

Parish Newsletter



Second Sunday of Advent

10th December 2017.

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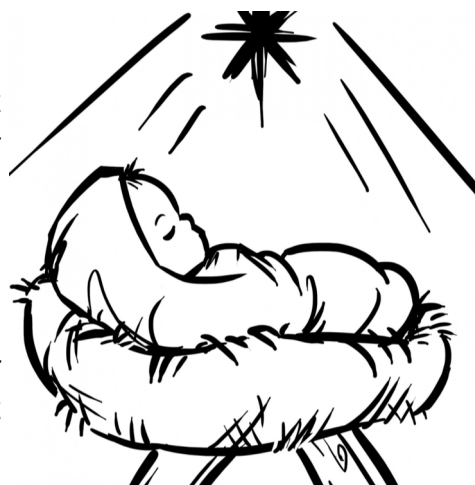
Mark: 1:1-8

Bambinelli Sunday!

Baby Jesus from your crib:

For the past several decades, each year on Gaudete Sunday, children and adults bring their Baby Jesus figure from the crib at their homes to St. Peter's Square in Rome where the Holy Father blesses both the people and the figurines during the Angelus. This has become affectionately known as ``Bambinelli Sunday``.

This year we will celebrate ``Bambinelli Sunday`` in our three parishes. Families are invited to bring the figure of the Baby Jesus to Mass. A suggestion is, following the blessing, take your ``Bambinelli`` home and place it in a gift box, wrap it, and save it for Christmas. Let this be the first gift your family open on Christmas morning and together place the baby Jesus into the family crib. Say a prayer of blessing together asking God to protect your family and thanking God for the gift of His Son.



JESSE TREE

We adorn a Jesse Tree with illustrated symbols that represent the people, prophecies, and events leading up to the birth of Jesus. The ornaments of the Jesse tree tell the story of God in the Old Testament, connecting the Advent season with the faithfulness of God across four thousand years of history.

The Jesse Tree helps us connect the custom of decorating Christmas trees to the events leading to Jesus' birth. The Jesse tree is named from Isaiah 11:1: "A shoot shall come out of the stock of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots." Jesse was the father of King David and King David was an ancestor of Jesus so the Jesse tree represents Jesus' family tree.

Each day a different symbol is placed on the tree. If you would like to find out the meaning behind each symbol you can refer to the booklet that is placed next to the Jesse Tree and it will give you a day by day account of the meaning behind each symbol.



Confessions for Christmas: The Parish Penitential Service will take place on Monday, 18th December at 8pm in the Church of Our Lady and St David.

Confessions also on Saturday 23rd December beginning after 10am Mass until 1pm.

Please note No Confessions on Christmas Eve (owing to the Sunday morning schedule of Masses).

Date for Your Diary!!

Naas, Sallins and Two Mile House Parish Social, Friday 2nd February 2018 in the Killashee House Hotel.

PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION

PRIEST ON DUTY: 085 708 8407

PARISH WEBSITE: www.naasparish.ie

NAAS AND SALLINS PARISH OFFICE Tel 879730 Fax 894287

Opening Hours: Monday to Friday 10am to 5pm

Naas email office@naasparish.net

Sallins email sallinsparishoffice@gmail.com

SACRISTY OUR LADY AND ST DAVID: Tel 856925

BALLYCANE OFFICE AND SACRISTY : Tel 895629

Opening Hours: Monday to Friday 10am to 1pm

PARISH TEAM

FR. LIAM MORGAN	Sallins Road	087 1337879
FR. JOE O'NEILL	Sundays Well	045 876197
FR MICHAEL FLATTERY	SALLINS ROAD	045 897703
FR ALEX KOCHATT	LAKELANDS	045 898684
DN. FERGA O'NEILL	Parish Deacon	086 3816133
Hilda Campbell	Pastoral Adm Assistant	089 4037570

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN PARISH REPRESENTATIVES

Naas: Andrew Fagan and Geraldine Faherty

Sallins: Keith Murphy

Two Mile House: Mary Valentine

They can be contacted through the Parish Office, Sallins Road, Naas. Phone 045 879730.

New Safeguarding Policy recently updated is now displayed in all our Church Porches.

FEAST AND MEMORIAL DAYS FOR THE COMING WEEK:

Tuesday 12th: Our Lady of Guadalupe
Wednesday 13th: St Lucy, virgin and martyr
Thursday 14th: St John of the Cross

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

Naas:

Brigid Kelly, Patrician Avenue
Marcella Roycroft, Osberstown Cottages

Two Mile House:

Charlie Choiseul, Walterstown

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.

RECENT BAPTISMS

Naas:

Jack Edward O'Dwyer, Finlay Park
Cillian Charlie Quinlan, Lakelands
Martyna Cichon, Craddockstown Court



MASS TIMES

CHURCH OF OUR LADY AND ST. DAVID , SALLINS ROAD

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: Tuesday and FRIDAY 10am

SUNDAYS: Sat Vigil 6.30pm Sun 10am and 12noon

CHURCH OF ST. PETER, TWO MILE HOUSE

WEEKDAYS: Friday 7pm

SUNDAYS: 11am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

CHURCH OF OUR LADY AND ST. DAVID , SALLINS ROAD

Every First Friday before and after the 10am Mass
Every Saturday after the 10am Mass.

For those requesting the Sacrament of Baptism two weeks notice is required. Further details of Baptisms in Naas, Sallins and Two Mile House Parish at www.naasparish.ie/sacraments/baptism.

NAAS PARISH NEWS

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT - *'Naas Catholic Parish 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.'*

St Joseph's Young Priests Society next meeting takes place tomorrow, Monday 11th December at 8pm in the Parish Centre at the Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane. Adoration from 8pm to 9.30pm.

Advent Preparation for Christmas, taking place each Tuesday during Advent, continues on Tuesday morning coming, 12th December after the 10am Mass in the Parochial House.

The St Vincent de Paul Society's Annual Collection takes place at all Masses this weekend 9th/10th December. Donations can also be sent to St Vincent de Paul, P.O. Box 1, Naas. All donations will be greatly appreciated. Thank you for your continued support. St Vincent de Paul **Helpline 045 897306**

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

Sunday Visits to the Sick and Housebound: If you or a family member are unable to attend Mass at the weekend as a result of illness or confinement and would like to receive Holy Communion on Sunday mornings, it can be arranged for a lay Minister of Communion to visit your home with Holy Communion after the 9am Mass. For more details contact Deacon Fergal O'Neill on 086 3816133 or the Parish Office, Sallins Road 045 879730.

Afternoon Retreat, conducted by Fr. Liam Morgan, will take place on Sunday, 17th December at 2pm in the Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane with Holy Hour, the Rosary, the Anointing of the Sick and concluding with Holy Mass; (refreshments will be served during the break).

St Joseph's Young Priest Society.

Naas Parish Development Envelop Boxes for the coming year are now available for collection from the Church Porches or the Parish Office.

Your support for this collection is and as always very much appreciated. It would greatly facilitate accurate record-keeping for tax relief purposes if you could write your name and address on the first few envelopes you return.

"A sincere Thank You to all who contribute to our collections."

Coffee Morning continues on Wednesday mornings after the 10am Mass in the Parochial Housecome and join us for a cuppa and a chat!!

Winter Closing Time: For Safety and Security reasons the Church of Our Lady and St David will close at 4pm for the duration of the winter months.

A Reminder to be cautious with your personal belongings when in and around the Church.

Naas Community Men's Shed are holding a Music Session in the shed at Rathasker Road on Thursday coming, 14th December at 9pm sharp. 'We are looking for new members': contact Norman on 086 8173469.

Lost: A pair of Lady's Boots (in a bag) at Our Lady and St David's Church on Thursday morning last. Phone Parish Office.

Found: Pair of 'Jarger' Gold Rimmed glasses found on the Sallins Road. Phone Parish office.

SALLINS NOTICE

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament continues Tuesday coming, 12th Dec from 10.30am—11am.

Sallins Parish Envelope Boxes for the coming year are now available for collection from the Church Porch. Your support is and as always very much appreciated. It would greatly facilitate accurate record-keeping for tax relief purposes if you could write your name and address on the first few envelopes you return.

TWO MILE HOUSE

Weekday Morning Mass is celebrated from Monday to Thursday at 9.15am. Friday evening Mass as usual at 7pm.

GENERAL NOTICES

Parish Finances:

Sallins: Baskets: € 600 Envelopes: € 450
Naas: Offertory: €2,000 Development €3,400
Two Mile House: € 735

Sports Lottery Results:

Naas: 30 /11 (9-8-19-28) No winner, Jackpot €6,100
Sallins: 4/12 (3-16-20) No winner, Jackpot €3,100

Christmas Themed Coffee Morning will take place on Tuesday 12th December from 10am to 12noon at Camphill Community, Dunshane (near Brannockstown, Naas). Coffee, Tea, Cakes and a few crafts for sale

Owen Lynch and Choir Concert: 'O Holy Night' takes place on Sunday, 17th December at 8.30pm in Newbridge Parish Church. Tickets €20, from Newbridge Parish Office or from Veronica on 087 7940850. A beautiful & magical concert awaits.

Nás na Rí Singers with special guests Laoise O'Brien (Recorder) and Michael O'Toole (Guitar) and St Mary's College Chamber Choir present 'Unto Us a Child is Born' concert in aid of Trocaire on Friday coming, 15th December at 8pm in the Church of Our Lady and St David, Sallins Road. Tickets from the Parish Office.

Christmas with Friends 2017. This year Christmas with Friends takes place in Judge Roy Beans Newbridge on December 25th from 12noon to 4pm, for people from Newbridge, Naas, Kildare, Kilcullen, Athy, Monasterevan, Nurney and surrounding areas are invited to attend. **To reserve a place or to have dinner delivered to your home call Anne at 086 8042724.** We can also organise transport if required. **This is a free event kindly sponsored and supported by Judge Roy Beans, patrons and staff.** We are also looking for drivers on the day to deliver dinner to people in their homes and to take people to and from the event.

Naas Parish Lotto Draw

Naas Parish Lotto is celebrating its 5th Birthday on Wednesday coming, 13th December when the Jackpot will be €10,000 and we are giving out loads of extra cash prizes, vouchers and surprises.

The last four years have been a great success due mainly to the unselfish and trojan work carried out by our Ticket Sellers and also the generosity of those who have supported us during this time. The funds raised have had an important and significant impact on our Parish Finances and we look forward to your continued and invaluable support in 2018.

If you are not already a ticket seller and feel that you, your friends or family could possibly sell a few tickets to your family, your neighbours or in your work place, we would love to hear from you. Tickets cost €2 each. You can also join by completing a Standing Order Form for €8 per month, or pay a Yearly Subscription of €90.

If you would like to join the Parish Lotto Draw, renew your Annual Subscription, or become a Ticket Seller, please contact the Parish Office, Sallins Road (045 879739) or Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane (045 895629).

Further information can also be obtained from the Draw Secretary on 086 1635994

Promoters: Please note our last draw before Christmas will be on Wednesday, 20th December.

There will be **NO** draw on Wednesday 27th December or Wednesday 3rd January 2018. The first draw after Christmas will be Wednesday 10th January 2018.

If you're not in you can't win!!!!!!!!!!!!

€10,000 that is the Jackpot for Wednesday coming, 13th December. There was no winner of the Jackpot on Wednesday last, 6th December. **Numbers drawn were: 10-16-1-14.**

Four Lucky Dip winners of €100 each were: John Timpson; Jo Coy; Anthony McAllister; Charles Inglis.

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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George Mullins Funerals.

Remembering Your Loved Ones

The team at George Mullins Funerals would like to invite you and your family to a Christmas Remembrance of your Loved Ones at George Mullins Funeral Home, Naas today, Sunday 10th December at 3pm.

Each family will be invited to light a candle and place a star on our Christmas Tree in remembrance of their Loved ones. At the conclusion of the celebration each family may participate in a mass release of balloons.

Light refreshments will be served afterwards.

Parish Bingo continues every Tuesday night at 8.30pm, sharp, in the Care of the Aged Centre, Newbridge Road, with Bigger Prizes and Jackpot.



Parish Lotto Tickets also on Sale on the night.

Is someone's drinking affecting your life? Al-Anon can help. Meetings take place every Monday night at 8.15pm in Parish Centre, Ballycane. (Tuesday on Bank Holiday Weekend).

Naas Parish new email address:

office@naasparish.net