



NAAS SALLINS TWO MILE HOUSE NEWSLETTER



Mass Times: Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B) Gospel: Mark 1:14-20

<u>Church</u>	<u>Weekdays</u>		<u>Sundays</u>
Our Lady and St David, Naas	Mon - Fri 7.30am, 10am	Saturday 10am.	Saturday Vigil: 6.30pm Sunday 8.30am, 10am, 12noon, 6pm.
Irish Martyrs, Ballycane, Naas	Mon - Fri 7.30pm	Saturday 11am	Saturday Vigil: 8pm Sunday 11am, 12.15pm
Our Lady & Guardian Angels, Sallins	Tues - Fri 10am.		Saturday Vigil: 6.30pm; Sunday 10am, 12noon
St Peter's Two Mile House	Friday 7pm		Sunday 11am

Operation Transformation;

“Operation Transformation” is a very popular TV programme that follows the lives of five people who wish to shed some weight. It is a very challenging and painful process. They are discovering that the journey is more than just about losing weight, it involves a total life change and means looking at things in a new way.

In the Gospel passage, Jesus is at the beginning of his public ministry. He goes into Galilee preaching the Good News and proclaims with decisive urgency that "the time has come, and the Kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent and believe the Good News". Jesus urges us to repentance as a condition of being part of that Kingdom. Repentance is our call to transformation and looking at our lives in a new way. It is a very challenging and sometimes painful process too.

The call of the first disciples: Simon and his brother Andrew, and then James and John: the sons of Zebedee, is part of that proclamation of the Kingdom. If the Kingdom of God is really Good News, people would want to be part of it, even if it means giving up everything. These first disciples were ordinary simple fishermen. But the tone of the invitation by Jesus simply attracted them. "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men". "Then they abandoned their nets and followed him". The same thing happened to James and John, who left even their father in the boat to follow Jesus. What was so attractive about Jesus? What did they see in him? They discovered hope of a new life; a glimpse of the Kingdom and they wanted to become part of it, no matter the cost. They made a radical decision to follow Jesus.

Have we made that radical decision to follow Jesus in our hearts? Are we willing to take on the challenge of repentance in our lives? This is the ultimate “operation transformation.” It’s not easy and will involve pain, just as the people on the TV programme have been discovering!

Naas-Sallins-Two Mile House-Parish Team

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Fr. Paul Dempsey	Two Mile House	Ph: 045 876160
Fr. Bogdan Wawrzaszek	142 Hazelmere	Ph: 045 879792

Priest on Duty:
Fr Bogdan Wawrzaszek: Ph 879792

PARISH OFFICE, NAAS

(Sallins Road): Ph 879730; Fax 894287
Opening Hours: Mon-Fri 10am-5pm
Wed: 10am-1pm: Lunch 1-2pm

BALLYCANE OFFICE: Ph 895629

Opening Hours: Mon-Fri 10am-1pm

SALLINS OFFICE: Ph 897150

Opening Hours: Tuesday & Thursday
10am to 1pm

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

SACRISTY, Church of the Irish Martyrs:
Ph: 895629

Confessions:

Every Saturday after the 10am Mass in the Church of
Our Lady and St David, Sallins Road.

Every Saturday after the 11am Mass in the Church of
The Irish Martyrs, Ballycane.

Parish Website: www.naasparish.ie

Naas Parish Email: naasparishoffice@gmail.com

Sallins Parish Email: sallinsparishoffice@gmail.com

Diocesan Website: kandle.ie

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN; PARISH DESIGNATED PERSONS:

Caroline Quinn (Naas); Sheila Pyke (Sallins)

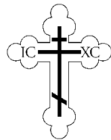
Mary Valentine (Two-Mile-House). They can be contacted
through the Parish Office, Sallins Road, Naas. Phone 045 879730.

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

Naas:

Mary (May) Murgatroyd, Elmwood

MAY SHE REST IN PEACE



**THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY WELCOMES
YOU WITH GREAT JOY!**

Naas:

Alexander Brendan Harford, Craddockstown Ct

Brian John Burns, Craddockstown Rise

Ciara Louise Dolly, Caragh Road

Sarah Jane Nestor, Oldtown Demesne

Ryan J O'Connor, Oldtown Demesne

Tola David Gahan, Sallins Bridge



THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

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

Parish Finances:

Sallins: Baskets: € 946

Envelopes: € 415

Naas: Offertory: €4,316

Development Fund: €4,422

Two Mile House: € 810

Grateful thanks to all who support our collections.

GAA Lotto:

Sallins: 16/01 Jackpot €4,300; Numbers 9-21-33; No
winner; Venue 23/01 Bridgewater; Jackpot €4,450

Naas 12/01 Jackpot €1,300; Numbers 9-10-14-19; No
winner: Next weeks' Jackpot €1,450.

Splotto/Ballycane Celtic: 15/01 Numbers 14-20-
25-26; No Winner: Jackpot 22/01 €6,000

Naas United FC: 15/01: Jackpot €1,000; Numbers:
2-9-22-28 ; No winner Jackpot 22/01 €1,100

Did you know that you can now read the current
parish newsletter as well as back issues online???
Just log on to www.naasparish.ie click on “current
parish newsletter” or “parish newsletter past issues.”

**All Masses and Services in Naas Parish can
be heard on the Radio at 107.3FM**

FEAST AND MEMORIAL DAYS DURING THE COMING WEEK:

Tuesday 24th: St Francis de Sales, bishop and doctor of the Church
Wednesday 25th: The Conversion of St Paul, apostle
Thursday 26th: Ss Timothy and Titus, bishops
Saturday 28th: St Thomas Aquinas, priest and doctor of the Church

Sallins Parish News

Candlemas Dues Collection will take place next weekend, 28th/29th January at all masses.

Tuesday Club next meeting, on Tuesday coming 24th January from 2-4pm.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction on Friday 27th January at 7.30pm. Please note change of time.

Found: A pair of glasses found in Bodenstown Cemetery. Phone Parish Office at 897150.

Parish Calendar 2012 is now available from the Church Porches.....please take one.

Lourdes 37th Annual Pilgrimage from 26th June to 3rd July 2012..... 7 nights, full board in the Hotel Paradise. Cost €759. For bookings phone Rita Fanning at 045 861070. Payments may be made to Rita after the 12noon Mass on Sundays.

Sallins Conference of Saint Vincent De Paul may be contacted at 085 7052294.

Naas Parish News

Naas Active Retirement Association next meeting on Wednesday 25th January 2012 at 2pm in the Naas Community Centre, Sallins Road.

Naas Local History Group: Annual General Meeting followed by “ Know your Naas Fun Quiz” takes place in the Naas Community Library on Tuesday 24th January at 7.45pm. All welcome.

Naas Flower and Garden Club next meeting takes place on Thursday coming, 26th January at 7.45pm in the Care of the Aged Centre, Newbridge Road, Naas with ‘Floral’ demonstration by Mary Hayde, recent winner at Bloom.

St. Brigid's Cross Making: Naas Community Library in association with the Naas Local History Group is holding a St. Brigid's Cross Making demonstration in Naas Library on St. Brigid's Day, 1st February from 3PM. All are welcome to attend this free event.

DIVINE MERCY PRAYER GROUP takes place immediately after the 7.30pm Mass in Church of The Irish Martyrs, Ballycane on Wednesday coming, 25th January. All welcome .



Thank You:

We, the members of the St Vincent de Paul, Naas would like to sincerely thank all who supported our Christmas Appeal. As usual the people of Naas and Two Mile House were very generous.

St Mary's College, Naas are holding their annual street collection on the 27th, 28th and 29th January.

Junior Infant Enrolments for Scoil an Linbh Íosa and Scoil Bhríde Completed Enrolment Enquiry Forms for September 2012 should be returned to the schools by Tuesday, 31st January.

St Vincent de Paul Society Naas helpline phone number 045 897306.

Two Mile House Parish News

Confirmation: The Faith Friends Programme begins this Wednesday 25th January from 8p.m. to 9p.m. in the school hall in Killashee school. All Confirmation candidates from Two Mile House and Killashee schools must participate. We ask that candidates would be on time and that they be collected at 9p.m. sharp.

Naas and Two Mile House Continued:

Confirmation; The parents of all Confirmation candidates in Naas are invited to a liturgy and talk on Thursday evening coming, 26th of January, at 8.15pm in the Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane. This is an important part of our preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Baptism Team; Meeting in Room 4, Ballycane on Thursday, 2nd February, at 8pm.

Liturgy Group Two Mile House; Meeting in the School Staff Room on Thursday next, 26th January at 7.30pm.

Parish Pastoral Council Two Mile House; Meeting in the School Staff Room on Thursday coming, 26th January at 8.15pm.

Naas Parish Children's Choir:

Leader Deirdre White: The first practice of the Children's Choir will take place on **Thursday** coming, 26th January in the Church of Our Lady and St David, Sallins Road from 2.45pm—3.15pm. All children **from first to fourth class** are welcome to join. The choir will sing on Saturday evenings at the 6.30pm Mass in Our Lady and St David, beginning Saturday, 18th February. We hope that many children will join the choir as this enhances the life of our liturgy here in Naas. **The highest standards in Safeguarding Children practice are followed in Naas Parish.**

General Notices

Lost: Pair of prescribed Sun Glasses lost on Sunday last at the 12.15pm Mass in the Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane. Phone 895629.

Save the Date with Liam Lawton!!!! at All Hallows College on the 27th and 28th February. In this year of the International Eucharistic Congress, All Hallows hosts a special **Developing Parish Seminar, Empowering Creativity in the Body of Christ**, with Liam Lawton. During the seminar Liam will step out of his more familiar role of noted performer and composer of sacred music to offer seminar participants an opportunity to reflect on and develop more creative ways of engaging with the Eucharist as the Body of Christ. For bookings and more details visit the seminar website at www.allhallows.ie/developing-parish-2012-seminar-with-liam-lawton.html

New Year's Resolution.....Volunteer for the 50th International Eucharistic Congress (IEC2012) which takes place in Dublin from 10th to 17th June 2012. Volunteers will have an integral role to play in the success of the Congress. Between two and three thousand volunteers will be needed during the week of the Congress and also to assist in preparations in the months leading up to the Congress. The Congress is recruiting volunteers for a wide range of roles such as administration, data entry, stewards, marketing, transport, meet and greet, multimedia, pastoral preparation and much more! If you would like to get involved please visit the IEC2012 website www.iec2012.ie/volunteer and fill out an online application or request an Application Form from the Congress office. Induction training sessions will be held on the 19th and 28th January in the RDS, Dublin. For more info please contact the IEC2012 offices on (01) 2349900 or volunteeradmin@iec2012.ie

Naas Library Interested in returning to Education or starting A New Course? Naas Community Library is holding an information day on 'Getting Back Into Education' in association with Kildare V.E.C.'s Adult Guidance Service on Tuesday 24th January 2012. There will be a guidance talk at 12pm, while there will be an information stand in Naas Library from 2-5pm. A representative from Kildare V.E.C.'s Guidance Service will be available to answer any queries and provide information. All are welcome on the day, and there is no need to pre-register.

STRESSCONTROL: Is STRESS, WORRY or feeling LOW getting in the way of you living your life? FREE courses of six classes to control stress in Kildare & West Wicklow: **Naas** in Ballycane Church, Naas on every Tuesday from January 17th until February 21st from 10.15am – 11.45 am. **Baltinglass** in The Lalor Centre, Baltinglass every Thursday from February 2nd - March 8th from 7pm–8.30 pm. INTERESTED? Text the word 'Stress' followed by 'Naas' or 'Baltinglass' and the number of people who wish to attend to 51444* (eg Stress Naas 3). Or simply just turn up on the day. Anyone can come along. Family and friends are all welcome too.

Is someone's drinking affecting your life. Al-Anon can help? Meetings every Monday night at 8.15pm in Parish Centre, Ballycane. Wednesdays at 8.30pm in Parish Centre, Newbridge, Ph 431394 and Thursdays in Arás Bríd, Parish Centre, Kildare, Ph 521352.