

Parish Newsletter

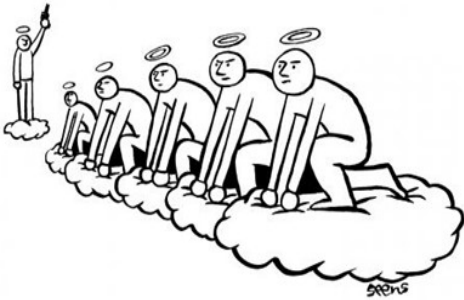


**First Sunday of Advent.
27th November 2016.**

No 1577

Matthew 24:37-44

Get Ready, Get Set...Wait!



Today marks the beginning of the season of Advent, a time of preparation, a time of going toward the coming again of the Messiah, a time of great expectation and great anticipation. But exactly what is it that we anticipate? What are we getting ready for? What do we expect to happen? Do we anticipate the end of the world, as some religious cults always do at this time of the year? Are we preparing our hearts and spirits to receive again the coming of the Christ child into the world? Or are we preparing for yet another month-long shopping spree.

For the many who faithfully observe the consumer Christmas, Advent is the inevitable prelude to disappointment. For the majority of these people, Christmas somehow hardly ever measures up to their fantasies. Even for those who manage to have some of their Christmas wishes fulfilled, the season is over so quickly that the need to make New Year's resolutions to lose those added pounds, or to be more patient with all those idiots who somehow managed to get a driver's license bears down on them even before the decorations come down.

But the Advent we celebrate in the Church – the one that has nothing at all to do with the number of shopping days left until Christmas – is altogether different. The hanging of the greens, the lighting of the first Advent Candle – all these invite us to dream dreams of a better world, to allow expectant visions that have nothing to do with sugar-plum fairies to dance in our heads. Advent invites us to fill the cup of today with a full measure of tomorrow. Both the passage from Isaiah and the words from the Gospel of Matthew express the Christian hope for a different, brighter future.

The way we see Advent and Christmas will determine our approach to the celebration. The essential work of Advent is not the hanging of decorations but the opening of our lives to the coming Christ.

You see, Christmas is a gift from God that arrives whether we're ready for it or not.....



Songs of Praise Concert, To-night;

Ballycane Church Choir are presenting a 'Songs of Praise Concert' at the Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane, to-day Sunday 27th November from 6.30pm to 8pm.

Admission is free. The concert will consist of hymns and songs we love to sing throughout the year. All are most welcome to come and enjoy the Songs and Hymns of praise.

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

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FR. JOE O'NEILL Sundays Well 876197

FR MICHAEL FLATTERY SALLINS ROAD 089 4985973

FR ALEX KOCHATT LAKELANDS 045 898684

DN. FERGA O'NEILL Parish Deacon 086 3816133

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN PARISH REPRESENTATIVES

Naas: Andrew Fagan and Geraldine Faherty

Two Mile House: Anita Comer Julian

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:

Wednesday 30th: St Andrew, apostle

THOSE WHO DIE IN GRACE GO BUT TO GOD

AND GOD IS VERY NEAR"

Naas:

Arthur Lackey, Sarto Park

Audrey Nolan, Craddock House Nursing Home

Barry Healy, Cork and Willowbrook Nursing Home

Sallins:

Frank Kelly, Daars, Sallins

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE



RECENT BAPTISMS

Naas:

Noah Holmes, Mountain View

Sophie Mary Doyle Wickham, Kilcullen



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.'*

Advent Station Collection in support of the Priests of the Parish takes place at all Masses this weekend, 26th/27th November.

Advent Preparation for Christmas: You are invited to pray and study the Advent Sunday readings on each Tuesday during Advent, continuing on Tuesday coming 29th November after 10am Mass in the room at the back of the Church of Our Lady and St. David.



First Friday 2nd December:

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Church of Our Lady and St David, Sallins Road, after the 10am Mass until 4pm.

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.

Marian 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, 3rd December. 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.

Naas Golf Club 25s card game at Naas Golf Club starting on Friday 25th November at 9pm for four weeks. (Turkey Prizes).

Nás na Ríogh ICA Guild next meeting tomorrow, Monday 28th at 8pm in Naas Community Centre, (beside McAuley Place). New members are always welcome. Contact Mary on 086 1552145.

The Alzheimer Café evening takes place on Wednesday coming 30th, from 7pm to 9pm in the Convent Tea Rooms at McAuley Place, Sallins Road, Naas. (Beside Parish Church). Ahead of Christmas we are having a social evening, with Music and Chat, just a chance to relax and enjoy some conversation, tea and cakes.

Naas Active Retirement Association Members only, meeting Wednesday coming 30th, at 2pm in Naas Community Centre, Sallins Road.

Naas Tidy Towns will hold a Church Street Collection next weekend 3rd/4th December. Your continued support of our work is greatly appreciated.

Christmas Flower Arranging Workshops at Ballycane Parish Centre starting on Thursday 8th December and continuing on Thursday's 15th and 22nd from 7pm to 9pm. Basic materials and flowers supplied. Phone Therese at 087 761 3332 to book.

Christmas Mass Bouquet Cards are now available from the Parish Offices.

SALLINS NOTICE

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Tuesday coming, 22nd November from 10.30am to 11am.

Advent Station Collection in support of the Priests of the Parish takes place at all Masses this weekend, 26th/27th November.

Advent Scripture Sharing Session will be held in the Church of Our Lady and the Guardian Angels after the 10am Mass on Friday coming 2nd December. All welcome.

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

Sallins GAA would like to congratulate TJ Gordon from Sallins on 'Winning Junior Hurler of the Year' in Kildare. Also Congratulations to Mary Hulgraine

Kildare Goalkeeper who received an All Star last week. "Sallins GAA is truly on the sporting map". Well done to both players and their proud families. Congratulations also to all their teammates who helped them achieve these awards".

Sallins Senior Citizens Christmas Party takes place on Sunday 4th December.

Found: An envelope with a sum of money with a name on it, found in Chapel Lane last weekend. If you can identify the name on the envelope, "It's Yours".

TWO MILE HOUSE PARISH NEWS

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

Presentation to Valentine Family: To mark the occasion of the closure of Valentine's Family Shop after 81 years of service to the Community, a special presentation will be made to the Valentine Family at the end of Mass **next Sunday 4th December**. Parishioners are invited to meet the family at a social gathering in the school afterwards. Contributions of biscuits and cakes welcome, to be handed in to the school before Mass at 11am.

'Almas' Christmas Cards for Sale after 11am Mass on Sunday next 4th December. "Thanking you for your support in advance".

Two Mile House National School is now taking names for enrolment for September 2017. Please contact the office at 045 871200 for more details.

GENERAL NOTICES

Parish Finances:

Sallins: Baskets: € 705 Envelopes: € 275
Naas: Offertory: €3,245 Development €3,825
Two Mile House: € 920

Sports Lottery Results:

Naas: 17/11 (5-10-11-14), No winner, Jackpot €3,250
Sallins: 21/11 (11-29-35) One winner. Jackpot €1,000

The Baldonnell Singers will host a '**Celebration of Christmas**' Carol Service at St David's Church of Ireland, Main St. Naas on Saturday 10th December. They will be joined by the Eadestown Parish Church Choir offering a festive programme of old favourites. The celebration will feature well known tenor Paul Linehan. For the first time The Baldonnell Singers are delighted to announce that they will be joined by emerging talent Susan Molloy.... not to be missed! "*Come join us for our Celebration of Christmas and prepare to leave overflowing with the Spirit of Christmas.*" Tickets on sale from the Parish Office, Sallins Road.

Naas Parish Lotto Draw

€5,000 that's the Jackpot in the Next Draw on Wednesday coming 30th November. There was no winner of the Jackpot on Wednesday last, 23rd November. **Numbers drawn were : 9—4—7—11.**

Four Luck Dip Winners €50 each: Ann Lennon, Bernie Judge, Laura Ryan, Sean Dunne

The Priests of the Parish would like to sincerely thank all those who worked so hard to sell tickets in these very difficult economic times and we hope people will continue to support us into the future. After another very successful year, our Parish Lotto continues into 2017 commencing on Wednesday, 14th December 2016. If you think you could even sell a couple of tickets, on a weekly basis, to your friends, family or neighbours please contact the Parish Office, Sallins Road, or the draw Office at the Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane, or from the Promoter in your area. Further information can be had from the Draw Secretary on 086 1635994.

Tickets cost €2 each, or an Annual Membership costing €90. You can also pay by Standing Order where €8 per month will be deducted from your bank account. For further Information you contact either of the Parish Offices or the Draw Secretary.

Tickets can also be purchased from the following outlets:- Menswear, Londis, Nolans Butchers, Barker & Jones, Stationery Store, Veritas, The Soda Bread Shop, Gouldings Hardware and Swans on the Green. 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 or 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 44th Annual Eucharistic All-Night Vigil at Knock takes place on Wednesday 7th December, beginning with confessions in the Chapel of Reconciliation from 10pm, followed by Vigil at midnight in the Basilica with Rosary, Candlelight Procession, Stations of the Cross and Holy Hour with Fr. Brendan Walsh, S.C.A. Concelebrated Mass will then take place at 4am with Fr. Freddy Warner, S.M.A. The Vigil will be available to watch live on the Knock Shrine website: www.knockshrine.ie/watch. For more information, contact Knock Shrine at (094) 93 88100 / info@knock-shrine.ie

Bus to Knock for All-Night Vigil, Wednesday 7th December. Phone 045-525432 to book.

County Carlow Hospice Invitation: You are cordially invited to the Launch of Fr. Liam Lawton's 'Lumina' Volume II on Wednesday 30th November at 7.30pm in St. Clare's Church, Graigullen, Carlow. It was recorded with the Prague Filmharmonic Orchestra, this is another

Instrumental collection of some of Fr. Liam's best known pieces. All proceeds of CD sales will go to Co. Carlow Hospice. The launch will be followed by cheese and wine reception, R.S.V.P before Friday 25th November to the Parish Office, Sallins Rd

Christmas Craft Fair on Sunday coming 4th December in Caragh Community Centre, from 12 - 4pm. **SANTA** arrives at 2pm. All welcome.

Prosperous Dramatic Society last chance to see the Society's production of 'BULL' on Wednesday 30th November at 8.30pm in Prosperous Theatre. To tickets book TEXT 085 1615590.

Thank You Mass taking place on Saturday 17th December at 7pm in S Brigid's Church, Curragh Camp, Co. Kildare. Celebrant Fr. John McDonald, Musical Director, Aine Loughran, Choir Director, Christina O'Connell. This Concert is in acknowledgement of those who supported us "**The Big C Choir**". There will be a Blessing of the Sick and Mass will finish with a rendition of Christmas Carols. All welcome.