

Parish Newsletter

Pentecost Sunday
15th May 2016

No 1546

John: 20: 19 –23



Thank you John!

This weekend we express heartfelt thanks to Fr. John. Nineteen years of dedicated and generous ministry to our parish. In that time John has touched the lives of so many people.

As we his colleagues on the Parish Team go about our daily routine, we find that the constant topic of conversation is John's leaving. The sentiments are all pretty much the same. The kindness, the sensitivity, the human warmth of John is recalled, as yet another parishioner tells of a time when a loved one was sick, or struggling, or perhaps sadly died. Common to each recall, is a kindness that is remembered and not forgotten.

In his own quiet way and without fanfare John immersed himself totally into the life of our Town and Parish. Countless are the numbers of young people who experienced an affirming or encouraging word as they prepared for the Sacraments, or perhaps walked along the ancient pathways of Glendalough, on yet another TY School Retreat, with John as guide and fellow pilgrim. Many too are the projects and initiatives that benefited from John's effort and attention to detail over those nineteen years. The No Name Club, Ecumenism, The Community Centre and the list could go on and on! It is the leadership given to the refurbishment of our Parish Church that gives rise to a constant chorus of approval and gratitude. A work that will be long remembered.

It is however John's gentle way of leading people in prayer, the preparation given to breaking open Gods Word, his desire to reveal the loving, understanding and compassionate face of God, that finds a deep resonance in the hearts of so many when they think of John. When the work of the Lord was complete John enjoyed nothing more than the relaxation of a 'sing song' or to thread the boards of the Moat Theatre.

This weekend we salute John, we thank him for the manner of his selfless giving, the faithfulness of his ministry and the example of his ways as he walked justly, lovingly and humbly in the footsteps of the Master! Moving Parish is not easy, especially as we walk away from the familiar. John as you embark on this next chapter in your life, be assured of our prayers and best wishes. Naas' loss is certainly Kilcocks gain.

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INSTALLATION CEREMONY

On Saturday 28th of May, Fr. Liam will be Installed as Parish Priest of Naas, Sallins and Two Mile House. This ceremony will take place during the 6pm Mass, in the Parish Church on the Sallins Road. The Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Denis Nulty. Light refreshments will be served afterwards. All are welcome to attend. We pray Gods blessing on Fr. Liam as he begins this new chapter in his priestly ministry.

Golf Classic:

Our Annual Golf Classic for the Parish Church Restoration Fund takes place on Friday coming, 20th May.



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.

PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

*Holy Spirit, Inspire me, Love of God consume me.
Along the true road, lead me.
Mary, my good mother, look down upon me.
With Jesus, bless me.
From all evil, from all illusion, all danger preserve me.
Source of peace, Light
Come and enlighten me.
I am hungry, come and nourish me.
I am blind, come and give me light
I am poor and enrich me. Amen*

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. 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.

FEAST AND MEMORIAL DAYS FOR THE COMING WEEK:

Monday 16th: St Brendan, abbot

RECENT BAPTISMS

Naas:

Ailish Cunanan, Morell Way

Max Thomas Norton, Osberstown

Jack Thomas Cahill, Newbridge

Sallins:

Sean Patrick Smith, Sallins Bridge

Mila Doyle Minogue, Morell Dale

Two Mile House:

Aoife Anne Hayden, Stephenstown

Ciara Mary Harkin, Newbridge

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.

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.'*

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

Afternoon Retreat takes place to-day Sunday 15th May at 2.30pm the Church of the Irish Martyrs, and will include Holy Hour, Healing of the Sick, concluding with Holy Mass. Conducted by Fr Ruairi. All welcome. St Joseph's Young Priests Society.

Retired Priests Collection takes place at all Masses on 28th and 29th May to assist with the on-going support of our Retired Priests. Priests in the diocese are paid a set salary from the Priests Collections during the year and any monies leftover goes towards helping retired priests. Unfortunately the monies leftover at present are insufficient to provide this assistance. Bishop Denis and the priests of the diocese thank you for your on-going contributions for priests collections.

The following direction has been given to Ministers of the Eucharist for our Parishes.

During distribution of Holy Communion, if a person in the Church requests to take Holy Communion home to a sick person, you should decline to give it to them, but inform them there is a procedure **where Ministers of the Sick** will provide **Communion to the Sick and Housebound.** They should contact the Parish Office, Sallins Road, or one of the Priests.

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St Pio Prayer Group next meeting on Wednesday coming, 18th May at 7.10pm in the Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane. All welcome.

Naas St Vincent de Paul helpline number 045 897306.

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

Nás na Ríogh ICA Guild next meeting tomorrow Monday 16th at 8pm in Naas Community Centre. New members are always very welcome.

Naas Active Retirement Association members only meeting on Wednesday coming 18th May at 2pm in Naas Community Centre.

SALLINS NOTICE

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament continues on Tuesday coming 17th May from 10.30am to 11am.

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Sallins Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place on 24th June 2016. Spiritual Director Fr. Jimmy Doyle. Places still available. Phone Rita at 087 6536112.

GENERAL NOTICES

Parish Finances:

Sallins: Baskets:	€605	Envelopes:	€475
Naas: Offertory:	€3,340	Development	€3,745
Two Mile House:	€ 665		

Sports Lottery Results:

Naas: 5/5 (10-11-13-22) No winner, Jackpot €8,650
Sallins: 9/5 (1-6-10) No winner, Jackpot €2,350



Kildare & Leighlin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine takes place on Sunday 5th June. Bus will leave from Ballycane Church car park at **8am** and make pick up stops at the Post Office, Church of Our Lady and St David Sallins Road, and Marrons Filling Station, Sallins. There will be a short stop at the Creggan Court Hotel, Athlone en-route for a tea/coffee and a scone and again on our return you can avail of the carvery services if you so wish. The cost per person for the bus and morning coffee is **€20** payable at time of booking at the Parish Office, Sallins Road. **€10** concession is available for children. Ceremonies in the Basilica begin at 2.30pm with Blessing of the Sick followed by the Concelebration of Mass at 3pm with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Bishop Denis Nulty invites you to join with him along with Diocesan Choir, directed by Fr. Liam Lawton.

A Special Remembrance Service for Families and Friends affected by Suicide will take place on Friday coming 20th May at 8pm in the Church of Our Lady & St Joseph Church, Caragh.

Novena Mass in Honour of Our Lady of Perpetual Help continues in Clane Parish Church, tomorrow Monday 16th May at 7.30pm. The Novena concludes Monday 23rd May.

An Invitation to Parish Liturgy Groups. Bishop Denis and the Diocesan Commission for Liturgical Formation invite members of Parish Liturgy Groups across the diocese to an evening gathering in Cathedral Parish Centre, College Street Carlow on Tuesday 24th May at 7.30pm. Contact the Parish office by 19th May if you wish to attend.

Nás na Rí Singers Summer concert with local Baritone Peter Manning and local Harpist Ruth O'Hara, takes place on Sunday 29th May at 8pm in St. David's Church. Tickets from Barker and Jones or at the door on the night.

TWO MILE HOUSE

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You Could Win €7,000.

**On this Wednesday coming, 18th 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 11th May; numbers drawn were 19 –20 –16–13.

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 Alzheimer Café Evening takes place on
Wednesday 25th May from 7pm to 9pm in the
Convent Tea Rooms at McAuley Place, Sallins
Road. Those with a dementia, families, carers,
professionals with an interest in the area are all
welcome to attend.

Naas Ladies GAA are looking for new players.
All ages from 5 years to senior ladies.
Come along for fun and fitness.
For details phone Brian Murphy (Naas LGFA
Development Officer) on 087 7974381.

Fund Raiser Much "I DO" About Nothing, the
funniest wedding of the year, in association with
Naas Musical Society will take place in a specially
constructed Marquee in The Town House Hotel
on Friday 27th May at 8pm. Comedy, Dinner and
Dancing. Please support this fundraising effort for
St. Anne's Special School and The Curragh
Lourdes Fund. Tickets available from The Town
House Hotel or contact Lorraine on 087 9079194.
Group discount available.

A Reunion of Donnelly Mirrors employees (Naas)
in aid of 'Little Way Cancer Support' in Clane, on
Friday 17th June at 8pm, in Tougher's, Naas.
Tickets (includes finger food/music) Please
support: For tickets phone Lily 085-1452959 or
Don 085-7177050 or Jim 085 2280150.

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.



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.**



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.

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.