



# NAAS SALLINS TWO MILE HOUSE NEWSLETTER



## Mass Times

Church	Weekdays		Sundays
Our Lady and St David	Mon-Fri 7.30am, 10am	Saturday 10am.	Saturday Vigil: 6.30pm Sunday 8.30am, 10am, 12noon, 6pm.
Irish Martyrs	Mon-Fri * 7.30pm	Saturday 11am	Saturday Vigil: 8pm Sunday 11am, 12.15pm
Our Lady of the Rosary & Guardian Angels	Mon -Fri 10am.		Saturday Vigil: 6.30pm; Sunday 10am, 12noon
St Peter's Two Mile House	Friday 7pm		Sunday 11am

\* The 7.30 pm Mass on Wednesday is celebrated in the Church of Our Lady and St David, Naas

## Easter Sunday, 4th April 2010

### Resurrection, a quick fix or something more?

In a recent conversation a faith filled person told me of a young relative who is gravely ill. All the signs are that this person doesn't have long to live. This faith filled person was challenged by another member of her family, who does not see things from the faith perspective. She was asked: "How does your God allow this kind of illness to happen if he is such a loving God?" It is one of the toughest questions of all, a question perhaps we all struggle with now and then if we are to be totally honest.

The Ceremonies we celebrated this week as part of Holy Week enter into the heart of this question. We justifiably may ask where was God when his own Son was hanging on the Tree? Here we enter the deep mystery of suffering. There are no easy answers! Is the resurrection we celebrate today just a quick and easy solution that gets us out of this bind? What is Resurrection really about in the depths of human suffering? We can proclaim our 'Alleluias' at Easter time, but when we are tested by the hard tests of life it can be a very different story. It can be relatively easy to believe in the resurrection and in the light and goodness of God when children are healthy, life is fulfilling, a marriage is happy, work is going well and when the sun shines for us and for those we love. But when the clouds gather and someone we love dies or a child is seriously ill or a marriage breaks up or a job

is lost, or we experience pain and brokenness—then it is quite a different matter to incorporate that experience into the life of faith.

Faith in the resurrection of Jesus Christ isn't a magic potion that simply solves life's problems when they come along. Faith in the resurrection gives us the perspective and the courage to face life as it is. It helps us to confront the pain of illness, to bear the loneliness of bereavement, to face the cutting edge of personal failure and to carry with courage the weight of our human brokenness.

Jesus himself has shown us this in a profound way in his own life. God was silent; as Jesus struggled through the lonely hours in Gethsemane; as he was mocked and jeered and unjustly condemned; as he hung on the cross abandoned by all his close companions. Yet through all of this he still kept faith and trusted in His Father's plan for him. Like Jesus, for us too, there is no way around Gethsemane and Good Friday; we have to face it and go through it.

*Faith in the Risen Christ is about saying I believe in Hope even though there doesn't seem to be a solution and perhaps most important of all;*

*I believe in God even when He is silent.*

# Naas-Sallins-Two Mile House-Parish Team

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## PARISH OFFICE, NAAS

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Wed: 10am-1pm  
Lunch: 1pm-2pm

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Opening Hours: Mon-Fri 10am-1pm

## SALLINS OFFICE: Ph 897150

Opening Hours: Tuesday & Thursday  
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Diocesan Website: [kandle.ie](http://kandle.ie)

## Sallins Parish News

### Parish Finances:

Envelopes: €485      Baskets: €809

Grateful thanks to all who support our collections.

Easter Dues takes place at Masses this weekend.

### Sallins GAA Lotto:

29/03 Jackpot €3,700 ....No Winner!!  
Numbers 9-16-34 ;

VENUE 06/04 Railway Inn ; JACKPOT €3,850

THERE WILL BE NO 10AM MASS DURING THE COMING WEEK.

WITH EFFECT FROM MONDAY 12TH APRIL THERE WILL BE NO 10AM MASS CELEBRATED ON MONDAY'S.

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

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AND BENEDICTION takes place on Friday 9th April at 7.30pm.

TROCAIRE BOXES can now be returned to the Church during Mass times only.

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. Any outstanding deposits now due. Only limited seats now available.

SALLINS LOURDES FUND COMMITTEE are holding their annual 'Spring Raffle' on Sunday next, 11th April in the Community Centre after the 12o'clock Mass....tickets on sale before and after all Masses on Saturday/Sunday. 10th/11th April. The Annual Golf Classic will not take place this year but it is hoped to renew it next year.

## Naas Parish News

*Parish Finance:* Development Fund: €3,971  
Offertory: €3,314

*Naas GAA Lotto:* 01/04/10 (4-7-8-16)  
No Winner!! Next Week's Jackpot: €10,450

THE EASTER COLLECTION FOR THE PREISTS OF THE PARISH TAKES PLACE AT ALL MASSES THIS WEEKEND.

**The Parish Office will be closed throughout the coming week, reopening on Monday 12th April. There will be no newsletter on Sunday 11th April.**

## NAAS NOTICES CONTINUED:

**TRÓCAIRE BOXES:** In order to facilitate the return of all Trócaire Boxes a basket will be placed near the altar in Our Lady & St David's Church and in the Church of the Irish Martyrs on Sunday next at all Masses. Please do not leave them in the Church Porches. It is very important that all proceeds of the Lenten Campaign are forwarded to Trócaire as soon as possible, so please bring all remaining boxes to Mass next Sunday.

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

Mia Margaret Curran, Ashgrove Drive  
Darcie Jayne Dunne, Cluain Aoibhinn  
Josh Paul Sheerin, Caragh Meadows  
Andrew Niall Guerin, Cherry Grove  
Clara Catherine Johnson, Caragh Green  
Logan Peter Earley, Kingsfurze Ave  
Tosola Sinead E Samuel, Sallins Wharf  
Olutomi Michael A T Samuel, Sallins Wharf  
Oluwatoni Anthony D A S P Samuel, Sallins Wharf



#### 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.

**MASS BOOKS:** Over the past few weeks many parishioners have been complaining, some quite angrily, that there are very few Mass Books available in the Churches in Naas. This is a problem with the current booklets in particular. Two weeks ago twenty two new books were placed in Our Lady & St David's Church. There is now only ONE of these new books in the Church. This would seem to indicate the reason why so few books are available....parishioners must be taking them home with them. If this continues it will be impossible to maintain a supply of books in the churches. Nonetheless an additional one hundred books have been ordered to tide us over the immediate future.....please leave them in the churches for others to use. There is a reluctance to replace all the books since a new translation of the Mass is probably going to be introduced, at least that is what we were told some years ago.

**PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUDORJE** from 28th May for 7 nights (fully inclusive). Cost €629.

Deposit €100. Spiritual Director; Fr. Bogdan. Contact John or Catherine at 866233/086 8563773.

**NAAS AND TWO MILE HOUSE PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES** from 16th to 23rd August 2010. Cost €785, full board per person sharing twin room. Deposit €150 per person. Priest Leaders; Fr Jimmy Doyle and Fr Liam Comer. Bookings Abbey Travel, phone 045 897756.

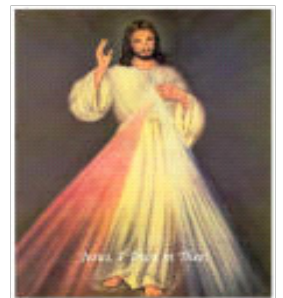
**ST. JOSEPH'S YOUNG PRIEST SOCIETY** Next Monthly Meeting on Thursday, 8th April at 8pm in the Parish Centre, Church of the Irish Martyrs. Adoration after evening Mass from 8pm to 9.30pm

### DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY: 11TH APRIL 2010

The feast of the Divine Mercy will be celebrated in the Church of Our Lady and St David, Sallins Road at 3pm on Sunday 11th April.

Preparation for the Feast should consist of:

1. A Novena of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy commencing on Good Friday.
2. Confession on or before the Feast.
3. Holy communion to be received on the Feast Day.
4. Acts of mercy to be performed (by deed, word or prayer) on the days prior to Feast Day.
5. Sermon by Priest on Divine Mercy on the feast day.



**NAAS LOCAL HISTORY GROUP** next meeting on Tuesday 6th April at 7.45pm in Naas Library. All welcome.

## Two Mile House Parish News

**TWO MILE HOUSE COMMUNITY GAMES** are holding a traditional music night in the Brown Bear on Easter Monday night from 8pm to 10pm in aid of the TMH Community Games. Admission €10 per family and €5 per person.

**PARISH FINANCE: €573**

**PASTORAL LETTER OF THE HOLY FATHER, POPE BENEDICT, TO THE CATHOLICS OF IRELAND NOW AVAILABLE FROM VERITAS SHOP.**