

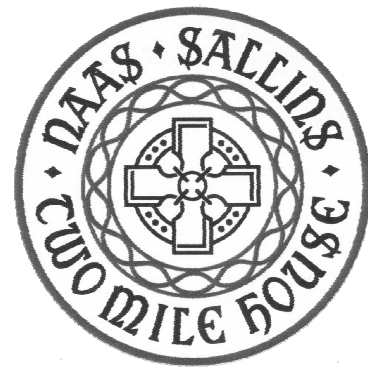
Parish Newsletter

The Baptism of the Lord

10th January 2016

No 1528

Luke 3:15-16, 21-22



I baptise you with water...

He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit

Luke 3:16



Holy Spirit may dwell there by faith, **over the ears** so that they may hear the voice of the Lord and finally **over the mouth** so that they may proclaim the praise of God.

If we were to **repeat these crosses over ourselves each morning**, that would be an excellent morning offering. To consecrate ourselves to the Lord for that day would challenge us to walk in the way of the Lord and carry out our baptismal duty to make Christ known in all we do. Simply crossing ourselves, even in silence, is not only a powerful witness to others, it is a

powerful reminder to ourselves that we are claimed by Christ and that we are to bear our cross with him each and every day.

Marked by the Cross

There was a priest who went out for a walk one day. As he was walking through the woods, he came round a bend and found himself face to face with a bear. He took off running as fast as he could, but he slipped and slid down a slope. The priest was lying there, helpless and defenceless, aware that the bear was getting ever closer, so he turned to prayer: "Lord, I repent of all my sins... Lord please make this bear Christian!"

As soon as he uttered these words the bear stopped in his tracks, made the sign of the cross and said "Bless us O Lord and these thy gifts which we are about to receive."

Sometimes we make the sign of the cross with about as much meaning as the bear, but it serves us well to remember that one of the first things that happened to us **during our baptism** was the **signing of the cross on our foreheads** by the celebrant, our parents and our godparents. This initial action is done in silence but speaks volumes - the person presented for baptism is claimed in the name of Christ, is loved by Christ and belongs to Christ. Later in the ceremony, **the sign of the cross is placed over the heart** so that the

Serenity prayer

O God,

Grant me the Serenity to accept the things I can not change,

The courage to change the things I can and ought to change and the wisdom to know the difference.

Living one day at a time, enjoying one moment at a time. Accepting hardships as the pathway to peace.

Taking, as he did, the sinful world as it is, not as I would have it. Trusting that he will make all things right if I surrender to His will;

That I may be reasonably happy in this life, and supremely happy with Him forever.

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 naasparishoffice@gmail.com

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. 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:

Friday 15th: St Ita, virgin

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

Naas:

Pat Tiernan, Roseville

Angela Heany, Monread Avenue

Michael Hennessy, Sarto Park

Ann Marum, St Corban's Place

Gretta Meagher, Kingsfurze Avenue

Mary O'Neill, Pacelli Road

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

RECENT BAPTISMS

Naas:

Jamie Colm Forde, Oakgalde

Grace Brenda O'Flaherty, New York

Sallins:

Tiernan Vincent Donoghue, Bodenstown



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.'*

Naas Parish Development Envelope Boxes for coming year are now available for collection from the Church Porches. 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 please write your name and address on the first few envelopes you return.
Thank You, Naas Parish Pastoral Council.

Parish Coffee Morning resumes on Wednesday coming after 10am Mass at back of Church. All welcome for a cuppa and chat.

A Sincere Thank You to all who so generously donated flowers for the decoration of our Churches at Christmas.

Flower Arranging Classes, suitable for beginners, commencing on Tuesday coming, 12th Jan in the

Ballycane Church Centre from 10.30am- 12.30pm.
More details from Therese on 087 761 3332.

Reminder: Closing date for Enrolment Enquiry Forms (Junior Infants) for Mercy Convent Primary School is Friday 8th January 2016.

Naas Active Retirement Association, members only, meeting on Wednesday coming, 13th January at 2pm in Naas Community Centre.

Naas Parish Church Choir sings at the 11am Sunday Mass in Naas Parish Church. If you would like to join the Choir just come along to our practice on Wed coming, 13th January at 8pm in Ballycane Church.

Ballycane Church Choir sing at the 10.30am Mass in Ballycane on Sundays. Choir practice resumes tomorrow Monday 11th January at 8pm in Ballycane Church. **If you would you like to join either Choirs just turn up for the practice on the relevant night or phone 087 235 2545.**

Naas Toastmasters Club next meeting Wednesday 13th January at 8pm in The Town House Hotel, Naas. New members and guests welcome.

Naas Tidy Towns AGM in the Town House Hotel this coming Thursday 14th January at 8pm. All welcome.

Naas Parish Bingo will commence on Tuesday, 19th January 2016 at 8.30pm, sharp, in the Care of the Aged Centre, Newbridge Road.

Naas St Vincent de Paul helpline 045 897306.

SALLINS NOTICE

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Tuesday coming 12th January from 10.30am —11am.

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.***

Tuesday Club resumes on Tuesday coming, 12th January in the Parish Community Centre from 2pm-4pm. New members welcome.

Date for your Diary.....Sallins Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place on 24th June 2016. Details Rita Fanning on 045 861070 or 087 6536112.

“School Secretary required for a three month period, three days per week 9am to 3pm. Applications with CV and References to Chairperson, Sallins National School, Sallins. on/before Friday 15th January”

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: € 585	Envelopes € 305
Naas: Offertory: €3,382	Development €4,278
Two Mile House: € 575	

Sports Lottery Results

Naas: 17/12 (15-18-23-26) No winner, Jackpot €5,950
Sallins: No Results available
Splotto: No Results available

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

Rotary Tree of Remembrance Naas – Ecumenical Service (with Baldonnel Singers). Once again, Naas Rotary Club have had a Remembrance Tree at the new Tesco Extra Naas in December – with most of the proceeds going to the **Peter McVerry Trust for the Homeless.** The Yellow Ribbons which were placed on the tree will be presented at this Service in Ballycane Church on Thursday coming 14th January at 7.30pm. Baldonnel Singers will be present at the service and Fr. Peter McVerry himself will be the officiator - all are most welcome. For more details see our Facebook page >Rotary Club of Naas (Ireland)< or our website www.naasrotary.com

Night Classes: New Year Resolution! Why not join a local Night Class at Pipers Hills College, Naas. You can pick up a Brochure or Enrol on Line: www.kwetb.ie

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

You Could Win €2,500

On this Wednesday coming, 13th 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 6th January; numbers drawn were 22 - 10 - 3 - 18.

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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The Marian Movement of Priests Cenacle for Youth in the form of a Continuous Cenacle takes place from Friday 29th to Sunday 31st January 2016 in All Hallows College, Gracepark Road, Drumcondra. For bookings or more information phone David Walsh on 087 3858155 or email mmridavid@gmail.com

Booking Anniversary Masses; In order to make sure names are included for Anniversary Masses we kindly ask that people would contact the Parish Office Sallins Road or the Ballycane Office at their earliest convenience (at least a week in advance). The Anniversary Mass list is completed on Friday for the following week's Masses.

Coeliac Hosts: We would like to remind you that low gluten hosts are available for distribution at every Mass in all Churches. If you need to receive a low

gluten host, come forward to the sanctuary at Communion time.

Naas Photography Group meets every two weeks in Naas CBS Secondary School. Next meeting 12th January at 7.30pm. New members always welcome. We have a 2016 calendar available to purchase with proceeds going to Saplings School in Kill. Calendars can be purchased in Londis (Mattimoos), Gouldings Hardware, Londis Pacelli Road Centra Hazlemere or from John on (087 7671736). We would like to thank all our sponsors who were a key support in getting the calendar produced.

St Mary's College Annual Musical: Grab your stetsons folks because Oklahoma is coming to St. Mary's College Naas from the 9th to the 12th March 2016. Tickets will be available in the school