

Mass Times: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B) Gospel: Mark 1:21-28

No: 1338

<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

Catholic Schools: Christ's Living Body Active in Our World

This week we celebrate Catholic Schools Week. Over the past three years, parishes throughout the country have responded with great generosity and creativity to the invitation to take time during this week to celebrate the contribution made by Catholic Schools to their communities.

For 2012 Catholic Schools Week reflects on the school as a community having as its goal the full development of the pupil. Catholic schools consist of pupils, staff members, parents, school management and patrons. They form a vital part of the local community. The proverb says "it takes a whole village to rear a child" and in its own way each school mirrors the local community in its nurturing concern for its pupils. The school and its teachers support parents and their parish in the Christian initiation of children.

The Catholic School exists in a changed and changing society. Many new challenges face us. New questions are emerging around the type of education we should offer our children. The present Minister for Education believes that a greater choice of education, such as non-denominational schools, should be available. Archbishop Martin has also supported the idea that there should be more choice available to parents when choosing what type of system they want their children educated in. It is good that a healthy debate around these issues is aired.

However, in the midst of this debate, those who nurture and promote Catholic education must reflect on what we are offering in Catholic education. We must be clear on what Catholic ethos means, so that those who do choose to have their children educated in a Catholic school can be assured they are receiving a full and comprehensive Catholic education.

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Fr Declan Thompson: Ph 897150

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
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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:

Michael Shelley, Sarto Road Suzanne Keane, Rathasker Heights Catherine (Cathy) Andrews, Waterfront (Una O'Reilly, Kilcullen Road



Sallins:

Ken Kelly, Sallins Bridge

Margaret Tobin, St Bridget's Terrace

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY WELCOMES YOU WITH GREAT JOY!

Naas:

John William Hayes, Arconagh Gabriel S Turek, Craddockstown Rd

Christopher T Leane, Sallins Pier

Sallins:

Rachael Mary Roberts, Sallins Park

Two Mile House:

Niamh Katherine Kelly, Coughlanstown West

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

GAA Lotto:

Sallins: 23/01 Jackpot €4,450: Numbers 5-26-30; No winner; Venue 30/01 The Mill; Jackpot €4,600

<u>Naas</u> 19/01 Jackpot €1,450: Numbers 15-18-20-23:

No winner: Next weeks' Jackpot €1,600.

Splotto/Ballycane Celtic: 22/01 Numbers 2-4-10-

13; No Winner: Jackpot 29/01 €6,000

Naas United FC: 22/01: Jackpot €1,100; Numbers:3

-21-26-30; No winner Jackpot 29/01 €1,200

Parish Finances:

Sallins: Baskets: € 655

Envelopes: € 440

Naas: Offertory: €3,876

Development Fund: €4,265 <u>Two Mile House</u>: € 495

Grateful thanks to all who support our collections

FEAST AND MEMORIAL DAYS DURING THE COMING WEEK:

Monday 30th: St Aidan, bishop

Tuesday 31st: St John Bosco, priest

Wednesday 1st: St Brigid, Abbess, Secondary Patron of Ireland Thursday 2nd: The Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas Day)

Candles for home and church use available from Veritas Shop

Friday 3rd: St Blaise, bishop and martyr.

The blessing of Throats will take place after all Masses in the Parishes.



Sallins Parish News

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

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction on Friday 3rd February at 7.30pm. Please note change of time.

Frist Friday: The housebound will be visited as usual on Friday coming, 3rd February.

Sallins Baptism Team: Meeting in Room 4, Ballycane Church on Thursday coming, 2nd Feb at 8pm.

<u>Sallins Primary School</u>: Celebrations will take place throughout the school acknowledging the importance of the Catholic Ethos in our school. Each class will have its own celebration, where prayers will be offered for the children, their parents, the headmaster and staff and the Board of Management. Please pray for the school during this week.

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

<u>Lourdes 37th Annual Pilgrimage</u> 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

February Collection for the Priests of the Parish takes place at all Masses next weekend, 4th/5th February.

Marian Movement: meets every month in the Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane at 10.20am. Next meeting on Saturday coming, 4th February. All welcome.

<u>Ecumenical Service</u> today at 11am in St David's Church, Main Street in honour of St Brigid.

<u>Baptism Team</u> meeting in Room 4, Ballycane at 8pm on Thursday coming, 2nd of February.

Anointing for the Sick; Saturday, 11th February is the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. To mark this special day of prayer for the sick, the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be administered during the 11am Mass in the Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane on Saturday 11th February. Everyone is most welcome to come. Naas Parish Pastoral Council; Meets Tuesday 7th Feb at 8.15pm in the Parish Meeting Rooms, Sallins' Road.

FIRST FRIDAY 3rd February 2012

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

As usual on First Fridays there will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in thChurch of Our Lady and St. David, Sallins Road, after 10.00am Mass until <u>4.30pm</u>.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Church of Our Lady and St David:

Thursday after 10am Mass; Friday 9.30am-10am and after 10am Mass.

Church of the Irish Martyrs:

There will be **No** Penetintial Service

Communion to the Housebound

Fr Thompson, Fr. Brickley, Fr. Dempsey, Fr. Bogdan and Fr. Lennon will visit the housebound as usual.

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

Naas News Continued:

St Brigid's Crosses will be available from the Parish Office on Monday 30th January. All proceeds to charity.

Naas Tidy Towns AGM takes place Thursday, 2nd February at 8pm in the Town House Hotel. All welcome.

<u>St. Brigid's Cross Making:</u> Naas Community Library in association with Naas Local History Group is holding a free St. Brigid's Cross making demostration in Naas Library on Wednesday, 1st February from 3pm. All welcome.

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

Naas Camogie: Music Session on Saturday February 4th at 9.30pm in Naas GAA with 3's a Crowd; admission €5 at door. New members always welcome juvenile and older/ adult, it's great for fitness! Ph Brendan 086-2079180. Thank You :St. John of God - St. St. Raphaels, Celbridge Special Needs collectors wish to thank you most sincerely for your generous contributions to our recent annual church street collection. A special Thank You to our loyal and kind collectors. Total collected was €1651.

Two Mile House Parish News

<u>Confirmation</u>; The Faith Friends Programme continues this Wednesday evening, 1st February from 8pm to 9pm 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 9pm sharp.

<u>Catholic Schools Week</u>; Our local school plays a very significant role in our parish community. This week we pray God's special blessing on all who are associated with our school. On Wednesday coming, 1st February, to mark Catholic Schools Week and St. Brigid's Day, we will have a prayer service in St. Peter's Church at 9.30am The school community will be present, but all from the parish are welcome to come along.

General Notices

The Annual Memorial Mass for Deceased *Civilian Employees* of the Defence Forces including will take place on Friday, February 3rd at 10am in St. Brigids Church the Curragh Camp. Relatives and friends of the deceased are invited to attend. Refreshments will be available after Mass in McDonagh Catering Centre until 12 noon.

<u>The Moat Club presents.....</u> 'Eden' by Eugene O'Brien; from Tuesday 21st to Saturday 25th February at 8pm nightly. Ticket bookings from Moat Box Office, phone 045 883030.

<u>Care to Drive</u> is a volunteer transport programme in which the Irish Cancer Society recruit & train volunteers to drive oncology patients to and from their hospital treatments. We are looking for people with free weekday time who can commit to driving patients 1 day a month. We have recently partnered with the Adelaide/ Meath Hospital, Tallaght and are seeking people from the Kildare area. **Information days are being held as follows:**

Feb 1st - Bewleys Hotel, Tallaght - 11.30am & 1pm: Feb 2nd - Clanard Court Hotel, Athy - 11.30pm & 1pm And Feb 3rd - Arklow Bay Hotel, Arklow - 11.30am & 1pm. For more information call Gail on 01 2310 566.

St Brigid's Day

Wednesday 1st February:

Many of us have seen St Brigid's crosses hanging in homes, schools and churches in Ireland. They are usually placed by the door to protect the house, etc from fire. We believe that St Brigid first weaved rushes into a cross when converting a dying pagan chieftain to Christianity and who consequently was baptised before his death. We celebrate Brigid, a woman who lived the Gospel in such a profound way. May we be inspired by her life and try to follow her example of love and service in our own lives.

