

# Parish Newsletter



**Third Sunday of Advent.  
11th December 2016.**

No 1579

Matthew:11:2-11

## HOW IS ADVENT GOING?

How is Advent going for you? Are you preparing a way for the Lord? Are you giving yourself a chance to see the presence of the Lord? God gives a different grace in each season of the Liturgical Year. During this season of Advent God has a grace to give you. When Jesus was entering Jerusalem for the last time he cried because the people of Jerusalem did not recognise the time of their visitation (Luke 19:41-42). They would miss out on the grace of God. Let us not miss out on the time of our visitation. To use the words of John the Baptist in the desert, are you making a straight way for the visitation of God? Are you receiving the grace God is offering you this Advent? This Advent is a time when God will visit you if you allow him. So how is Advent going for you? If you have not yet begun to make a straight way for the Lord to receive his grace begin today. It is never too late to begin

## BAMBINELLI' SUNDAY - 18<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2016

For the past several decades, each year on Gaudete Sunday, children and adults bring their baby Jesus figures 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, that normally lies in the family crib, to the Mass that they will attend that weekend. The blessing will be given at each Mass on Saturday evening and on Sunday. 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.

Afternoon Retreat..... Will take place on Sunday next 18th December at 2pm in Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane,. With Holy Hour, Rosary, Anointing of the Sick, and concluding with Holy of Mass. Conducted by Fr. Liam Morgan.

All welcome. Refreshments will be served during the break.  
St. Joseph's Young Priest Society.



## Mairead Says Thanks

Since I am no longer a member of the Parish Team and following a wonderful evening last week in Ballycane. I would like to say **Thank You** to so many people whom I have had the privilege of working with over the years. As the list could go on forever I will just mention a few and hope that you will forgive any omission but please know that I am thankful to all. There were so many children and parents, the Altar Servers, the Children's Choir, and those preparing for the sacraments through the years who were there I would say a **Big Thank you**. To the Ministers of the Word and Baptism., members of the Liturgy Group, Funeral Ministers, the Sacristans: Mick and John, girls in the office: Dolly, Mary and Mary, the Choirs who are always available when needed, the Teachers and Schools, members of the Pastoral Council and members of the Parish Team, past and present, my sincere thanks. A special **word of Thanks** to all involved the preparing the Liturgy and wonderful supper in Ballycane last week, it was a truly beautiful evening. **Thank You** to the parish for the lovely gifts which I received.

Last but by no means least I thank my husband Michael and my family for their unceasing support to me over the years. I could not have done what I did without you. God bless you all and I hope you all have a wonderful and Blessed Christmas.

## PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION

**PRIEST ON DUTY: 085 708 8407**

**PARISH WEBSITE:** [www.naasparish.ie](http://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](mailto:naasparishoffice@gmail.com)

**Sallins email** [sallinsparishoffice@gmail.com](mailto: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 876197

**FR MICHAEL FLATTERY** SALLINS ROAD 089 4985973

**FR ALEX KOCHATT** LAKELANDS 045 898684

**DN. FERGA O'NEILL** Parish Deacon 086 3816133

### SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN PARISH REPRESENTATIVES

**Naas:** Andrew Fagan and Geraldine Faherty

**Two Mile House:** Anita Comer Julian

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:** 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

**Third Sunday of Advent -- 11th December.** *"I send my messenger ahead of you to prepare your way before you."* Are you called to be sent by Jesus as a priest, deacon, sister or brother? If you are considering a vocation to the Priesthood. Contact: Fr. Ruairi Domhnaill. Email [vocations@kandle.ie](mailto:vocations@kandle.ie): [www.kandlepriest.com](http://www.kandlepriest.com)

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

Tuesday 13th: St Lucy, virgin and martyr

Wednesday 14th: St John of the Cross, priest

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

#### Naas:

Monica Howlett, Mill Lane Manor, Nursing Home

Mary (Mia) Flynn, Woodlands

Brendan O'Brien, Jigginstown

Tom Cashman, Our Lady's Place

Peg Blowers, Sarto Road



**MAY THEY REST IN PEACE**

### RECENT BAPTISMS

#### Naas:

Ben Mullen, Hunterswood



#### Sallins:

Ríonagh Eibhleann Moran, Killeenmore

Raena Jade Mills Ogivago, Castlefen

Hannah Danuta Delaney, Sallins Bridge

Faye Herbert, Beechcourt

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](http://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.'*

**Advent Preparation for Christmas:** You are invited to pray and study the Advent Sunday readings during Advent, continuing on Tuesday coming 13th December after 10am Mass in the room at the back of the Church of Our Lady and St. David.



**Christmas Mass Bouquet Cards** are now available from the Parish Offices. The Parish Office, Sallins Road will be on Saturday coming 17th December from 10am to 4pm.

## **Eucharistic Adoration at the Church of the Irish Martyr's, Ballycane:**

Monday and Tuesday 10am to 7pm.

Wednesday 10am to 5pm and will resume after mass.

Thursday 10am to 7pm.

Friday 10am to 7pm.

**Naas Apostolic Society** next meeting takes place on Tuesday 13th December at 7pm in the Community Centre, Sallins Road. New members welcome.

**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 write your name and address on the first few envelopes you return. *Thank you, Naas Parish Pastoral Council.*

**St Vincent de Paul Society's Annual Collection** takes place at all Masses this weekend 10th and 11th 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.**

**Christmas Flowers/Plants for Christmas;** We would be most grateful for the donations of flowers (Red) and Poinsettias for the decoration of Our Lady and St David's Church for Christmas. They can be left at the Sanctuary area of the church up to and including Tuesday 20th December. Thanking you in advance.

**Church Street Collection** fundraiser for the 'Street Children of Bucharest' Romania takes place on Sat/Sun 17th/18th. Three Transition Year students from Cholaiste Chill Dara, Nás na Riogh will travel to Romania for their charity work. All proceeds go directly to this cause. All support greatly appreciated

**Thank you from Naas Tidy Towns** to all who contributed to our Church Street Collection last week. "We were very pleased and now have enough to buy a Lawnmower. Christmas cards on sale Ballycane Parish Office, Veritas and Supervalu Naas, €5 for 6 cards. They are of lovely scenes of Naas, photographed by John Rapple.

### **SALLINS NOTICE**

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** on Tuesday coming, 13th December from 10.30am to 11am.

**Advent Scripture Sharing Session** will be held in the Church of Our Lady and the Guardian Angels after the 10am Mass on Friday coming 16th December. All welcome.

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**Confessions** available in Sallins Church every Thursday from 2pm to 4pm.

**Found:** An envelope with a sum of money with a name on it, found on Chapel Avenue on 20th November. If you can identify name on the envelope, "It's Yours".

### **TWO MILE HOUSE PARISH NEWS**

Please note there will be **No** weekday morning Mass from tomorrow Monday 12th December, up to and including Thursday 15th at St Peter's.

### **GENERAL NOTICES**

#### **Parish Finances:**

Sallins: Baskets:	€ 595	Envelopes:	€ 305
Naas: Offertory:	€3,070	Development	€3,570
Two Mile House:	€ 610		

#### **Naas Parish Lotto**

**Our Fourth Year commences on Wednesday coming 14th December- Have you got your ticket??**

**€5,500 That's the Jackpot on Wednesday coming 14th.** There was no winner of the Jackpot on Wednesday 7th. Numbers drawn were: 4-22-26-9. Four Luck Dip Winners: Victor Whelan, Miriam O'Brien, Helen McManus, Lilian Meagher. Tickets can be purchased from a Ticket Seller or from the Parish Offices on the Sallins Road or Ballycane. They are also available from Menswear, Londis, Nolans Butchers, Barker & Jones, Stationery Store, Veritas, Soda Bread Shop, Gouldings Hardware, Swans on the Green.

There are three ways to pay for your ticket: €2 per week, €8 by Standing Order every month or €90 Yearly Subscription. We still require people to sell tickets for us in many areas around the town, so if you think you can help, please call into the Parish Offices on the Sallins Road or Ballycane, or ring the Draw Secretary on 086 1635994.

The Lotto Office in the Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane will be open the week commencing 12th December as follows:-

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December from 7.30pm to 8.30pm,**  
**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December from 7pm to 8.30pm,**  
**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December from 4.30pm**  
**Draw will take place on Wednesday 14th at 7pm.**

Tickets can also be dropped into the Parish Offices on the Sallins Road or Ballycane any time.

# **Naas, Sallins and Two Mile House Christmas Timetable 2016**

**Penance Service:** Monday 19th December in Our Lady and St David's Church at **8pm**.

**Confessions**.....**Christmas Eve** in Our Lady and St David's Church from 10.30am to 1pm.

## **Masses Christmas Eve and Christmas Day:**

### **Our Lady and St David's Church:**

<b>Christmas Eve</b>	5pm	7pm	9pm	and 12 Midnight
<b>Christmas Day</b>	9am	11am	12.30pm	

### **Irish Martyrs Church:**

<b>Christmas Eve</b>	4pm	6pm	8pm
<b>Christmas Day</b>	10.30am	12noon	

### **Our Lady and The Guardian Angels Church, Sallins:**

<b>Christmas Eve</b>	5pm	6.30pm	9pm
<b>Christmas Day</b>	10am	12noon	

### **St. Peter's Church, Two Mile House**

<b>Christmas Eve</b>	9pm
<b>Christmas Day</b>	11am

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### **Weekday Masses**

**From Monday 26th December to Thursday 5th January (inclusive)**

10am Mass only in Our Lady and St David's Church.

**No** other weekday Masses in Ballycane, Sallins or Two Mile House.

(Normal Mass schedule resumes on Monday 9th January)

*Parish Website: [www.naasparish.ie](http://www.naasparish.ie)*

### **Feast of the Epiphany Friday 6th January**

Our Lady and St David's Church:	7.30am and 10am
Church of the Irish Martyrs:	12noon and 7.30pm
Sallins:	10am
Two Mile House: :	7pm

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**Nás na Rí Singers Christmas Gala Concert** in aid of the Moat Theatre's Fundraising Effort takes place on Wednesday coming 14th and on Monday 19th at 8pm. Tickets from the Moat Box Office at 045 883030.

**Charity CD** The choir of Gael Scoil Chill Dara, with help from local musicians and the Nás na Rí Singers and 'In Caelo Choir' have recorded "Ding Dong Dederó", a CD of Irish music on behalf of "Jack and Jill Foundation". CDs on sale in Jack and Jill shop, Naas and from Gael Scoil ,Chill Dara. CDs will make a perfect gift and raise funds for a great cause.

**Christmas with Friends 2016** Would you like Christmas with a difference? We are delighted to announce once again we will host our Annual Adult Christmas Day Dinner on 25th, in Newbridge in the Fás/KWETB facility in the industrial estate. To book or to arrange transport or if you can assist on the day with transport phone Anne on 086 8042724 or Damien on 087 2450881. Alternatively, you can have dinner delivered to you home. We can also deliver dinner to families.

**Thank You** Last weeks Concern Collection raised €979. Concern wish to thank all who contributed and to the collectors who gave of their time to help.