

Parish Newsletter

Ascension of the Lord
8th May 2016

No 1545

Luke 24: 46-53



ASCENSION DAY - MISSION ACCOMPLISHED

*"Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands
he blessed them. While he blessed them,
he parted from them."*

Possibly the most awesome and fantastic picture I have ever seen is the earth-moon shot taken by the Apollo astronauts. Emerging from behind the moon for the first time after entering lunar orbit, there in the foreground is the moon landscape. In the background, emerging from the blackness of space is the earth, 230,000 miles away.



How insignificant we as individuals appear from such distance. From this picture, we view our home as a round ball with deep blue oceans and swirling white cloud cover. Yet, how perfectly has this round ball, sitting in space, been made for us to inhabit. Once a day it turns around. Once per year it revolves around the sun. Night and day, cold and heat are thus precisely regulated. Our earth is tilted at 23 degrees so as it revolves, it gives us regular seasons and doubles the area upon which human life can live. Our creation for this place, and our home itself in the vastness of the universe, has been perfectly ordered, down to the most infinitesimal atom and life substance itself. We are not an accident, nor is our earth a creation of chance.

At God's right time, he visited his creation. Our planet had an Epiphany. God came, making himself known to us in Jesus Christ. Out of the vastness of his total creation, God cared enough to come. His mission: to reveal his loving Fatherhood, and to redeem us from ourselves. The Easter resurrection was his announcement. "Mission Accomplished!"

AN INVITATION: The Pastoral Councils representing the Parishes of Naas, Sallins and Two-Mile-House invite you to share a Mass of Thanksgiving and Presentation to our Parish Priest Fr. John Brickley as he prepares to take up his new appointment as Parish Priest of Kilcock and Newtown at the end of May. Mass will be celebrated Saturday coming 14th May at 7.30pm in the Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane and on Sunday coming 15th May at 11am in the Church of Our Lady and St. David, Sallins Road. Tea and refreshments will be served afterwards and everyone is most welcome to come and share a memory and wish John well in his new appointment.

Golf Classic

**Our Annual Golf Classic for the Parish Church Restoration Fund
will take place on Friday, 20th May 2016.**

If you would like to participate as a Team on the day, Sponsor a Tee Box or Prizes for the Golf Competition or Raffle, please contact the Parish Office on 045 879730. We would be delighted to hear from you.



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. JOHN BRICKLEY Parochial House 897703

FR. LIAM MORGAN Curates House 949576

FR. JOE O'NEILL Sundays well 898866

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 **Sallins:** Ann Moran.

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

FEAST AND MEMORIAL DAYS FOR THE COMING WEEK:

Saturday 14th: St Matthias

THOSE WHO DIE IN GRACE GO BUT TO GOD

AND GOD IS VERY NEAR"

Naas:

Mary (May) Kavanagh, Hazelmere



MAY SHE REST IN PEACE

RECENT BAPTISMS

Naas:

Jacob James Cluxon Corley, Killeenmore

Marcin Alex Gordon, Sarto Road

Jack Peter O'Connor, Millbrook

Emma Catriona Hall, Sallins

Zara Jayne Davies, Oldbridge Station

Oisin David Hickey, Dublin

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.



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

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.'*

St Joseph's Young Priests Society next meeting takes place tomorrow, Monday 9th May at 8pm in the Parish Centre at the Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane. Adoration from 8pm to 9.30pm.

Naas Apostolic Work Society next meeting takes place on Tuesday coming, 10th May at 7pm in the Naas Community Centre, Sallins Road. New members welcome.

Afternoon Retreat takes place on Sunday coming 15th May at 2.30pm the Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane and will include Holy Hour, Healing of the Sick, concluding with Holy Mass. Conducted by Fr. Ruairi O'Domhnaill. All most welcome. Refreshments will be served. *St. Josephs Young Priests Society.*

Ministers of the Sick are requested to return their Pyx, as soon as possible, to either the Sacristan at the Church of Our lady and St David or the Parish Office as they are required for the following weekend. Thank You.

Exam Mass Bouquets Cards are now available for the Parish Offices.

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

Toastmasters are you looking for some enjoyable entertainment while building up your self esteem and communication skills? If so please come along to our next meeting, tomorrow Monday 9th May at 8pm in Council Chambers, Naas Town Hall.

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). The Anniversary Mass list is completed on Friday for the following week's Masses.

Naas St Vincent de Paul helpline number 045 897306.

SALLINS NOTICE

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament continues on Tuesday coming 10th May from 10.30am to 11am.

Sallins Lourdes Pilgrimage church street collection will take place on Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th May at all Masses.

Sallins Conference of St Vincent de Paul contact phone number is 085 7052294.

Sallins Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place on 24th June 2016. Cooleragh/Staplestown Parish will join with Sallins this year for the Pilgrimage. Spiritual Director Fr. Jimmy Doyle. Places still available. Contact Rita at 087 6536112 for more details.

TWO MILE HOUSE

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting will take place on Tuesday coming at 8pm in the school.

GENERAL NOTICES

Parish Finances:

Sallins: Baskets:	€695	Envelopes:	€540
Naas: Offertory:	€3,345	Development	€3,300
Two Mile House:	€ 630		

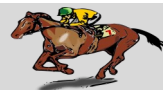
Sports Lottery Results:

Naas: 28/4 (13-17-24-25) No winner, Jackpot €8,500
Sallins: 3/5 (2-15-33) No winner, Jackpot €2,200

Irish Wheelchair Association Church Street Collection takes place at all Masses this weekend 7th and 8th May. Your support would be gratefully appreciated.

Date for your Diary:

Family Race Evening:



Summer's evening 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. We are running a Parish Fundraiser on the evening of **Wednesday 20th July**..... this is the evening Racing Fixture for July. You might like to put this in your diary. More details to follow soon.

Kildare & Leighlin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock



Shrine. Bishop Denis Nulty invites you to join with him and parishioners from across the diocese in this Jubilee Year of Mercy at the Shrine of Our Lady of Knock on Sunday 5th June with Diocesan Choir, directed by Fr. Liam Lawton. Ceremonies in the Basilica begin at 2.30pm. The Parish is running a bus, with three pick up points in the town. (details to follow.) Bookings can be made at the Parish Office, Sallins Road.

A Special Remembrance Service for Families and Friends affected by Suicide

will take place on Friday 20th May at 8pm in the Church of Our Lady & St Joseph Church, Caragh. If you would like to have a loved one who has died this year or any other year remembered at this special Mass contact Caragh Parish Office, Monday to Friday 9am to 1pm on 875602. People from all areas are very welcome to attend. This special service is organised by HOPE(D)helping other people endure depression in conjunction with Caragh Pastoral Council.

Novena Mass in Honour of Our Lady of Perpetual Help continues in Clane Parish Church, tomorrow Monday 9th May at 7.30pm. The Novena concludes Monday 23rd May. All welcome.

Thank You to all who collected and contributed to 'Special Olympics' Collection, which took place on 22nd April which raised €3,978 in Naas.

Naas Library celebrate the Age Friendly Festival with a Free Talk - "Mind Yourself" with Chris McMahon from The Treatment Room, on Tuesday coming 12th May at 11am. Bookings Required contact the Library at 045 879111 or email naaslib@kildarecoco.ie

Found sum of money at Lawlors Hotel on Thursday 5th May. Contact parish office 879730.

Set Dancing for Beginners and Improvers every Tuesday night at the back room, Haydens Pub, Poplar Square. Classes start at 8.30pm. All most welcome. Any enquiries to 087 6534693.

You Could Win €6,750

On this Wednesday coming, 11th May in Naas Parish Lotto Draw Simply Buy A €2 Ticket And It Could Be You

There was no winner of the Jackpot on Wednesday 4th May; numbers drawn were 4 – 22 – 25 - 27.

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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The National Missing Persons Helpline would be delighted to have you join their team and take part in this years VHI Mini marathon which takes place on Monday 6th June. Contact Ciaran on 1890 44 25 52 or 087 2541612.

The Friends of St Brigid's Hospice and Home Care Services would be delighted to hear from anyone willing to participate, in this years Women's Mini Marathon, which takes place on 6th June. Phone or text 087 2848611 or 086 8140412 for sponsorship cards and t-shirts.

HOPE(D) is a charity that offers services to people struggling with life issues but may not be able to access the proper support to assist them. (Free counselling service are available) If you need assistance or know someone who would benefit from our services phone 1800-855-834 .

Parish Pilgrimage to Medjugorje takes place from Wednesday 1st to 8th June for seven nights. Price €659 (fully inclusive). Spiritual Director: Fr. Liam Morgan. Bookings phone John or Catherine at 866233 or John at 086 8563773.

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



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

Youth 2000 Summer Festival at Cistercian College, Roscrea, Co. Tipperary takes place from Thursday 7th to Sunday 10th July 2016. For young people aged 16 to 35. An opportunity not to be missed to experience the Catholic faith and meet many new people, with over 1000 young people from all corners of Ireland attending last year. The festival is donation only. Free buses available from all around Ireland. For more info and to book online, see www.youth2000.ie or phone 01 6753690.

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.