

Parish Newsletter

**Sixth Sunday of Easter
10th May 2015**



No 1499

John 15:9-17



As I make my Confirmation visits these days many priests and people ask for some guidance or direction in relation to the upcoming referendum. I know this referendum on marriage is a complex and sensitive topic.

Therefore I feel that, as your bishop, I cannot in good conscience neglect to address this issue; I pray my words will in no way offend or hurt anyone. That is certainly not my intention.

In my own reading and reflection on this issue, I came across the text of the following letter, written by Pope Francis in the days when he was Archbishop of Buenos Aires. Argentina then was faced with the same debate with which we in Ireland are currently engaged. I believe the following text encapsulates the situation very clearly. I quote:

“A marriage (made up of man and woman) is not the same as the union of two people of the same sex. To distinguish is not to discriminate but to respect differences; to differentiate in order to discern is to value appropriately, not to discriminate. At a time

when we place emphasis on the richness of pluralism and social and cultural diversity, it is a contradiction to minimize human differences. A father is not the same as a mother.

We cannot teach future generations that preparing yourself for planning a family based on the stable relationship between a man and a woman is the same as living with a person of the same sex. Let us also be aware that, in seeking to advance a supposed claim on behalf of the rights of adults, we may be setting aside the far greater right of children (who are the only ones who should be privileged in this situation) to rely on models of father and mother, mum and dad.”

This is not a single-issue referendum but is very complex and demands careful reflection. The result will have many serious implications for our society. The Bishops collectively issued a statement after our March Meeting: ‘Marriage is important – reflect before you change it’. That is exactly what I have been doing as your Bishop, and I invite all of you to reflect deeply on this issue over the coming weeks. In making your referendum decision, I encourage you to value the model of Christian marriage which is the fundamental building block of our society. Your opinion matters, so make sure your voice is heard, and vote on May 22nd. Only by voting, can you ensure your voice speaks in the referendum result.

I thank you for listening to this message. I wish you and your families every blessing and grace you need at this time. **+Denis Nulty**

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SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN PARISH REPRESENTATIVES

Naas: Andrew Fagan and Geraldine Faherty

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

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: 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

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

FEAST AND MEMORIAL DAYS FOR THE COMING WEEK:

Thursday 14th: St Matthias, apostle

Friday 15th: St Carthage, bishop

THOSE WHO DIE IN GRACE GO BUT TO GOD

AND GOD IS VERY NEAR"

Martin Pearse, St Corbans Place

May Brennan, Craddock House

Patrick McGlynn, Carlow & formerly St Corbans PI



MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

RECENT BAPTISMS

Naas:

Clara Kate O'Connor, Arconagh

Jonathan Kenneth Sparrow, Sundays Well

Paul Butler, Devoy Gardens

Andrew MacNameeee, Castlesize Vale



Sallins:

Evelyn Alexandra Dooley, Clane

Indiana O'Donoghue, The Curragh

Lacey O'Donoghue, The Curragh

For those requesting the Sacrament of Baptism two weeks notice is required. For further details see our 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.'

St Joseph's Young Priest Society next meeting tomorrow Monday 11th May in the Parish Centre at the Church of The Irish Martyrs, Ballycane Adoration from 8pm to 9.30pm. All welcome.

Apostolic Work Society next meeting takes place on Tuesday coming 12th May at 7pm in the Naas Community Centre. New members welcome.

First Holy Communion will take place on Sunday 17th May and Sunday 24th May at the 12noon Mass at the Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane

Afternoon Prayer and Reflection on Sunday 17th May at 2pm in Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane. Conducted by Fr. PJ, and will conclude with Holy Mass. All most welcome. Refreshments during break.

The Parish Office is now open on Saturday's from 10am to 5pm to facilitate with Mass Cards, only.

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

Ministers of the Sick are requested to return their Pyx as soon as possible, to either the Sacristan at the Church OLSD or the Parish Office as they are required for the following week-end.

Table Quiz in Naas GAA Club on Friday coming 15th May at 9pm to help fund the participants from the Down Syndrome Naas 'My Opinion, My Vote' Programme. The students are visiting the E.U. Headquarters in Brussels as part of the programme at the end of May. We greatly appreciate the support from our local community.

St Vincent de Paul helpline number 045 897306.

SALLINS PARISH NEWS

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

First Communion takes place on Saturday coming 16th May at 11am and 1pm and on Sunday 17th May at the 12noon Mass.

Irish Wheelchair Association annual church street collection takes place at all Masses this weekend.

Lourdes 2015, 40th Anniversary travelling on Friday 12th June for 7 nights. A few extra seats have now become available. Bookings ph Rita 087 6535112.

Sallins Conference of St Vincent de Paul contact phone number is 085 7052294.

GENERAL NOTICE

Parish Finances:

Sallins: Baskets: €657 Envelopes €500
Naas: Offertory: €3,023 Development €3,364
Two Mile House: €685

Sports Lottery Results

Naas: 30/4 (2-10 -25-26) No winner, Jackpot €1,750
Sallins: 5/5 (15-17-24) No winner, Jackpot €2,200
Naas United 5/5 (2 -4-7-30) No winner Jackpot €3,000

Trocaire Boxes can still be left into the Sacristy or the Parish Office, Sallins Road. **Please Do Not leave them in the church/porches. Thank You.**

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help continues tomorrow Monday 11th May at 7.30pm St. Conleth's Church, Newbridge and will conclude on Monday 8th June. Guest speakers will be in attendance each night. Theme ***"Keep the Faith!"***

Kildare County Council are holding a public meeting for individuals and organisations to engage with the development of a programme for the Decade of Commemorations and 1916 in particular, this meeting will take place on Thursday coming 14th May at 7.30pm in the Osprey Hotel. Refreshments will be served. All welcome.

Naas Tidy Towns has recently completed an Otter Survey. They will be presenting the findings to the public on Thursday coming 14th May at 7.45pm in Naas Community Library. All welcome.

Naas Musical Society want to take you on a trip down memory lane! All the way back to 1998, with a special viewing of the DVD of their production of '*Clown*'. Clown was one of the society's most memorable shows which took place in the old GAA. It takes place on Friday coming 15th May at 8pm in The Town House Hotel, Newbridge Road. The committee will also announce the Society's 2016 production. All support appreciated.

Brian Brady Youth Theatre presents '*Wizard of Oz*' from 13th to 17th May at 7pm at the Moat Theatre. For bookings phone 883030.

Diocesan Choir will perform a Lunch Time Concert '*In the Beauty Way*' in Carlow Cathedral on Saturday 23rd May at 1pm. Tickets €5 available on the door or phone 087 6689943 for bookings.

Lough Derg Pilgrimage Season has opened and continues with *One Day Retreats* on 12, 16, 17, 19, 23, 25, 25 of May. Advance booking essential. Phone Lough Derg office on 071 9861518 or email.info@loughderg.org

Lost (A) 5 Stone Engagement Ring on Main Street, reward offered. Contact Parish Office 879730.

(B) Wallet, in Heatons Car Park at Globe Retail Park. Contact Parish Office 879730.

(B) Small Gold Ring with diamond, in or around Tesco, Dublin Rd, Contact Parish Office 879730.

Found Watch in plastic pouch, in Parish Church grounds. Owner contact Parish Office 879730.

Bereaved? Need to Talk? Want to Talk?
Qualified counsellors are available every Thursday Night in the Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane from 8pm to 10pm. For further information phone 045 895629 or 086 8554852. This is a free, confidential and non denominational.

Newsletter: You can log on to www.naasparish.ie click on "current parish newsletter" or "parish newsletter past issues" for past or current issues.

You Could Win €1,000

On this Wednesday coming, 13th May in Naas Parish Lotto Draw Simply Buy A €2 Ticket And It Could Be You

There were TWO winners of the Jackpot on Wednesday 6th May. The Lucky Winners were Fergal Swan and Bernice O'Connor. Numbers drawn were: 1-26 -25-4

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, Sallins Road before 3pm for 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!!*

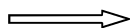
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Contact Number: _____ Mobile: _____

Email: _____

**Please choose four numbers between 1 and 28
(inclusive) and write them in the boxes**



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Our Annual Golf Classic for the Parish Church Restoration Fund

will take place on Monday, 15th June in Craddockstown Golf Club. If you would like to participate as a Team on the day, Sponsor a Tee Box or Prizes for the Golf Competition or Raffle, please contact the Parish Office on 045 879730.



Parish/Diocesan Pilgrimages

Medjugorje Annual Parish Pilgrimage takes place from Wednesday 27th May for 7 nights. Cost of Pilgrimage €659. Phone John/Catherine at 086 8563773. Spiritual Director: Fr. Seamus McEntee.

Padre Pio Pilgrimage to Benevento-San Giovanni from 3rd to 10th August, €879, per person sharing. To book or for more information Contact Brendan on 087 6349103. Spiritual Director: Fr. Ruairi O'Domhnaill.

Naas and Two Mile House Pilgrimage to Lourdes travelling on Wednesday 2nd September for 5 nights, staying at Hotel Padoue. Cost €739 per person sharing. Deposit €100. Bookings at the Parish Office, Sallins Road. Spiritual Director: Fr. John Brickley.

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land departing on Wednesday, 16th September for 9 Nights. Spiritual Director: Rev Mgr John Byrne. Please contact Tully's Travel Ltd, 137 Tullow Street, Carlow for further information email: www.tullys.ie or phone 059 913610.