

Parish Newsletter

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MAY - THE MONTH OF MARY

Traditionally, May is Mary's month, a time set aside for particular devotion to the Mother of Jesus. It is an opportunity for us to think a little more about Mary, about her role in the Church, and what she has to say to us Christians.

Mary has always had a special and unique place in the Catholic Church. We see her, not only as the mother of God, but as our mother, who is close to us and intercedes for us. But devotion to Mary does not play the strong role in Catholic living that it did a generation ago.

The Rosary and Angelus are no longer said in many Catholic homes, the May Altar and Processions are increasingly thing of the past. Fewer people visit Marian Shrines, or make Novenas to her honour. Whatever the reasons for the decline, it would be tragic if we stopped honouring Mary today, or pushed her to the periphery of our lives as Christians.

Because Mary is, in the words of the Second Vatican Council, "the Church's outstanding model in faith and love." She is our model because she shows us, better than anybody ever did, what it means to be a Christian.

Mary's whole life was a constant "yes" to God. When the angel Gabriel told her at the Annunciation of God's astonishing plan for her, she answered, "Be it done unto me according to thy word." No one, other than Jesus, has ever listened more willingly and responded more generously to God. That is why the Church honours Mary as first among the saints. She shows us what it means to listen to the word of God and keep it.

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 on Saturday 14th May at 7.30pm in the Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane and on Sunday 15th May at 11am in the Church of Our Lady and St. David, Sallins Road. Tea and refreshments will be served afterwards at both Masses 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

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SACRISTY OUR LADY AND ST DAVID: Tel 856925

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Opening Hours: Monday to Friday 10am to 1pm

PARISH TEAM

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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 2nd: St Athanasius bishop/doctor

Tuesday 3rd: Ss Philip and James, Apostles

Wednesday 4th: St Conleth, bishop

RECENT BAPTISMS

Naas:

Leon Marcin Przybylski, Hazelmere.

Luke Thomas Carroll, Aylmer Park.

Erica Siobhan Carroll, Aylmer Park.

Callum Conor Bolger, Esmondale

Max Mallon, Osberstown

Cillian Mathew Austin, New Zealand.

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

Mass Change: There will be No 7.30am Mass in Church of Our Lady and St David, also there will be No 7.30pm Mass in Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane, tomorrow Monday 2nd May.

First Friday 6th May

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Church of Our Lady and St David, Sallins Road, after the 10am Mass until 6pm.

Sacrament of Reconciliation in the Church of Our Lady and St David on Thursday after 10am Mass and Friday, 9.30am—10am and after 10am Mass.

Mariam Movement Cenacle meets every month in the Church of Our Lady and St David, Sallins Road after 10am Mass. Their next meeting takes place on Saturday coming, 7th May. All welcome.

Coeliac Catholics: We would like to remind you that low gluten hosts are available for distribution at every Mass in all Churches. If you need to receive a low gluten host, come forward to the Sanctuary at Communion time.

Live Streaming of Services Please note that all services in the Church of Our Lady and St. David are broadcast live to the internet.

Mothers Prayers at the Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane on Wednesdays at 8.15pm.



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.

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**.

Naas Active Retirement Association members only meeting on Wednesday coming 4th May at 2pm in Naas Community Centre.

Coffee Morning and Cake Sale on Thursday coming 5th May at Craddock House Nursing Home from 11am to 1pm in aid of Alzheimers Association. All are welcome.

Naas Access Group are a group of local volunteers helping those with disabilities, serious illness's and the elderly, live, shop and travel safely day to day in our local community. Next meeting takes place on Friday coming 6th May at 10am in McAuley Place. For more information phone 087 4183539.

Baldonnell Singers present '**Maytime Melodies**' on Saturday coming 7th May at 8pm in St. David's Church of Ireland, Main Street, (beside Donals). Guest Soloists, Paul Linehen (Tenor) and Emer Barry (Soprano). Tickets €15 on sale from the Parish Office.

Gymboree Classes every Monday morning from 11am to 12noon, at the Parish Centre, Ballycane Church. Classes help children in the development of language, social skills, listening skills. Now enrolling for classes for the summer term. More information phone Josephine on kldare@playandmusic.ie

Naas St Vincent de Paul helpline number 045 897306.

SALLINS NOTICE

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament continues on Tuesday coming 3rd May from 10.30am to 11am.

Defibrillator Purchase: Sallins Parish Council are asking for donations to purchase a defibrillator for the Church of Our Lady and The Guardian Angels, Sallins. A collection box will be located in the church porch at all Masses this weekend Saturday 30th April and Sunday 1st May. All donations greatly appreciated.

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

Date for your Diary.....Sallins Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place on 24th June 2016. Cooleragh/Staplestown Parish will join with Sallins this year for the Pilgrimage.

Each year Sallins Lourdes Pilgrimage invite a number of sick people from Sallins and Naas Parishes on their Pilgrimage. If you or a member of your family would like to be considered you can contact Rita directly on 861070 or 087 6536112. Spiritual Director.

GENERAL NOTICES

Parish Finances:

Sallins: Baskets:	€736	Envelopes:	€280
Naas: Offertory:	€3,315	Development	€3,745
Two Mile House:	€ 530		

Sports Lottery Results:

Naas: 21/4 (5-21-25-27) No winner, Jackpot €8,200
Sallins: 25/4 (2-15-29 No winner, Jackpot €2,050
Splotto: No Results available

The Big C Choir and Special Guests will be performing a Concert in aid of Cancer Research and to support the work of the Friends of St. Brigid's Hospice, The Curragh. This upcoming Concert takes place in St. Brigid's Garrison Church, Curragh Camp on Friday coming 6th May at 8pm. Tickets from the Parish Offices in Naas, Kildare, Carragh, Curragh Camp and members of the Big C Choir.

Novena Mass in Honour of Our Lady of Perpetual Help takes place in Clane Parish Church, on Monday nights at 7.30pm during the month of May, starting tomorrow, Monday 2nd May and concluding Monday 23rd May. All welcome.

The Memorare invites us to ask the Blessed Mother for her assistance and her grace, especially when we feel most troubled in our daily lives:

Remember O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known,

That anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession was left unaided.

Inspired with this confidence, I fly to thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother;

To thee do I come; before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful.

Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me.

You Could Win €6,500

On this Wednesday coming, 4th 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 27th April; numbers drawn were 11– 4 – 13 - 28.

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 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.

Kildare Suicide Bereavement Support Group.

Bereaved? Need to Talk? Want to Talk?

Qualified Counsellors are available every Thursday Night in the Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane from 8pm to 9.30pm. For further information ph 045 895629 or 086 8554852. This is a free, confidential and non denominational.

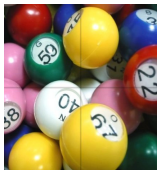
Eist Cancer Support Centre is a registered charity affiliated to the Irish Cancer Society and provides practical help and emotional support to all those who have been affected by cancer and is opened Monday to Thursday, 10am to 4pm. The Centre is now offering a group support programme called **CLIMB** for children between 5 and 12years who are coping with cancer diagnosis within the family unit. The Centre is located at the Waterfront, Mill Lane, Carlow. More information phone 059 9139684 or info@eistcarlowcancersupport.ie

Found Car Key and House Key in The Paddocks

during the week, owner phone 087 6805385.

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.



Is someone's drinking affecting your life? Al-Anon can help. Meetings every Monday night at 8pm in Parish Centre, Ballycane (Tuesday on Bank Holiday Weekend).

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. €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.



Thought for the Week:

Other people may not thank you,