



# NAAS SALLINS TWO MILE HOUSE NEWSLETTER



**Mass Times: Third Sunday of Advent ( Year B) Gospel: John 1:6.-8. 19-28**

Church	Weekdays		Sundays
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

## *“Rejoice”... In these difficult times?*

On this third Sunday of the Advent season, the theme is traditionally one of joy. The first word of the entrance hymn today is “Rejoice!” This is a tradition coming down from the old pre-Vatican II Latin Mass when the first word of the liturgy was “*Gaudete*” (rejoice, be glad). And so this Sunday has come to be known as “Gaudete Sunday”.

In the past, Advent was a penitential season – many can still remember when there were four fast days during this period – and the celebrant of the liturgy wears vestments with the penitential colour of purple or violet. The atmosphere was deliberately sombre and penitential. So, in the middle of it all, people needed to be reminded of what they were preparing for – the very joyful occasion of the birth of Jesus. In the midst of all the penance and fasting, today was conceived as a window of joy and brightness in anticipation of what was to come.

Rejoicing is not to the fore in our society these days. This week we saw the budget cut more deeply into people’s pockets, making life that bit more difficult for those who are already finding it tough going. This is the reality for so many people today. As people of faith, we believe in a God who enters into the challenges and difficulties of life. This is the message we “rejoice” in at Christmas.

*May the Lord walk with those who are finding the burden particularly difficult at the moment. May he give them the strength and hope to cope with the challenges they face.  
May he give us the grace to persevere and never to give up.*

Did you know that you can now read the current parish newsletter as well as back issues online??? Just log on to [www.naasparish.ie](http://www.naasparish.ie) click on “current parish newsletter” or “parish newsletter past issues.”

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**Priest on Duty:**  
Fr Paul Dempsey: Ph 876160

## 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

Sallins Parish Email: sallinsparishoffice@gmail.com

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”**

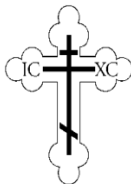
### Naas:

Maeve Bateman Portmarnock and  
formerly of Esmondale  
Maeve Quinlan Kilalla and formerly  
of Woodlands

### Two Mile House:

Edward Keenan, Ladytown

***MAY THEY REST IN PEACE***



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

### Naas:

Cameron James Kerrigan, Dún na Ríogh Green  
Sam James Noel Whelan, Oldbridge Station  
Rhys Christopher Pender, Hazelmere  
Anna Elizabeth Codd, Kings Court  
Isabelle Anne Cooney, Sallins Pier

### Sallins:

Thomas David Prendergast, Sallins Pier



## GAA Lotto:

Sallins: 5/12 Jackpot €3,700: Numbers 12-16-34; No  
winner; Venue 12/12 Railway Inn; Jackpot €3,850

Naas 1/12 Jackpot €5,950: Numbers 5-6-8-23:

No winner: Next weeks' Jackpot €6,100

Splotto/Ballycane Celtic: 4/12 Numbers 13-15-20  
-22; No Winner: Jackpot 11/12 €6,000

Naas United FC: 4/12: Numbers: 6-12-20-28 ; No  
winner Next weeks jackpot: €1300

## 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 Finances:

<u>Sallins:</u>	Baskets:	€ 594
	Envelopes:	€ 430
<u>Naas:</u>	Offertory:	€3,393
	Development Fund:	€3,694
<u>Two Mile House:</u>		€ 745

Grateful thanks to all who support our collections.

**All Masses and Services in Naas Parish can  
be heard on the Radio at 107.3FM**

## Naas Parish Weekly Envelopes 2012

The New Collection Boxes will be handed out at the Masses this weekend. Please collect yours at the door and fill out the Registration Form we gave you last week. We need the completed Registration Forms if we are to reclaim the tax on donations of €250 or more. Extra Registration Forms and Standing Order Forms will also be available.

We would like to thank you for your co-operation and for your continued support, which we very much appreciate.

*Fr Tom*

### FEAST AND MEMORIAL DAYS DURING THE COMING WEEK:

Monday 12th: Our Lady of Guadalupe and St Finnian, bishop  
Tuesday 13th: St Lucy, virgin and martyr  
Wednesday 14th: St John of the Cross, priest and doctor of the Church

## Sallins Parish News

Christmas Dues in support of the Priests of the Parish next weekend, 17th/18th December 2011.

'Do this in Memory' Programme next weekend, 17th and 18th December.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction on Friday coming, 16th December at 7.45pm.

Sallins Conference of Saint Vincent De Paul may be contacted at 085 7052294.

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Adoration: There will be No Adoration on Wednesday coming, 14th December in the Adoration Chapel, at the Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane.

Advent Preparation for Christmas continues on Tuesday, after 10am Mass, in the Parish Meeting Rooms, Sallins Road (behind Veritas Shop). Sr Peggy Cleary will lead the sessions. All are very welcome.

Apostolic Work Society next meeting will take place on Tuesday coming, 13th December at 7pm in the Naas Community Centre, Sallins Road.

St Vincent de Paul Society, Naas: Helpline phone number 045/897306.

Found: Set of VW Keys recently found on the Sallins. Contact Naas Gardai.

Flowers for the Altar: Parishioners wishing to donate Poinsettias or other Flowers (red or white) towards the Christmas decoration of the Church of Our Lady and St David may leave them in the church from 19th-23rd December.

St Mary's College Celebration Christmas Concert with St Mary's College Choir, Celine Byrne, Norah King, Sharon Sexton and Laoise O'Brien on Sunday next, 18th December at 8pm in the Church of Our Lady and St David, Sallins Road. Tickets at the door, from the school reception, Barker & Jones and Top Twenty.

### Friends of Naas Hospital Carols by Candle Light'

on Wednesday, 14th December in Ballycane Church at 7.30pm. Tickets from the Parish Offices or at the door on the night. Come and enjoy this wonderful Seasonal Night.....in support of 'End Of Life Care'.

# Two Mile House Parish News

**Do This in Memory** Mass next Sunday, 18th December.

**Thanks;** to all who supported the St. Vincent de Paul collection and the "Almas" Charity last weekend.

**Cake Sale** in Two Mile House NS Thursday 15th Dec from 10.00am to 12.00noon. All proceeds to school funds.

**Caretaker** required for Two Mile House National School January 2012. Curriculum Vitae and references to The Principal, Two Mile House NS, Naas, Co. Kildare. Closing date for receipt of applications 20th December 2011

**Forms of Enquiry for Enrolment** for Two Mile House NS are available from the school office. Verification of address (e.g. a utility bill) must accompany all completed Forms & returned to the school before January 31st 2012.

## General Notices

**Youth 2000 Christmas Youth Retreat** next weekend from Friday 16th– Sunday 18th December in Newbridge College. Registration on Friday at 8pm....free buses available (donation only event). For more information phone 01 6753690/085 8289231 or [www.youth2000.ie](http://www.youth2000.ie)

**'Night of Christmas Cheer'** .....**Moat Club Fundraiser**.....tonight, Sunday 11th in the Moat Theatre with the Garda Band, Local Authorities Choir and special guest Norah King. Mulled Wine reception at 7.30pm

**Christmas Fair** organised by the Nás na Ríogh Housing Assoc takes place today, Sunday 11th in the McAuley Place Development from 10am to 4pm.

**Fr. Liam Lawton 20th Anniversary – Christmas Tour.** For twenty years the name of Liam Lawton has been synonymous with sacred and inspirational music. Liam's haunting melodies and lyrical texts have earned him many accolades and praise from many quarters. This special Twentieth Tour celebrates the songs and their stories, many of which have become identified with special events in the lives of many throughout the world. It will also include some of the beautiful and well-loved Christmas songs that are part of Liam's repertoire over the years ... 'a moving night of reflection and song, not to be missed'! Venues: Portlaoise Parish Church: Thursday 15th December at 8pm; Bookings 057 862 1142; Moat Theatre, Naas: Wednesday 21st December at 8pm Bookings: 045 883030.

**Rotary Tree of Remembrance** ... Remembering loved ones at Christmas..... Once again, Naas Rotary Club will have a Remembrance Tree at the new Tesco Extra Naas from Thursday 15th to Monday 19th of December. For a small donation you will be given an opportunity to remember a loved one by writing their name on a Yellow Ribbon which will then be placed on the tree. These ribbons will later be presented at a special Ecumenical Remembrance Service in the Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane on Thursday, 19th January 2012 at 8pm. The main beneficiary of the proceeds raised will be Enable Ireland, Children's Disability Services, Jigginstown, Naas, Co. Kildare. Other charities both local and international will also benefit. Give what you can ... Every little helps!

**Your Gift this Christmas Day: 'The Goal Mile'** on Christmas morning from 11am to 12noon. Meet at the Naas GAA Club, Sallins Rd. Cards & Information from Morgan at 086 8448530 or Breda at 087 6305515 ..... please make the effort, however little! it means a lot.

**6th Annual Christmas with Friends: Christmas Day Dinner and Social for Adults**

Once again we are pleased to announce that Christmas Dinner and a social event for adults will be held in Newbridge on Christmas Day. Adults who live in Newbridge, Kilcullen, Naas, Kildare, Monasterevan and surrounding areas are welcome to attend or dinner can be delivered to your home. Dinners must be booked by Thursday Dec 22nd please. Transport can be arranged for those who need it. This event is kindly sponsored by The Lions Club. **We are also looking for a chef/cook and people willing to deliver dinners and/or take people to and from venue.** For further information and to book dinner please phone Anne at 086 8042724 or Damian @ 087 2450881

**Wanted: Volunteer Advocates Third Age National Advocacy Programme** is looking for people who would like to become a volunteer advocate for older people in residential care. Volunteers must be willing to undergo training and Garda vetting. We are currently recruiting for County Kildare. Please contact Anne Harris at 045 988310 or [anne.harris1@hse.ie](mailto:anne.harris1@hse.ie) for further information.