

Parish Newsletter

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

24th January 2016

No 1530

Luke 1: 1-4



chapels of religious houses, classrooms, community centers and homes, or in the open air.

We pray that all those assigned to read from sacred scripture and those appointed to be heralds of your Gospel will treat your message with the utmost reverence and accept with humble gratitude whatever text they find written there, read it clearly and deliberately, conscious that your Spirit is being given to them and they are being anointed to transform this ancient writing into good news to the poor, liberty to captives and new sight to the blind, to recognise that

this year of mercy is a time of your great favour to all.

***“This text is being fulfilled today
Even as you listen.”***

“Such is the force and power of the Word that it is the church’s support and strength, imparting robustness to the faith of its daughters and sons and providing food for their souls, a pure and unfailing fount of spiritual life.” Dei Verbum - Dogmatic Constitution on Divine Revelation, 1965.

Prayer Reflection

Lord, we thank you for the biblical renewal, your precious gift to the church in our time. Other Christian Churches initiated this great movement of the Spirit; it was recognised and welcomed by great popes like Leo XIII and Pius XII, and was given further impetus by the Second Vatican Council with this wonderful document on Divine Revelation, *Dei Verbum*.

We pray that a love for your Holy Scripture may continue to grow in your church, so that the story of Jesus may be relived each week in Christian communities all over the world, wherever your people assemble on the sabbath in their places of worship – great cathedrals, parish churches and

When they have read the word, may they maintain their reverence as they spend some moments in deep meditation, aware that the eyes of all are fixed on them, hungering and thirsting for a word of life, and when eventually the time comes for them to begin to speak may they break open the sacred text and present it, not as an abstract message, a story about the past to be remembered with nostalgia or an impossible utopia that can only be dreamed of, but as a living, active sign of your power which is being fulfilled among them even as they are listening.

Lord, our world sometimes contradicts the word of your prophets. It often brings bad news to the poor telling them that they deserve what they get, plunges captives into deeper captivity, keeps people blind so that they cannot see the opportunities for grace in their situations, encourages the downtrodden to be resigned to their fate. We pray that, like Jesus, your church may return to her beginnings, receive the Spirit you have sent us, and the anointing with which we have been anointed, and that the oppressed people of our time will hear us proclaim, with great joy and courage, the good news that they are born to be free.

PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION

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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

DN. FERGAL O'NEILL Parish Deacon 086 3816133

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:

Monday 25th : The Conversion St Paul, Apostle

Tuesday 26th: Ss Timothy and Titus, bishops

Wednesday 27th: St Angela Merici, virgin.

Thursday 28th : St Thomas Aquinas, priest

Saturday 30th: St Aidan, bishop

THOSE WHO DIE IN GRACE GO BUT TO GOD

AND GOD IS VERY NEAR"

NAAS:

Mary Pierce, St Martins Avenue

Dympna Plant, Roseville

Sheila Garvey, Limerick and formerly St Conleth's Pl

Seamus Kelly, Galway and formerly Pacelli Road



RECENT BAPTISMS

Naas:

Eve Foley, Our Lady's Place

Two Mile House:

Ellena Maura Cahill, Stephenstown Lawn

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.'*

The February Collection in support of the Priests of the Parish will take place at all Masses next weekend 30th/31st January.

Divine Mercy Prayers and Holy Hour for Jubilee Year of Mercy, will follow the 7.30pm Mass on Wednesday coming 27th January in the Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane. All welcome.

Order Of Malta, Naas Ambulance Corps 'Volunteer Opportunities'. Now recruiting for new volunteers, training is provided and volunteers are trained to nationally accredited standards. Come along to the Open Night on Tuesday coming 26th January at 7.30pm in the Boardroom, Level 2, Naas General Hospital, or Phone 087 1408888 for more details.

Parish Coffee Morning has resumed and takes place on Wednesdays after 10am Mass at back of Church. All welcome for a cuppa and chat.

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

St Brigid's Crosses will be on sale in the Parish Offices from Thursday coming 28th January at €3 each. Proceeds will be donated to the Kildare Suicide Bereavement Support Group, which offers a free confidential and non denominational counselling service, to those who have suffered a bereavement or loss. Qualified counsellors are available every Thursday night in the Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane from 8pm to 9.30pm. For further information ph: 045 895629 or 086 8554852

Naas Parish Bingo continues on Tuesday coming 26th January at 8.30pm, sharp, in the Care of the Aged Centre, Newbridge Road. All Welcome.

Naas Toastmasters next meeting on Wednesday coming 27th January at 8pm in the Town House Hotel, Newbridge Road. New members welcome.

The Alzheimer Café evening takes place on Wednesday coming 27th January from 7pm to 9pm in the Convent Tea Rooms at McAuley Place, Sallins Road, Naas. (Beside Parish Church).

Naas Flower and Garden Club next meeting on Thursday coming 28th January at 7.45pm. Demonstration by Roisin Graham and Marie Laird. All welcome.

Naas St Vincent de Paul helpline 045 897306.

SALLINS NOTICE

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Tuesday coming 26th January from 10.30am —11am.

Candlemas Dues Collection takes place at all Masses next weekend 30th/31st January.

Sallins Parish Envelope Boxes for the coming year are now available for collection at the back of the Church and are in Alphabetical Order. If you wish to become a new contributor please take a box of envelopes from the 'new contributor box' and write your name/address on the first few envelopes you use. ***A sincere Thank You to all who contribute to our collections.***

Sallins Parish Church Choir raised €325 for Focus Ireland at the Christmas Carol Service. Thanks to everyone who supported the collection.

Date for your Diary.....Sallins Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place on 24th June 2016. Cooleragh 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.

Sallins St Vincent de Paul helpline 085 7052294.

TWO MILE HOUSE

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.

GENERAL NOTICE

Parish Finances:

Sallins: Baskets: € 901 Envelopes € 520
Naas: Offertory: €3,873 Development €4,106
Two Mile House: € 700

Sports Lottery Results:

Naas: 14/1 (8– 16– 18–26) No winner, Jackpot €6,250
Sallins: 18/6 (22-28-29). No winner, Jackpot €2,800
Spotto: No Results available

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.

Opening of Jubilee Door in Kildare. Parishioners across the diocese are warmly invited to join Bishop Denis for the opening of the Jubilee Door in the Church of St Brigid, Kildare Town on Sunday 31st January. The liturgy will begin at St Brigid's Well at 10am with prayer and a solemn procession to the Church of St Brigid where Bishop Denis will formally open the door and preside at 11am Mass. Free parking available in the National Stud from 9.30am to 2pm. See kandle.ie for more details on this event and on the Year of Mercy.

Church Street Collection for Scoil an Linbh Iosa, Ballycane, will take place next weekend 30th /31st January at the Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane and the Church of Our Lady and St. David

Table Quiz in support of St Mary's College takes place on Friday coming 29th January in Naas GAA Clubhouse at 8.30pm. All support appreciated.

The Past Pupils Union of St Mary's College Naas are holding a Bridge Tournament at Lawlors Hotel Naas on Sunday next, 31st January at 2pm.

You Could Win €3,000

On this Wednesday coming, 27th January in Naas Parish Lotto Draw Simply Buy A €2 Ticket And It Could Be You

There was no winner of the Jackpot on Wednesday 20th January; numbers drawn were 4 -2 -13 -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:- Menswear, Londis, Nolans Butchers, Barker & Jones, Stationery Store, Veritas, The Soda Bread Shop, Gouldings Hardware, Swans on the Green. Supervalu.

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!!*

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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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Thank You from Naas GAA "Our Christmas Morning Mile yielded €3,104.34, even though it was truly an awful morning weather wise We can only admire and sincerely thank the many who turned out and contributed to make it such a great success. Most of all, be assured that your effort has provided lifesaving food and medical support for the most needy in our world. Well done to all."

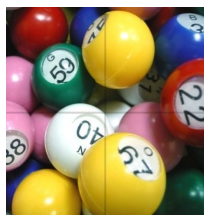
Parish Office is now open on Saturday's from **10am to 1pm** to facilitate with Mass Cards, **only**.

McAuley Bridge Club continues on Fridays at 1.15pm sharp. All welcome.

Theology Matters. Study Theology by distance learning at the Priory Institute, Tallaght. Closing date for registration 22nd February. More details phone 01 4048124 or www.prioryinstitute.ie

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Lost Engagement Ring lost on 1st January between Behans Shop, Kill and B&Q, Bundle of Sticks Roundabout Naas, if found phone 085 7726635.

Did you know that you can read the current parish newsletter as well as back issues online! Log on to www.naasparish.ie



Thought for the Week.....

**May God's Peace cover you,
His HOPE inspire you,
His Joy uplift you,
His Love surround you.**