

PARISH NEWS!.....PARISH NEWS!



NAAS

SALLINS

TWO MILE HOUSE

NEWSLETTER

No: 1243

Mass Times

Sundays

Our Lady and St David: Saturday Vigil: 6.30pm
Sunday 8.30am, 10am, 12noon, 6pm.
Irish Martyrs Saturday Vigil: 8pm
Sunday 11am, 12.15pm
Our Lady of the Rosary & Guardian Angels:
Sat Vigil: 6.30pm; Sun 10am, 12noon
St Peter's, Two Mile House: Sunday 11am.

Weekdays:

Our Lady and St David: Mon—Fri: 7.30am, 10am
Saturday 10am.
Irish Martyrs: Mon—Fri: 7.30pm; Saturday 11am
(The 7.30pm Mass on Wednesday is celebrated in the
Church of Our Lady and St David, Sallins Road).
Our Lady of the Rosary & Guardian Angels:
Monday -Friday 10am.
St Peter's Two Mile House: Friday 7pm

First Sunday of Lent (Year C) 21st February 2010

The Temptations of Jesus

Some people find it hard to believe that Jesus could be tempted, but as well as a divine nature, he also had a human nature.....his temptations were real just as ours are. But what did his temptations consist of?

The first temptation was to turn stones into bread; besides the obvious meaning, the word 'bread' can mean material things in general. But Jesus knew that material things by themselves would never satisfy people. His chief task was to nourish their mind and hearts with the word of God. What does the heart really hunger for? It's certainly not bread; bread is what the body hungers for. For a spiritual teacher the food of the spirit has to take priority over the food for the body. To give priority to man's physical needs would mean to diminish man, to treat him as no higher than a beast. We too are tempted to live for material things alone. It's not that we deny the spiritual, but that we neglect it.

The second temptation was to set up a political kingdom, to resort to power rather than love. Power offers an easy substitute for the hard work love can call for. It's easier to control people than to love them, easier to dominate people than to become their servant. Jesus didn't come to rule but to serve. He didn't cling to his divine power, but emptied himself and became the loving servant of all. We are always

tempted to replace love by power.

The third temptation consisted in doing something spectacular (throwing himself off the temple) in order to bring about faith—much as a magician might bring about belief in his arts by doing some showy stunts. But Jesus didn't want sensationalism, he wanted followers, that is, people who would imitate his way of living.

Throughout his public ministry, Jesus refused to give the people these kind of signs, even when pressed to do so. These kind of things are not helpful; they do not demand the best of us. Faith is not magic. Holiness consists, not in trying to get God to do our will, but in trying to get ourselves to do God's will.

Temptations are never over. They return at opportune times. Temptations continued through Jesus' life, even as he hung on the cross we hear an echo of the second temptation: 'If he is the Messiah, let him come down from the cross, and we will believe in him'.

All of us who are struggling to live a good life can take heart. Resisting temptation was not easy for Jesus; nor will it be for us. He forgives us and raises us up when we fall.

**DID YOU COLLECT YOUR TROCAIRE BOX?
LENTEN TROCAIRE BOXES ARE
AVAILABLE FROM
THE CHURCH PORCHES**

NAAS—SALLINS—TWO MILE HOUSE—PARISH TEAM:

Fr Tom McDonnell	Parochial House, Naas	Ph: 897703
Fr. Jimmy Doyle	Sallins	Ph: 897150
Fr John Brickley	Curate's House	Ph 897260
Fr Paul Dempsey	Two Mile House	Ph: 876160
Fr Bogdan Wawrzaszek	142 Hazelmere	Ph: 879792

Priest on Call:
Fr Jimmy Doyle : Ph 897150

PARISH OFFICE, NAAS

(Sallins Road): Ph 879730;
Opening Hours: Mon-Fri 10am-5pm
Wed: 10am-1pm
Lunch: 1pm-2pm

BALLYCANE OFFICE: Ph 895629
Opening Hours: Mon-Fri 10am-1pm

Sacristy, Church of Our Lady and St David: Ph: 856925
(during Mass times)

Sacristy, Church of the Irish Martyrs: Ph: 895629

Parish Website: www.naasparish.ie

Parish Email: naasparishoffice@gmail.com

Diocesan Website: kandle.ie

FEAST AND MEMORIAL DAYS DURING THE COMING WEEK:

Monday 22nd: The Chair of St Peter, Apostle

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Parish Office Hours; Tuesday & Thursday - 10a.m. to 1p.m. Phone; 045 897150
(Messages may be dropped in the letter box or phoned in whenever the office is closed.)

Parish Finances;

Envelopes: €490 Baskets: €812
Grateful thanks to all who support our collections.

SALLINS GAA LOTTO: No Results

Parish Collection Envelopes

The new boxes of 'collection envelopes' will be available in the church from next week-end, 27th and 28th February. The boxes will be in alphabetical order. New contributors would be most welcome.

If you wish to become a contributor please take a box of envelopes with a blank label and write your name and address on the first few envelopes that you use.

Please note: The boxes of envelopes will remain in the Church during the coming few weeks/weekends and you may collect your box at any time during the day when the church is open.

Thank you to all who contribute to our collections.

CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME continues on Thursday coming at 8pm.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AND BENEDICTION takes place at 7.30pm on Friday coming, 26th.

LEGION OF MARY on Tuesday's in the Community Centre after 10am Mass.

TUESDAY CLUB meets on Tuesday 23rd February at 2pm in the Community Centre

SALLINS CONFERENCE OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL: Contact phone number: 085 7052294.

SALLINS 35TH ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES ON 23rd June 2010 for 7 nights full board. €759(inclusive) per person sharing. Spiritual Directors: Fr Tom McDonnell and Fr Colum Swan. Details from Rita at 861070.

Each year Sallins Lourdes Pilgrimage invite a number of sick people from the Parish to join them on their pilgrimage. If you or a member of your family would like to be considered, please contact Rita at 045 861070.

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Parish Finance: Development Fund: €4,195

Offertory: €4,202

Lenten Station Collection takes place at all Masses this weekend,

Naas GAA Lotto: 18/02/10 (5-17-18-26) No Winner!! Next Week's Jackpot: €9,550

THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY WELCOMES
YOU WITH GREAT JOY!

Eoin Barry O'Brien, Oldtown Demesne
Lucy Mary Gavigan, Brú na Ríogh
Kate Teresa Behan, Barrettstown
Alex John Anderson, Kerdiff Avenue
Kelsey Louise Brien, Rathasker Court
Finn Séan Murray Jones, Morell Drive



THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

For those requesting the Sacrament of Baptism two weeks notice is required. Details from the Parish Office, Sallins Road. Ph 879730.

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

Margaret Hynes, Monread Heights

MAY SHE REST IN PEACE



Divine Mercy Prayer Group

Immediately after 7.30pm Mass on
Wednesday 24th February in
Church of Our lady and St David,
Sallins Road lasting 15 mins.

GARMENT OF PAIN The season of Lent is upon once more. For many people the year just passed will be remembered and not always with fond memories. Some have been bereaved, others have been separated from someone they love and many have known their own share of pain. We ask the people of the Parish to join in the Garment of Pain. In the past we have invited people to place a small piece of cloth, **no bigger than a postcard**, which represents a sadness in their lives, into the baskets in the Churches. In the final days of Lent these pieces of cloth will be sewn together to form one Garment. On Holy Thursday this Garment will be used as the altar cloth at the Mass of the Last Supper and on Good Friday our Garment will be draped on the cross as the act of solidarity with all those who suffer. When we burn our Garment in the fire of the Easter Vigil we make a bold gesture of hope in the Risen Christ who has conquered death.

PREPARATION FOR EASTER You are invited to pray and study the Lenten Sunday readings each Tuesday morning beginning Tuesday coming 23rd from 10.45am to 11.30am in the Naas Parish Centre, Sallins Rd, behind Veritas Shop. Srs Peggy Cleary and Mary O'Connor will lead the sessions.

NAAS FLOWER & GARDEN CLUB'S next club meeting on Monday 22nd at 7.45pm in the Teagasc Centre, Friary Rd
ST MARY'S COLLEGE ANNUAL TY MUSICAL....HONK! runs from Wed 3rd—Sat 6th March inclusive in the school. Tickets from school reception or on the door on the night....special family concessions for Thursday night only.

NAAS LOCAL HISTORY GROUP unfurling of Welsh Flag at Naas Town Hall at 3pm on Saturday 27th Feb all welcome.
'COMMUNICATING WITH YOUR TEENAGER' is the final talk in a three week parenting series at Hill House, Tipper Road taking place at 8pm on Thursday coming, 25th Feb. Further details/bookings phone 888880.

THANK YOU to all who participated in the recent fundraiser for Haiti in the Naas GAA Club. €4,300 raised todate.

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Parish Finance: €957

THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY
WELCOMES YOU WITH GREAT JOY!

Hannah Maria Browne, Coughlanstown West
Corey Glenn Lawlor, Stephenstown
Tom Andrew Cross, Mullacash
Lauren Julia Nangle, Mullacash

BAPTISMS TAKE PLACE ON THE 2ND SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH AT
11.45AM.

WONDERING WHAT TO DO FOR LENT? Perhaps some quiet prayer?? The Liturgy Group have arranged three holy hours that will take place on Wednesdays 24th Feb, 3rd and 10th March in St Peters Church at 7.30pm nightly. You are most welcome to come along to take this quiet time of guided prayer during this special season of renewal.

Two Mile House continued:

MINISTRY SUNDAY will be celebrated next Sunday the 28th February at 11am Mass when we will acknowledge all the people who give so generously of their time in service to the parish community.

FAITH FRIENDS continues on Wednesday for the final night in Kilashee school at 8pm, sharp. Parents are reminded to collect their children from the school door at 9pm sharp. Many thanks to the parent leaders who have given of their time to run this programme.

HAITI: The final sum is approaching for the 'sleepover' that the 5th and 6th classes completed recently. The school also had a 'uniform free' day for other pupils to participate in this great fundraising effort. The final figure will be available shortly, but it is in excess of €6,000! Well done to all involved!! Thanks to all the people for their generosity in supporting this venture.

GENERAL NOTICES:

'MOTHERS PRAYERS' co-ordinator for Ireland, Maria Brennan, speaking on the movement for Mothers Prayers. Information Evening and Mother Prayers meeting on Tuesday 23rd February at 8pm in the Naas Community Centre, Sallins Road. For further information phone 045 866233

GETTING MARRIED IN 2010 : The next Marriage Preparation Course takes place on 21st/22nd May 2010. Courses are held in the meeting rooms at the Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane. Application Forms from the Parish Office, Sallins Road. Phone 045 879730.

NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP starting Wednesday coming 24th February and continuing each Wednesday until 31st March at 7.30pm in SS Peter and Paul Church, Monasterevan. Theme "Gratitude".

Caretaker/Cleaner required for Naas Community Centre (this is a community service program offered by Nás na Ríogh Housing Association (NNRHA) and funded by Pobal. Applications to Community Centre Manager, Naas Community Centre, Sallins Road, Naas; manager@naascommunitycentre.ie. Closing date 27th February .

NAAS EASTER PARADE takes place on Easter Sunday, 4th April. Any business or community group who would like to take part please contact Willie Callaghan at 045 875565; 086 2341009; wcallaghan@eircom.net

BEEKEEPING COURSE Free introductory course commencing shortly in the Naas library. For further information phone Colm at 874378 or Sean at 432048.

Naas Musical Society presents "Fiddler on the Roof" from 8th-13th March at 8pm. Tickets from the Moat Box Office, phone 883030. Concession on Tuesday night, 9th March for OAPs.

A BIG THANK YOU to all who supported the Cystic Fibrosis Valentine Coffee morning in the Muintreas, Prosperous which raised €455.45

NAAS COMMUNITY CENTRE COMING EVENTS: 1) Sunday Morning Market/Craft Fair starting on Sunday 28th February from 10am to 1.30pm . 2) New Thursday Morning Men's Club from Thursday next from 10.30am 3) Sunday Afternoon Tea Dance each Sunday from 3pm to 5.30pm. For further details phone 045 883599.

PIETA HOUSE DARKNESS INTO LIGHT 5K EVENT takes place on Saturday 8th May in two venues; The Phoenix Park, Dublin and the University of Limerick....participants are invited to walk/run the 5K route, starting whilst it is still dark and completing the circuit as dawn is breaking. This will be a symbolic event to give hope to those affected by suicide and self-harm.

WORD SEARCH