

Parish Newsletter



**Third Sunday of Lent
19th March 2017**

No 1592

John: 4:5-42



Sharing Our Faith Story

A famous picture has the Samaritan woman looking into the well and seeing there her image – and image of Jesus. In the depths of the well of her life, is the presence of Jesus.

Depths

You need sometimes to go to the depths of the well...finding God in all things...where they affect us – love, pain, death, decision, joy, – we find God. God is near when we are near to ourselves, even in shame and sin. We thirst for meaning in life, for knowing we are totally loved, for community and companionship – this is the offering of God. The living water is the Holy Spirit. We thirst for inclusion – the disciples in this story did not want Jesus talking to a woman. So much of the religion of the time separated people – religion, tribes. In the depths of the well we are all equal.

In the well we see everyone and can rediscover our common roots – and a big one is, we are all children of God.....neither Jew nor Samaritan.

Mercy

And you find the Mercy of God in the well. As we go into depths of prayer and ourselves we are open to mercy. We may put all sorts of conditions on God's mercy and forgiveness – naming our sins, counting the numbers of them. God doesn't number sins but forgives them and covers them with his love.

**Of the mercy of God, Pope Francis says:
“there is no sin or crime of any kind that can erase
from the mind or heart of God even one of the
children he has created”.**

At the end of the Gospel story for this Sunday, the woman goes into town to tell everyone what the Lord has done for her. 'He has told me all about myself, he has welcomed me, told me about himself.', she might have said. There was a sharing of life-stories, and for the woman a great sense of being accepted, the foreigner in the town.

Sharing Our Faith Story

Sharing our faith story and the story of our relationship with Jesus, and with the Divine, hits the heart. We can share truths about Jesus, or share about what the gospel might demand, but that will not lead to a change of heart in ourselves and those who hear us. Witness is what moves people. What each of us and what we do reflects our faith-life. Sharing about our prayer, our love of God, our doubts and difficulties, move us.

Our young people are influenced by what they see of their elders in faith, not only by what we say. They can put up with weaknesses and faults, if people are sincere. As with Jesus and the woman, he did not expect perfection, but an open heart. In prayer we get to know Jesus in our heart. We can read the gospel and see what sort of person he is. Like the popular prayer – *'Heart of Jesus, make my heart like yours'*.

The woman of Samaria was changed by her meeting with the Lord; her account of this would bring change to others. Often the people we least expect give us a new look on our faith.

*Recall a person whose faith-story influenced you!
Be grateful!*

Lord, make my heart like your heart.

Easter Sunday, 16th April 2017

There will be No 6pm Evening Mass in the Church of Our Lady and St David, Sallins Road on Easter Sunday.

PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION

PRIEST ON DUTY: 085 708 8407

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NAAS AND SALLINS PARISH OFFICE Tel 879730 Fax 894287

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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.

"But whoever drinks the water I give, will never be thirsty." Are you thirsting for an understanding of your vocation? If you think Jesus may be inviting you to the priesthood, contact: *Fr. Ruairi O'Domhnaill.*

Email: voctions@kandle.ie
www.kandlepriest.com

FEAST AND MEMORIAL DAYS FOR THE COMING WEEK:

Monday 20th: St Joseph, Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Saturday 25th: The Annunciation of the Lord

**THOSE WHO DIE IN GRACE GO BUT TO GOD
AND GOD IS VERY NEAR"**

Naas:

Thomas Maguire, Kilcullen Road

Gerald (Gerry) Ward, Woodlands

Brigid Conway, Ranelagh and Sallins Road

Noel Shannon, Maple Drive, Oldtown Demesne

Sallins:

Nuala Slevin nee Craughwell, Manchester and formerly of Daars, Sallins

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE



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.

RECENT BAPTISMS

Naas:

Daniel Nicholas Morgan, Aylmer Park

Oliver Horan, Pipers Hill

Seamus Derek Newland, Monread Heights

Isobelle Rose Devlin, Jigginstown Park

Henry James Devlin, Jigginstown Park

Molly Fitzsimons, Alder Grove

Aoife Marie Kehoe, Cherry Grove

Michael Anthony Carroll, Cheshire

Bevyn Mary Deasy, Oldbridge Station

Alexander Joseph Fleming, Allenwood South

Two Mile House:

Zoe Elizabeth Freyne, Stephenstown

Conall Eugene De Lasa, Newbridge

Edie Caoimhe Heydon, Sydney

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.'*

Thank You: On Monday last, 13th March, our Parish was honoured to receive the International Centennial Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima. A most sincere thanks to all who helped out in any way, with a special thanks to Fr. Liam, Fr. Alex, Fr. Eddie, and Deacon David.

Legion of Mary Acies Ceremony will take place on Friday coming, 24th March, immediately after the 7.30pm Mass and Adoration of Blessed Sacrament **at approximately 8.30pm.** All are very welcome, especially all Auxiliary Members.

The Irish Cancer Society Daffodil Day takes place on Friday coming, 24th March 2017.



Coffee Morning each Wednesday after the 10am Mass in the Parochial House, **(please note the venue)**.

Nás na Ríogh ICA Guild next meeting Monday 20th March at 8pm in Naas Community Centre, (behind McAuley Place). New members welcome. Contact Mary 086 1552145 or Maureen 086 8232113.

Naas Active Retirement Association, members only, meeting Wednesday, 22nd March at 2pm in Naas Community Centre.

Naas Toastmasters Club next meeting in the Town House Hotel at 8pm on Wednesday 22nd March. This is the Club's annual Speech and Evaluation competition. Enjoyable night guaranteed. Guests/new members always welcome. Light refreshments.

Active Retirement: A meeting with the Regional Development Officer of the Active Retirement Assoc Ireland will be held in Ballycane Church Centre on Thursday 23rd March at 2pm to form a second Active Retirement Branch in Naas. Everyone over 55 welcome to come along and join the club. For further information phone Marie on 087 2248516.

Vincent de Paul Naas; helpline number 045 897306.

Trócaire Boxes are now available in the Church Porches or from the Parish Offices.

SALLINS NOTICE

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Tuesday coming, 21st March from 10.30am to 11am.

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

Sallins 43rd Annual Pilgrimage to Lourdes in conjunction with the Diocesan Pilgrimage, from 16th to 23rd July—7 Nights full board in Hotel Jeanne D'Arc. Cost €819, deposit €200 required at time of booking. For bookings phone Rita Fanning on 086

0834807 or 0876535112. Spiritual Director Fr Alex. **Each year Sallins Lourdes Pilgrimage invite a number of sick people from the Parish to join them on the Pilgrimage. If you or a member of your family would like to be considered you may contact Rita directly.**

Thank You: From Sallins Parish to Martin Clarke (Clarke Kitchens) who donated the new 'Book Shelves Unit' at the back of the Church and to Sallins Mens Shed for fitting same.

Vincent de Paul Helpline number is 085 7052294.

'Sallins Celtic Soccer Club' is embarking on a major fundraiser in conjunction with 'Lip Sync Battles Ireland' in the Westgrove Hotel in Clane on Saturday, 1st April at 8pm (doors open at 7pm). This fun evening is taking the country by storm and seems to be the new 'Strictly Come Dancing'! Tickets from 087 9256729.

TWO MILE HOUSE PARISH NEWS

Weekday morning Mass, Monday to Thursday, at 9.15am and Friday evening at 7pm.

GENERAL NOTICES

Parish Finances:

Sallins: Baskets: € 575 Envelopes: € 320
Naas: Offertory: €3,365 Development €3,520
Two Mile House: € 610

Naas Parish Lotto Draw:

**No Results available at the time of going to print.
Next Draw on Wednesday coming, 22nd March.**

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.

Sports Lottery Results:

Naas: 9/3 (11-12-23-27), No winner Jackpot €5,650
Sallins: 13/3 (16-29-34) No winner, Jackpot €3,100

Gala Concert with the Baldonnel Singers, Tenor Paul Linehan and the Nas na Rí Singers takes place on Saturday coming, 25th March at 8pm in the Church of Our Lady and St David, Sallins Road, Naas. Tickets, €20, from the Parish Office Sallins Road or McAuley Place, phone 883599.

The Naas Easter Parade on Easter Sunday, 16th April at 3pm. If you are interested in participating in this year's Parade, or if you have any questions or require any further information please contact Deborah Callaghan on 086 8394919 or by email: organisers@naaseasterparade.com

Lent 2017..... An Invitation To Join Us!

Additional Evening Masses: For the duration of Lent, in the Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane Mass will be celebrated on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evenings at 7.30pm.

Also on Friday Evenings Mass in the Church of the Irish Martyr's Ballycane at 7.30pm will be celebrated by candlelight followed by a half hour period of **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**.

The Little Blessings Children's Liturgy Group: On each Sunday of Lent during the 10.30am Mass in the Church of the Irish Martyr's, Ballycane, the children will be invited to participate in a child friendly look at the Gospel.

Scripture Reflection with Sr. Peggy continues on Tuesday mornings during Lent, after the 10am Mass in the Parochial House. **Please note the venue** (blue door next to the parish office).

Stations of the Cross each Friday afternoon during Lent. On Friday coming, 24th March the Stations will be at the later time of **3.15pm** owing to Confirmation taking place in the Church of Our Lady and St. David, Sallins Road. **Parishioners may like to join in with us on the Parish Radio.**

What is the Garment of Pain? The Garment of Pain is a simple way of drawing together the experience of pain of many people in a way that we may support one another in prayer. **How does it work.** During Lent you are invite to place a piece of material - roughly 18cmX8cm -in the baskets provided in the Churches. The cloth represents whatever your particular pain in life happens to be. We will remember in all our Masses throughout Lent the intentions of those who have placed their cloth in the baskets. During the final days of Lent the pieces will be sewn together to form one big Patchwork Quilt. During the Mass of the Last Supper on Holy Thursday we will place the cloth on the altar to symbolically unite our suffering with the offering of Christ in the Mass. On Good Friday the cloth will be draped over the Cross which is the focus of our prayer that day. It will also be used during the Easter Vigil.

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, a €200 deposit required at time of booking. full board in Hotel Jeanne D'Arc. The pilgrimage is being organised in conjunction with Joe Walsh Tours. Booking Forms now available from the Parish Office, Sallins Rd.

St. Corban's B.N.S – Enrolment 2017-2018. Enrolment Application Forms for Junior Infants in St. Corban's B.N.S. for September 2017 are now available from the school office or our school's website www.stcorbans.com **Closing date for receipt of Application Forms is 3pm on Friday 31st March 2017.**

Enrolment Application Forms for First Class, for children transferring to St. Corban's B.N.S. from the Mercy Convent have now been distributed to the Mercy Convent.

Also Enrolment Application Forms for Third Class, for pupils transferring to St. Corban's B.N.S. from Scoil an Linbh Íosa, Ballycane, have now been distributed to Scoil an Linbh Íosa.

Please return completed Application Forms to St. Corban's B.N.S. on or before 3pm on Friday, 31st March 17.

Returned Overseas Volunteers & Lay Missionaries: Have you ever volunteered overseas in any kind of profession or have worked as a Lay Missionary in Africa, Asia or South America? Would you like to meet up with like-minded people? Join us for our next meeting on Thursday coming, March 23rd at 7.30pm at Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane. For more info email Jim at jim.farrell@amri.ie or phone/text 083 8422468.

Fundraising Coffee Morning in support of the Kildare Suicide Bereavement Support Group organised by the Garda Síochaná Retired Members Association, Naas Branch. You are most welcome to join us for cake and coffee at the Ryston Social Club, Newbridge from 11am to 12.30pm on Thursday, 30th March 2017. For more details phone Marie 086 0854654 or Mick 086 2329910.