

Parish Newsletter

3rd Sunday of Lent
28th February 2016

No 1535

Luke 13:1-9



“Repent - Reflect - Pray”

During Lent we are called on to ***“repent- reflect- pray”*** and we make a special effort at this time to try to do all of these things. But when we pray we often do so only when we need something urgently and we do it in a hurry and often times make our prayers a “demand”. We talk and talk to God. Do we pause to listen at all? Very often we don’t.

We talk but do we listen to what God says to us.

Prayer is important to us all especially in times of trouble or doubt. But prayer is much more than a list of wants, demands or even heartfelt desires. Too much talking does not let us hear the Other.

Prayer is not a Monologue but Dialogue.

Prayer is a conversation between us and God. Do we wait for a response? Do we even pause for breath? We talk and talk. Do we realize that God has a voice and that His response is the most essential part of this “Dialogue”? He is our Loving Father who listens to us all the time but do we give him the same courtesy that he gives us? Do we listen to Him at all. Do we ever stop and pray in silence.

Silence is prayer that is not only desired but very necessary. If we don’t listen how do we expect that He will listen to us? How often in the gospel do we hear that Jesus went off by himself to pray? He prayed in the silence and he listened to what the Father had to say to him.

Like Elijah in the cave God did not speak to him in the storm or the earthquake but in the sheer silence.
1 Kings 19.

Recently one of our priests invited everyone to take at least ten minutes a day just to: ***Be Still, Pray in Silence and Listen.***

So during Lent and also throughout the year, wouldn’t it be great if we gave ourselves up to Prayer and Silence and Listening to the Other, even if only for a short time each day.

“We need to find God, and he cannot be found in noise and restlessness.

God is a friend of silence. See how nature, trees, flowers and the grass grow in silence”

Mother Theresa”

Mass Changes at the Church of Our Lady and St David, Sallins Road:

On both St Patrick’s Day the 17th March and Easter Sunday the 27th March

there will be **No 6pm evening Mass** on either of these dates.

PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION

PRIEST ON DUTY: 085 708 8407

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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

FR. JOHN BRICKLEY Parochial House 897703

FR. LIAM MORGAN Curates House 949576

FR. JOE O'NEILL Sundays well 898866

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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

CHURCH OF OUR LADY AND ST. DAVID , SALLINS ROAD

MASS TIMES

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: Tues and Fri 10am

SUNDAYS: Sat Vigil 6.30pm Sun 10am and 12noon

CHURCH OF ST. PETER, TWO MILE HOUSE

WEEKDAYS: Friday 7pm

SUNDAYS: 11am

CHURCH OF OUR LADY AND ST. DAVID , SALLINS ROAD

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Every First Friday before and after the 10am Mass

Every Saturday after the 10am Mass

FEAST AND MEMORIAL DAYS FOR THE COMING WEEK:

Tuesday 1st March: St David, bishop

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

Naas:

Dylan McLoughlin, Jigginstown Green

Sean T. McElligott, Naas

Sallins:

Ned Carroll, Main Street

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE



RECENT BAPTISMS

Naas:

Isla Mary Carroll, Arconagh

Victoria Margaret Tejero, Monread Heights

Luke James Michael Farrell, Jigginstown Green

Caoimhin Enda Harrison Sheehy, Oakglade

For those requesting the Sacrament of Baptism two weeks notice is required. For further details of Baptisms in Naas, Sallins and Two Mile House Parish website 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.'*

Preparation and Reflection for Easter:

You are invited to pray the Lenten Sunday Readings on each Tuesday morning during Lent. The next meeting will take place in the room at the back of the Church on Tuesday coming 1st March after 10am Mass and will be led by Sr. Peggy Cleary.

Also we invite Parishioners to come together on Tuesday and Thursday evenings during Lent at 7.30pm at the Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane for a half hour of gentle prayer, reflective music, stillness and welcomed calm.

Marian Movement Cenacle meets every month in the Church of Our Lady and St David, Sallins Road after the 10am Mass. Their next meeting takes place on Saturday coming, 5th March. All welcome.

St Corbans Boys National School: Applications for Junior Infants remains open until 3pm on Friday coming, 4th March. Inquiries to the school secretary. Contact phone number 045 875508.

Toastmasters: Looking for some enjoyable entertainment? If so please join us in Council Chambers, Naas Town Hall at 8pm tomorrow, Monday 29th for a fun filled, enjoyable evening. Looking forward to seeing you there!

Naas Musical Society presents the Hilarious show "The Wedding Singer The Musical" (PG). This show has everything, comedy, catchy tunes, a rapping Granny (Mona Conroy) and amazing dancing! Tickets from The Moat Theatre Box Office at 883030. The show runs from 5th to 11th March and tickets are already selling fast so book now!

Parish Coffee Morning continues each Wednesday after 10am Mass at back of Church. All welcome
Parish Office is now open on Saturday's from **10am to 1pm** to facilitate with Mass Cards, **only**.

Mothers Prayers continue each Wednesday at the Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane, at 8.15pm.

A Lenten Ecumenical Inter-Faith Gathering will take place in Clane Parish Church, Main Street, Clane on Tuesday 8th March at 7.30pm. All welcome.

Vincent de Paul helpline number 045 897306.

SALLINS NOTICE

Mass Change: There will be no 6.30pm Vigil Mass on Wednesday 16th March, eve of St Patrick's Day in Sallins.

Exposition of the **Blessed Sacrament** on Tuesday coming 1st March from 10.30am —11am.

Date for your Diary.....Sallins Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place on 24th June 2016. Cooleragh/Staplestown Parish will join Sallins this year for the Pilgrimage. Spiritual Director will be Fr. Jimmy Doyle. For more details phone Rita Fanning on 045 861070 or 087 6536112.

TWO MILE HOUSE

Week Day Masses during Lent: Monday to Thursday at 9.15am and Friday evening at 7pm, as usual.

Pastoral Council meeting on Tuesday coming, 1st March at 8pm in the school.

St Peter's Church Two Mile House 225th Anniversary Book has now been launched. Copies are available from Parish Offices, Naas and Barker & Jones, Naas; Valentine's Post Office, Two Mile House or Bill at 897160 and Art at 875618.

A welcome to spend some time with the Lord.
'24 Hours for the Lord' on Friday and Saturday coming, 4th and 5th March at
Our Lady and St Joseph's Church Caragh.

Rosary & Prayer will be recited on the hour. Adoration and Benediction, a quiet time for prayer and the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available. Priests from across the diocese will be available during each hour of the 24hour period to hear confessions and to accompany people as they pray.

The 24 Hours for the Lord commences with Mass at 5pm on Friday 4th and conclude with the Anointing of the Sick and Benediction at 4pm on Saturday 5th. **There will be Special Prayer Time for all school children at 3pm especially First Communion Children.**

Refreshments available during the 24 hours.

If you would like to commit to a specific hour please phone Caragh Parish Office, Monday to Friday, 9am to 1pm on 875602 or Naas Parish Office, Sallins Road or Ballycane on 879730/895629, respectively, with your name and time.

GENERAL NOTICE

Parish Finances:

Sallins: Baskets: € 660 Envelopes: € 485
Naas: Offertory: €3,300 Development €3,850
Two Mile House: € 650

Sports Lottery Results:

Naas:18/2 (1-7-24-26) No winner, Jackpot €7,000
Sallins: 22/2 (1-12-21 One winner, Jackpot €1,300
Splotto: No Results available

Parish Pilgrimage to Medjugorje takes place from Wednesday 1st to 8th June 2016 for seven nights. Price €659 (fully inclusive). Spiritual Director: Fr. Liam Morgan. To book phone John or Catherine Murphy at 866233 or John at 086 8563773.

The Naas Unit of the Order of Malta are running a Church Street Collection this weekend, 26th-28th February, to raise much needed funds for their Annual Pilgrimage to Lourdes taking place the end of April. All support greatly appreciated. Any pilgrims interested in going on the pilgrimage should contact the Officer in Charge at naas@orderofmalta.ie.

You Could Win €4,250

On this Wednesday coming, 2nd March in Naas Parish Lotto Draw Simply Buy A €2 Ticket And It Could Be You

There was no winner of the Jackpot on Wednesday 24th February; numbers drawn were 19-11-17-12

Tickets are available from the Parish Office on the Sallins Road, or in 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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**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. All welcome**

Mothers Prayers at St John's Rest, Our Lady's Shrine, Knock from Friday evening, 11th March, with Mass at 8.30pm and concluding with Mass at 10am on Sunday morning, 13th March. You are very welcome to join with Mothers Prayers if only for a short time. For more info phone 091 771009 or log on to ireland@mothersprayers.org

Lenten Message for Bishop Denis is now available on www.kandle.ie/lenenmessage-bishop-denis/

Chrism Mass will take place in Carlow Cathedral on Monday, 21st March at 7.30pm

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.

Divine Mercy Pilgrimage to Rome Fully Escorted Pilgrimage takes place from 1st April for three nights, €599pps. For bookings and more details phone 01 8788159 or www.marian.ie

A A Meeting Times in Naas

Monday:	8.30pm	Portacabin, St David's Church
Thursday:	8.30pm	as above
Tuesday:	1pm	McAuley Place, Sallins Road
Friday:	1pm	as above
Saturday:	7.30pm	as above

'Beginning Experience' Have you lost a spouse/partner through death, separation or divorce or a broken relationship. 'Beginning Experience' is a weekend programme taking place on Fri/Sat/Sun coming 4th/5th/6th March at Esker Retreat Centre, Athenry, Co Galway commencing at 7pm on Friday 4th. More details from Caroline/Mary 086 8297514/087 9384445, respectively.



Thought for the Week:

*The wonderful news is that our Lord is a God of mercy,
And He responds to repentance.*