour. Secondly, I realised as a retired (due to ill health), P.P., morning and midday have passed for me. I hope and pray that the Lord, will give me a little more sunset time before slipping into the dark of night and hopefully into Eternal Dawn.

**Books €10 on Sale from Veritas Shop and Fr. Jimmy Doyle at 087 9358279. All proceeds to Cancer Research.**

Here we print one of Fr. Pat's jottings.....



## **'The Magic of Spring'**

*God's creation and the beauties of nature constantly reminded him of his Maker. We are blessed here in our own locality with so much beauty, Donadea Forest is such a singular blessing at our doorstep. Walking in the woods is like journeying into the womb of time. Advance along any one of the myriad of avenues, overhung by tall stately trees; take an eyeful of the mossy banks; listen to the gentle breeze and soothing sweet sounds of spring-time birdsong; Inhale the rich aroma of the spring plants and early flowers. In the recesses of the woods you feel close to beginnings, to the beauty of the plan for human kind, to the sublimity of human destiny. What a privileged moment this temporary retreat from noise, hassle, crowds, transistors, T.V. mobile phones! We are close to God when so much alone with His creation, soothing, restful and serene. To walk in the countryside is therapy, healing, reassuring. The land and man partners. God's glory fills the earth.*



## **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 will take place on Saturday 18th February from 10am to 1pm in the meeting room over the Parish Office on the Sallins Road.

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.

If you would like to join our group of volunteers who are providing this valuable service, please complete details slip below and give to any of the priests of the Parish or return to the Parish Office as soon as possible.

### **Ministers of the Eucharist Training:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION

**PRIEST ON DUTY: 085 708 8407**

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

*"Let your light shine before others"  
perhaps as a priest, contact: Fr. Ruairi  
O'Domhnaill. Email [vocations@kandle.ie](mailto:vocations@kandle.ie):  
[www.kandlepriest.com](http://www.kandlepriest.com) voctions@kandle.ie:  
[www.kandlepriest.com](http://www.kandlepriest.com)*

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

Monday 6th: Ss Paul Miki and Companions, martyrs

Tuesday 7th: St Mel, bishop

Friday 10th: St Scholastica

Saturday 11th: Our Lady of Lourdes

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

**AND GOD IS VERY NEAR"**

### Naas:

Matthew Leonard, Kingsfurze Terrace

Mary McDermott, St Bigid's Terrace



**MAY THEY REST IN PEACE**

### RECENT BAPTISMS

### Naas:

Eoghan Francis Miley, Millbrook Court

Kathryn Lorraine Toque, Gleann na Riogh Grove



## 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.

Seán Patrick Fay, Aylmer Park

Arthur John Murphy, Stephenstown Court

Ethan Scott McHutchison, The Streams, Caragh

### Sallins:

Aaron James Ennis, Sallins Pier

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](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 the Parish takes place at all Masses this weekend 4th and 5th February. We thank you and greatly appreciate your continued support.**

**Novena in Honour of the Holy Face;** Starting 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 7pm and from after the 7.30pm evening Mass until 9.30pm.

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.

**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).

**Naas Local History Group** Presentation of Heritage Cup and Scroll followed by Illustrated talk on the 'History of Naas Athletic Club' on tomorrow Monday 6th February 8pm in the Town House Hotel. All welcome.

**Naas Active Retirement Association** members only, meeting on Wednesday coming 8th at 2pm in Naas Community Centre.

**Naas Toastmasters Club** next meeting Wednesday coming 8th February at 8pm in the Town House Hotel, Naas. Guests and new members welcome.

**Naas Access Group** next meeting takes place on Friday coming 10th February at **2pm** in McAuley Pl. (please note change of time for this monthly meeting). We work with the elderly people with disabilities and serious illness, trying to make our town a safer place to shop, walk and get about in.

**Vincent de Paul Naas; helpline number 045 897306.**

### **SALLINS NOTICE**

**February Collection takes place at all Masses this weekend 4th and 5th February.**

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** on Tuesday coming, 7th February from 10.30am to 11am.

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

**Sallins 43rd Annual Pilgrimage to Lourdes** will take place from 16th to 23rd July for seven nights staying at Hotel Jeanne D'Arc. For more details and for bookings phone Rita Fanning on 086 0834807 or 087 6535112.

**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:	€ 705	Envelopes:	€ 510
Naas: Offertory:	€3,505	Development	€3,985
Two Mile House:	€ 620		

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

Naas: 26/1 (10-11-17-23), No winner, Jackpot €4,750

Sallins: 30/1 (25-35-40) No winner, Jackpot €2,200

Naas Utd: No Results



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

**Lourdes Novena** taking place from 2nd to 11th February at 10am and 7pm, in the Church of Mary Immaculate, Inchicore, Led by Fr. Brian De Burca and will include Anointing of the Sick, Saturday 11th at 11am and Torchlight Procession after 7pm Mass.

**The Samaritans are seeking Volunteers for the Newbridge Branch.** Are you willing to give 3-4 hours per week to listen to those who are lonely, depressed and sometimes suicidal. No experience necessary as full training will be provided. To find out more, please come along to one of our information sessions on Wednesday 8th and Thursday 9th February at 8pm at 3 McElwain Tce, Newbridge. (Recruitment Line) 086 0855785.

**'Mothers Prayers' Annual Weekend in Knock** for Mothers who wish to come together to pray for their children and grandchildren. Taking place from Friday 10th to Sunday 12th March at St. John's Rest and Care Centre, (located on the grounds of Knock). Mass Friday at 8.30pm. Registration on Saturday at 9am; Meeting starts at 9.30am; Sunday 9.30am start finishing with Mass at 12.15. Enquiries to 091 771009 or email Ireland@mothersprayers.org *You do not have to be a mother to be part of 'Mothers Prayers'*

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

## Naas Parish Lotto Draw

**€2,000** that's the Jackpot in the Next Draw on Wednesday coming 8th February 2017.

There was **No Winner**, of the Jackpot on Wednesday last, 1st February:

**Numbers drawn were : 23—24—11—20.**

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**

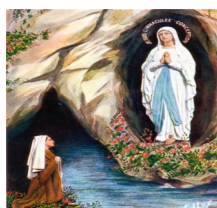


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**Naas Parish Bingo takes place every Tuesday night at 8.30pm sharp in the Care of the Aged Centre, Newbridge Road, with *BIGGER* Prizes and Jackpot. All welcome. Parish Lotto Tickets also on Sale every Tuesday night at Bingo.**

### ***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. The pilgrimage is being organised in conjunction with Joe Walsh Tours. Booking Forms now available from Parish Office, Sallins Road.

**“GALA CONCERT”** This is a Fundraising Concert in support of McAuley Place featuring, the ‘*Baldonnel Singers*’ with ‘*Tenor Paul Linehan*’ and the ‘*Nás na Rí Singers*’, 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. Flying directly from Ireland West Airport to JFK with Aer Lingus. Itinerary includes a special Requiem Mass, Saturday 13th at Old St. Patrick's Cathedral, for the re-internment of the remains of John Curry, the youngest of the Knock witnesses. Joe Walsh Tours at 01 2410800.



**HEALING GRACE** is your personal manual to gain freedom from life's miseries and atrocities, most especially mental, physical and spiritual suffering. Let me help you endure life's everyday crosses through hope and prayer. Be inspired and let go of all that burden. Jesus Christ is always there to liberate and love us if we call on His Name. And the Blessed Mother Mary is always there to support and take care of us if we only ask.