

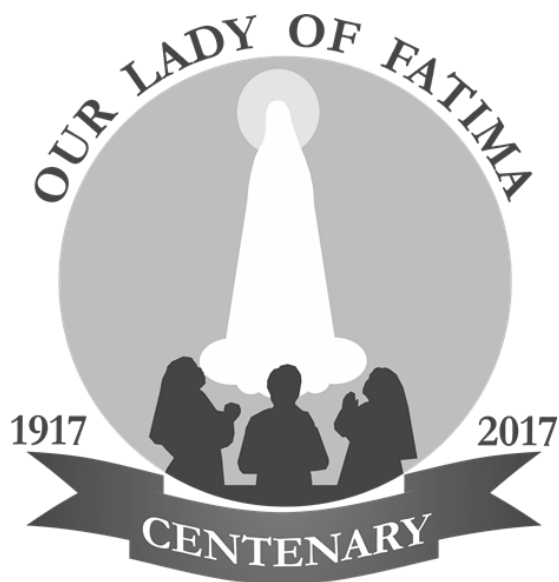
Parish Newsletter



**Fourth Sunday Of Easter
7th May 2017.**

No 1599

John: 10: 1-10



Undoubtedly, one of the most important events of this year will be the centenary celebration of the apparitions of Our Blessed Lady to the shepherds Francisco (8) Jacinta (6) and Marto and Lucia Dos Santos (9) at Fatima, Portugal. Next Saturday, 13th May the two youngest of the children will be canonised by Pope Francis when he visits the world famous shrine. This will be the first time in the history of the Church that two non-martyred children will be raised to the glory of the altars.

It should be remembered that a year before the apparitions of Our Lady occurred the Angel of Peace appeared to the children three times. If we were to summarise these angelic apparitions, we should say that the content of the first appearance is an invitation to pray; the second, a call to sacrifice; and the third, a call to offer oneself for the salvation of sinners. It should also be noted that during the Angel's appearances, he dictated two profound 'Eucharistic' prayers to the children which they quickly took to heart

and repeated for the rest of their holy lives. We would do very well to make these prayers our own as they can only help deepen our participation in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass - the source and summit of our Christian life.

On the first of the Angels appearances he invited the children to pray with him and bowing profoundly he said three times **"My God, I believe, I adore, I trust, and I love You. I beg pardon of You for those who do not believe, do not adore, do not trust, and do not love You."** What a beautiful simple prayer that we could offer to God at the moment of the elevation of the Sacred Host and the Precious Blood. The Angel finished this visitation with a request to the children to **"Pray this way!"**

On the third visit the Angel appeared with a chalice in his hand over which a Host was suspended, from which fell some drops of Blood. Leaving these suspended in the air, he knelt and repeated three times with the children. **"Most Holy Trinity - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, I adore you profoundly. I offer you the most precious Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ, present in all the tabernacles in the world, in reparation for all the outrages, sacrileges and indifferences by which he is offended. Through the infinite merits of His Most Sacred Heart and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I beg of you the conversion of poor sinners."** Then he rose, took the Host, and gave it to Lucia, while he gave the precious Blood in the chalice to Jacinta and Francisco. It is obvious from the actions of the Angel, that this prayer is one of great Eucharistic importance, one that is pleasing to God and one that makes a very beautiful and personal post communion prayer. The Angel's message is a prophetic message, one that not only explains the will of God for the present time, but also helps us recognise the presence of Christ in all times.



National Initiative: On Saturday coming 13th May is the 100th Anniversary of Fatima. Please recite the Angelus at 12noon and offer one Decade of the Rosary for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life. Please repeat on the 13th day of the following months up to and including 13th October 2017. Thank You.

"THANK YOU" from all of the Priests of the Parish for your generous contributions to our recent Easter Collection for Priests. Your continued support is greatly appreciated.

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

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.

"The Lord looks on the heart." Are you being called to do the deeds of Christ as a priest? If you are considering this possibility, "contact: Fr. Ruairi O'Domhnaill. Email: vocations@kandle.ie: www.kandlepriest.com

FEAST AND MEMORIAL DAYS FOR THE COMING WEEK:

Saturday 13th May: Our Lady of Fatima

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

Naas:

Mary McKevitt, Blessington Road.

Kathleen McSherry, Fr. Murphy Place.

Christopher Ryan, St. Conleths Place

Mary (May) Kavanagh, Patrician Avenue

Two Mile House:

Daniel D'arcy, Dunstown, Brannockstown.

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.

RECENT BAPTISMS

Naas:

Aoibhe Cara Annie Ní Bhaoill and

Naoishe Ronan Ó Baoill, Primrose Avenue.



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.

Brooke Denise Higgins, Kildare

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.'*

St Joseph's Young Priests Society next meeting takes place tomorrow, Monday 8th May at 8pm in the Parish Centre at the Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane. Adoration from 8pm to 9.30pm.

Apostolic Work Society next meeting takes place on Tuesday coming 9th May at 7pm in the Community Centre, Sallins Rd. New members very welcome.

Coeliac Hosts 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.

**Parish Golf Classic in aid of Naas Parish
Church Restoration Fund:
10th Anniversary Golf Classic on
Friday 26th May 2017
at Craddockstown Golf Club.**



If you would like to participate as a Team on the day;
Sponsor a Tee Box or Prizes for the Golf Competition
or Raffle, contact: The Parish Office on **045 879730**.

Cake Sale: The Pastimes Community Choir, supporting people living with Dementia, are holding a fundraising Cake Sale to-day Sunday, 7th May from 10am to 12.30pm in the Convent Tea Rooms, at McAuley Place. Join us for tea and cake while supporting a wonderful initiative.

Naas Toastmasters Club next meeting takes place tomorrow Monday 10th at 8pm in Naas Town Hall.

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

Naas Active Retirement Association members only meeting on Wednesday coming 10th May at 2pm in Naas Community Centre, Sallins Road.

Naas Toastmasters Club next meeting on Wednesday coming 10th May in The Town House Hotel at 8pm Guests and new members always welcome. Light refreshments served.

Naas Local History Group: History walk "Fairy Flax to Fletchers" led by Paddy Behan and Members, on Thursday coming 11th May. Meet at Lawlors Hotel at 7.30pm. All Welcome.

Volunteers needed for Naas Tidy Towns. Would you like to help out with Naas Tidy Towns for 1 hour a week pick litter in your own time or as part of a group. We will provide the bags, litter pickers and the cup of coffee! Contact Ann on 086 3988084 or Vourneen on 086 8138821.

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

Vincent de Paul Naas; helpline number 045 897306.

SALLINS NOTICE

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Tuesday coming, 9th May from 10.30am to 11am.

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

Sallins I.C.A. Guild next meeting takes place on Wednesday coming, 10th May in the Community Centre at 8.15pm. New members always welcome. Phone Bridie 087 7835803 or Mary 087 2913499.

Vincent de Paul Guardian Angels Conference, Sallins; As First holy Communion approaches there will be added expenses on families, Vincent de Paul can assist in total confidence. Please phone our **Helpline number 085 7052294**.

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 087 6535112. Spiritual Director; Fr. Alex.



TWO MILE HOUSE

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

GENERAL NOTICES

Parish Finances:

Sallins: Baskets:	€ 570	Envelopes:	€460
Naas: Offertory:	€3,435	Development	€4,045
Two Mile House:	€ 560		

Sports Lottery Results:

Naas: 27/4 (6-13-19-26) No winner, Jackpot €1,450

Sallins: 2/5 (4-12-39) No winner, Jackpot €4,150

Irish Wheelchair Association Church Street Collection takes place at Masses this weekend 6th/7th. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

Craft Fair at McAuley Place on Wednesday coming 10th May from 10am to 4pm. Free Admission. Display of crafts from all around the country. Coordinated by Older Voices Kildare and Allen Knitting and Crochet Group funded by KWETB AND OLDER VOICES KILDARE.

'Annie' will be presented by the Brian Brady Youth Theatre from 10th –14th May at the Moat Theatre. Ticket bookings at the Moat, phone 045 883030.

Date for your Diary; Wednesday 28th June 2017

Parish Family Race Evening.

Summer's evening fun at the Races for all the family has been made possible for us through the kind assistance of the Management of Naas Racecourse. **More details to follow soon.**



Newsletter: You can log on to www.naasparish.ie click on "current parish newsletter" or "parish newsletter past issues" for past or current issues.

Thought For The Week:



There are seven days in a week and
Someday isn't one of them.

-Author Unknown

Naas Parish Lotto Draw

€3,000 that's the Jackpot in the Next Draw on Wednesday coming 10th May.

There was **No Winner**, of the Jackpot on Wednesday last 3rd May.

Numbers drawn were : 5 - 27 - 8 - 9.

Four Lucky Dip Winners of €100 each: Nora Connolly, Mrs Rose McCabe, John Murphy, Mary Cassidy.

We have increased our "Lucky Dip" prizes to €100, if the Jackpot is not won.

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, 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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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. **Parish Lotto Tickets also on Sale every Tuesday night at Bingo.**

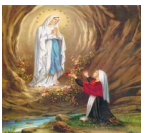


Pilgrim Walk; St Oliver's Pilgrim Walk is organised by the Knights of St Columbanus and involves a pilgrim walk around Drogheda's 7 beautiful Churches, taking place on Friday/Saturday 26th/27th May. Pilgrims can complete the walk on either day between 10.30am and 4.30pm or can be completed over the two days. Enjoy a walk around the historic town of Drogheda with the Boyne Valley and the many Christian Heritage sites of the Boyne Valley located nearby. For full details see www.stolierswalk.com

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 phone 045 895629 or 086 8554852. This is a free, confidential and non denominational.

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 available from Parish Office, Sallins Road.



Lough Derg 2017 Season has re-opened with One Day Retreats until the end of May, advance booking is essential. Phone 071 9861518 or emailinfo@loughderg.org. The Three Day Pilgrimage season begins on Thursday 1st June, pre-booking not required. *"You are invited to walk in the spiritual footsteps of your ancestors and be part of the unbroken link of Lough Derg as a place of continuous prayer for over 50 generations".*