

Parish Newsletter

**Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
23rd October 2016**

No 1572

Luke 18: 9 –14



The main theme of today's Gospel is that true humility must be the hallmark of our prayers. The central focus of today's parable is not on prayer itself, but rather on pride, humility and the role of grace in our salvation.

In today's Gospel, the Pharisee paid tithes on all his wealth. He was sure that he had done all that the law of God required and even more, thus creating a "surplus" of righteousness and making the Almighty his "debtor." Let us evict the Pharisee and revive the publican in each of us. We become the proud Pharisee when we brag about our achievements giving no credit to God, when we seek praise and recognition from others for our accomplishments, and when we degrade others with insensitive comments, hurting their feelings.

Jesus challenges us to imitate the humble publican (tax collector) by acknowledging our total dependence on God and His grace for all our achievements and blessings; by confessing to God daily our sinfulness and asking for His pardon and forgiveness; by praying for God's continued daily support through His grace and for His strengthening through the daily anointing and of His Holy Spirit living within us; by becoming more sensitive to the needs and feelings of others, serving them as best as we can; by thanking God for the numerous blessings we receive daily; surrendering of our life and all our activities completely and unconditionally to God; acknowledging our weakness and total dependence on Him and finally,

presenting our needs and petitions, accompanied by the fervent request for God's strengthening in our weakness and temptations by the daily anointing of His Holy Spirit.

Let us pray every day:
"Be merciful to me, a sinner."



Today we also observe the **World Mission Sunday**. This annual observance was instituted 89 years ago in 1926 by a Papal decree issued by Pope Pius XI.

Every year since then, the universal Church has dedicated the month of October to reflection on and prayer for the missions. St. John Paul II once wrote: "We have, in World Mission Day, an excellent occasion for an examination of conscience with regard to our missionary obligation, and for reminding all the faithful of the Church, what ever be their function and place, that each one is involved in this duty." On World Mission Sunday, Catholics gather to celebrate the Eucharist and to contribute to a collection for the work of evangelization around the world. This annual celebration gives us a chance to reflect on the importance of mission work for the life of the Church. It reminds us that we are one with the Church around the world and that we are all committed to carrying on the mission of Christ, however different our situations may be.



'November Candles To Remember Your Loved Ones'.... will be on sale on the weekend of 5th and 6th November at a cost of €2 each. All monies raised will be used for the Parish Lourdes Invalid Fund, as part of the Kildare and Leighlin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes in 2017, with Bishop Denis Nulty. All monies raised from the sale of these candles are to sponsor pilgrims from Naas/Sallins/Two Mile House parishes **Only!!!** Not for wider Diocese.

PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION

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Opening Hours: Monday to Friday 10am to 1pm

PARISH TEAM

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SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN PARISH REPRESENTATIVES

Naas: Andrew Fagan and Geraldine Faherty

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

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

FEAST AND MEMORIAL DAYS FOR THE COMING WEEK:

Thursday 27th : St Otteran, monk

Friday 28th: Ss Simon and Jude, Apostles

Saturday 29th: St Colman, bishop

RECENT BAPTISMS

Naas:

Evie Grace Quinn, Lakelands

Oakota Sahara Russell, Aylmer Park



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.'*

Divine Mercy Prayer Group with Holy Hour takes place immediately after 7.30pm Mass in the Irish Martyrs Church, Ballycane, on Wednesday coming 26th October. All welcome.

Annual Remembrance Mass remembering all Parishioners who have gone home to God since this time last year and for all our deceased loved ones, will take place on Friday 4th November at 7.30pm in the Church of Our Lady and St David, Sallins Road. We especially welcome all those who are going through grief at this time in the hope that our support through prayer and friendship may somehow ease the pain.

Rosaries for Priests is recited each Wednesday at 2pm in Our Lady and St David's Church. You are welcome to join with us for all or even one decade.

Mothers Prayers at the Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane on Wednesday's 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).

Plainspeakers Toatmasters will meet in Naas Town Hall at 8pm tomorrow Monday 24th for what promises to be a great evening of entertainment. Guests are always welcome; to find out more about us see our wbsite on www.plainspeakers.com

Naas Toastmasters Club next meeting takes place on Wednesday coming 26th at 8pm in the Town House Hotel, light refreshments served. Guests and new members always welcome.

Piper's Hill College Parents' Association AGM on Wednesday coming 26th October at 7pm in the foyer of the college, followed by a free talk by Psychologist and Psychotherapist Dr. Fergus Heffernan titled 'Understanding the Emotional Well-Being of Teenagers'. All parents and guardians of students in the college are invited to attend.

Naas Scouts are holding a Table Quiz on Thursday coming 27th October at 8.30pm in The Town House Hotel, in aid of Barretstown. You can buy a ticket in advance of the quiz from Paula on 086 0736080 or Jo on 086 1635994 or just turn up on the night.

Naas Flower and Garden Club next meeting takes place on Thursday coming 27th at 7.45pm in Naas Care of the Aged Centre, Newbridge Road (Beside Fire Station). Demonstration on the night by Adrienne Thompson, Theme, **'Halloween Treats'**. Guests and new members always most welcome.

Peter McVerry Trust Church Street Collection will take place at all Masses next weekend 29th and 30th October. "Peter McVerry Trust is a homeless and housing charity, committed to reducing homelessness and the harm caused by drug misuse and social disadvantage. The charity operates a 14 bed supported temporary accommodation service in Newbridge, providing medium term supported placements for males and females. Peter McVerry Trust also operates a Freephone information and advice number for County Kildare at 1800 804 307. This number is available between 5pm 9pm Monday to Friday and Midday to 5pm on Saturday and Sunday.

Naas Tidy Towns. Many thanks for the donations of plants and bulbs last week, however, we need more bulbs and plants to improve our public areas. Please text or phone Vourneen on 086 8138821.

McAuley Bridge Club continues on Fridays at 1.15pm sharp. All welcome.

SALLINS NOTICE

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Tuesday coming, 26th October from 10.30am to 11am.

Rosary at Our Lady's Shrine on Friday during the month of October, continues on Friday coming 28th, following the 10am Mass.

Bodenstown Cemetery Blessing of the Graves will take place on Sunday 6th November at 11am.

Reminder to Parishioners who have received Tax Relief Forms for Donations to please return to Moira or to the Parish office, if you have not already done so, and thank you if you already have.

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

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

TWO MILE HOUSE PARISH NEWS

Weekday morning Mass at 9.15am, Monday to Thursday, at St Peter's Church.

New Pastoral Council 1st Meeting The first meeting of the new Parish Pastoral Council takes place in the School on Tuesday coming 25th at 8pm. If you have not already indicated your interest, please feel welcome to attend.

GENERAL NOTICES

Parish Finances:

Sallins: Baskets: €625 Envelopes: €315
Naas: Offertory: €3,310 Development €3,530
Two Mile House: € 742

Sports Lottery Results:

Naas: 13/10 (1-2-14-17), No winner, Jackpot €2,500

Sallins: 17/10 (3- 5-29) No winner. Jackpot €5,800

Cake Sale at Ballycane Church to-day Sunday 23rd after 10.30am and 12noon Masses in support of students from CBS going to Zambia.

2017 marks the 8th trip from Naas CBS to a little town in Zambia called Mazabuka. The trip allows the community of Naas CBS to form a close relationship with Zambia and the people of Mazabuka. In February 2017, nine Naas CBS students will travel to Zambia with four teachers. The team will be mostly based in schools in the area and also work on various aid projects. The team will be under the care of the Christian Brothers and the Mercy Sisters while in Zambia and will see first-hand the courageous and necessary work that is carried out in the name of faith by these orders. We would appreciate any support that you could give to us on the day. As ever the Zambian Immersion Team remain deeply grateful to all the people who give to this project.

Advent Workshop Night for Parish Liturgy Groups, Music, Ministers, Parish Readers, Art and Environment Groups and anyone who would like to join us, on Thursday 10th November in Mount St Anne's Retreat & Conference Centre, Killenard, Co Laois from 7.30 to 9.45pm. Booking details to follow

Naas One Act Drama Festival at the Moat Theatre from Thursday 27th to Saturday 29th October, nine short plays over three nights. Bookings at 883030.

You Could Win €3,750

on Wednesday coming, 26th October, in the Naas Parish Lotto Draw.
There was No winner of the Jackpot on Wednesday 19th October; numbers drawn were:
16-27-22-13. There were Four Lucky Dip winners of €50 each:

Cathy Timmons, Ann O'Neill, Ber McCormack, Carmel Cahill.

Simply Buy A €2 Ticket And It Could Be You.

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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Inaugural Kildare & Leighlin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2017 led by Bishop Denis Nulty.

Next year 2017, a unique opportunity is being put before us, 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. Booking Forms are now available from the Parish Office, Sallins Road. You can also contact the Pilgrimage Leader, Rita Fanning, on 087 6535112. **The Pilgrimage is being organised in conjunction with Joe Walsh Tours, there is a dedicated assisted section for sick pilgrims who may wish to travel.**



Team Hope Annual Shoebox Appeal. It is that time of year again!! *"If you would like to give a little joy and love to a needy child this Christmas"* you can do so by donating a shoebox. Final date for receipt of boxes will be **Friday 11th November**. You can leave your box/s into the Parish Office, Sallins Road or Axa Insurance office Dublin Road., or Healy's Exhausts Monread Road.

South Kildare Scout County are holding a 'Strictly Come Dancing' event on Thursday 10th November in The Keadeen Hotel, Newbridge, in memory of Rover Scout Sarah Swaine, who sadly passed away from cancer earlier this year. The proceeds of the event will go to Barretstown. Six Leaders from Naas Scout Group will be dancing in the event, for tickets phone Paula at 086 0736080 or Jo at 086 1635994.

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



'Guitar Virtuosos' Concert on Wednesday coming 26th October at 8pm in Cobden Hall, on the grounds of Carlow College. Guests Patrick Hennessy and Pat Coldrick. Tickets from on sale from reception at St. Patrick's College. Phone 059 915 3200 (Proceeds to Carlow College, St. Patrick's Student Fund).

Thought for the Week:

God Will Guide Your Footsteps

If You Are Willing To Move Your Feet.

