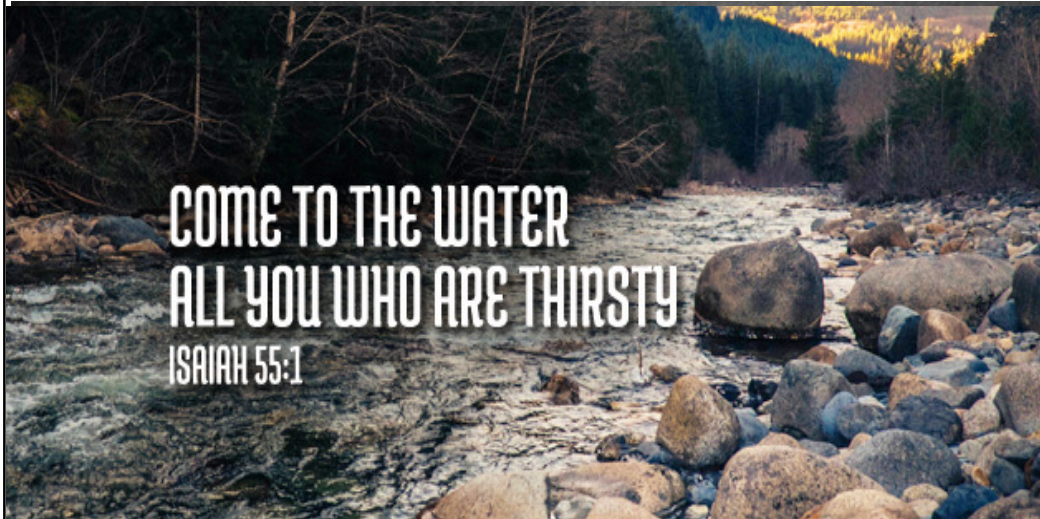


# Parish Newsletter

Baptism of Our Lord  
11th January 2015

No 1482

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style, inviting others to get to know him as we do. It also confirms our status as adopted children, with full rights to our place in his home, heaven, after this pilgrim journey ends.

And to confirm this, Jesus himself will walk with us through life, if we allow him to, strengthening us along the way with the

## The Power of Baptism"

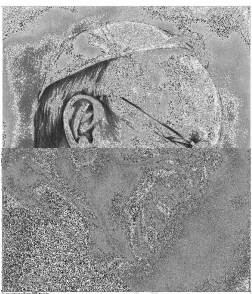
Today we celebrate the Baptism of Jesus by his cousin John. As it occurs, a voice from heaven is heard proclaiming, "You are my beloved Son, and I am well pleased with you".

Jesus now begins his public ministry of calling people to a life of faith in the good news that we are all children of God, and God is also well pleased with us! Baptism marks our souls with many gifts and blessings, empowering us to follow Jesus and, by our life

grace of the Sacraments, especially the nourishment of the Eucharist. This is why weekly Mass matters to us! As we settle down to a new year of living may we deepen our love and knowledge of Christ through regular sharing in this gift beyond measure, food for the journey and strength for body and soul.

A very Happy and Christ filled New year to you, your family and community, and all whose life you will touch throughout the year.

Peace be with you.



Dear Brothers and Sisters:  
In our continuing catechesis on the family, and inspired by the Christmas image of Our Lady who presents her Son to the world, we now reflect on the role of mothers in society and in

the Church. For all our symbolic glorification of mothers, their important contribution to the life of society, their daily sacrifices and their aspirations are not always properly appreciated. Mothers are an antidote to the spread of a certain self-centeredness, a decline in openness, generosity

and concern for others. In this sense, motherhood is more than childbearing; it is a life choice, entailing sacrifice, respect for life, and commitment to passing on those human and religious values which are essential for a healthy society.

Archbishop Oscar Romero spoke in this regard of a "martyrdom of mothers", whose sensitivity to all that threatens human life and welfare is a source of enrichment for society and the Church. Today I ask you to join me in thanking mothers everywhere for what they are, and for all that they give to the Church and to our world.

## **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. JOHN BRICKLEY** Parochial House 897703

**FR. LIAM MORGAN** Curates House 949576

**FR. KEVIN WALSH** Sallins 879730

**FR. PJ MADDEN** Two Mile House 876160

**DN. FERGAL O'NEILL** Parish Office 879730

**MS. MAIREAD D'ARCY** Pastoral Assistant 897134

### **SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN PARISH REPRESENTATIVES**

**Naas:** Caroline Quinn **Two Mile House:** Anita Comer Julian

**Sallins:** Ann Moran. 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

## **FEASTS / MEMORIALS FOR COMING WEEK**

Sunday 11th January: The Baptism of The Lord.

Thursday 15th January: St Ita, virgin

Saturday 17th January: St Anthony, abbot

***"THOSE WHO DIE IN GRACE GO BUT TO GOD***

***AND GOD IS VERY NEAR"***

Peggy McDonnell, Brownstown House

Joe Loughran, Sarto Park

Essie Lynch, Ashgrove Drive

Ashling Middleton, Athy/formerly Oakfield Hgts,

Maree Hughes, Mill Lane NH / formerly Dublin

***May they rest in peace***



## **RECENT BAPTISMS**

### **Naas:**

James Michael Fay, Aylmer Park

Éanna Padraic Dillane, Abbeyville

Jacob John Moran Bradshaw, Monread Lawns

Patrick Tony O'Byrne, U.S.A.

Aaron Patrick Dillon, Bán Na Greinne

Sophie Olivia Kenny, Dublin

Eve Kate Carroll, Arconagh

Eoghan Thomas Maher, Hunterswood, Osberstown

### **Sallins:**

Ian Lee Hrabocák, Millbank

Keela Maria O'Brien, Hunterswood, Osberstown



### **Two Mile House:**

James Eamonn King, Cordbally

Amy Rose Kierans, Walshestown

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/](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.'**

**Naas Parish Envelope Collection 2015** Boxes of Envelopes for Naas Parish Development Fund collection are now available in the church porches and from the Parish Offices. Your support for this collection is vital 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.**

**St Vincent de Paul helpline number 045 897306.**

**St Josephs Young Priest Society** next meeting on Monday 12th January at 8pm in the Parish Centre at the Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane. Adoration from 8pm to 9.30pm. All welcome.

**Change** Mass Cards and Intentions are changing from Veritas to the Parish Office with effect from this week coming. As always we appreciate the patience and understanding which helps a lot during a time of change.

**Ballycane Church Choir** sing at the 10.30am Mass in Ballycane on Sundays. We resume Choir practice tomorrow, Monday 12th January at 8pm in Ballycane Church. Would you like to join us? Just turn up for the practice or phone 087 235 2545.

**Naas Parish Church Choir** sing at 11am Sunday Mass in the Parish Church. Would you like to join the Choir? Just come along to our practice on Wednesday coming 14th January at 8pm in Ballycane. Phone 087 235 2545 for further details.

**Naas Active Retirement Assoc** members only meeting on Wednesday coming 14th at 2pm in Naas Community Centre.

**Medjugorje Annual Parish Pilgrimage** takes place this year from Wednesday 27th May for 7 nights. Cost of Pilgrimage €609, €100 deposit secures €609, after 17th February price of €659 applies. To book phone John or Catherine at 086 8563773.

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

**McAuley House Bridge Club** has resumed and continues every Friday at 1.30pm.

### **SALLINS PARISH NEWS**

**Thanks** to all who support our weekly envelope collections. 2015 boxes have now been distributed. New contributor boxes are available for collection in the Sacristy, and for new contributors please remember to write your name and address on the first few envelopes you return. Thank you.

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

**The Conference of The Guardian Angels Vincent De Paul** would like to thank all who contributed most generously to our Christmas Appeal.

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

**Lourdes 2015 40th Anniversary** travelling on 12th June for 7 nights. Anyone intending to travel should contact Rita at 087 6535112 as seats are limited, €200 booking deposit required by 1st February.

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

**Two Mile House National School** is now accepting Enrolments for Junior Infants 2015. Contact the school secretary at 045 871200.

### **GENERAL NOTICES**

#### **Parish Finances**

Sallins: Baskets: €804 Envelopes: €410

Naas: Offertory: €3,935 Development Fund: €3,992

Two Mile House: €754

#### **Sports Lottery Results**

Naas 18/12 (9-16-22-25) No Winner Jackpot €2,800.

Sallins No Results.

Naas United FC No Results

**The Alzheimer Society of Ireland**, the HSE and Kildare Arts and Health are starting a Community Choir, for people living with Dementia and their carers. It will be starting on Tuesday coming 13th January in McAuley Place from 11am to 1pm and every Tuesday thereafter. Phone Anne Harris at 087 6057264 for further information.

**Thank You** Naas Care of The Aged Committee would like to thank everyone who supported their the recent Christmas Raffle.

**Would you like to be a Parish Reader? Are you already a Parish Reader who would like a refresher course?** "Entrusted with the Word" is a three night training course for Parish readers offered by Kildare and Leighlin Diocese Faith Development Services. The course takes place on Wednesdays 21st and 28th January in Clane Parish Centre and Thursday 5th February in the Parish Church, Clane, from 8pm to 9.30 pm. **Booking is essential.** If you would like to explore this ministry for the first time or if would like to renew your training please contact the Parish office, Sallins Road with your details.

**Pipers Hill College** for enrolment for Spring Evening Adult Education classes phone 045 898923 or log onto [www.kwetb.ie](http://www.kwetb.ie)

Did you know you can now read the current Parish newsletter as well as back issues online. Log onto [www.naasparish.ie](http://www.naasparish.ie) click on "current parish newsletter" or "parish newsletter past issues"

# Naas Parish Lotto Draw

**€4,000 that's the Jackpot in the Next Draw on Wednesday coming 14th January.**

**There was no winner of the Jackpot on Wednesday 7th January, numbers drawn were 12 –14 –24 –17**

The Parish would like to sincerely thank all those who worked so hard to sell tickets in these very difficult economic times and we hope people will continue to support us into the future.

There are many areas in the town where we still need ticket sellers and if you think you could even sell a couple of tickets, on a weekly basis, to your friends, family or neighbour please contact the Parish Offices on the Sallins Road, or in The Church of the Irish Martyrs Ballycane or phone 086 1635994.

Tickets cost €2 each: or an Annual Membership costing €90. You can also pay by Standing Order where €8 per month will be deducted from your bank account. For information contact either of the Parish Offices.

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!!***

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please choose four numbers between 1 and 28 (inclusive) and write them in the boxes ➡**  
**Your chosen numbers will be included in all weekly draws for one year.**

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## Kildare Suicide Bereavement Group

KBSG was founded in 1997. We offer a free, one to one confidential Counselling Service.

**There are:**

- ♦ **No waiting lists: No referrals are necessary;**
- ♦ **No donations required; No one is turned away.**

There is a walk-in Service every Thursday night in the

Parish Centre in Ballycane from 8pm - 9.30pm or

Appointments can be made by phoning 045 895629 or

086 8554852

**Bereaved? Need to Talk? Want to Talk?**

## Thought For The Week



The new year unfolds like pages in a book yet to be written, bringing hope and endless possibilities. Praying God's love shines bright in your new year, and His blessings overflow for you.

**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). Also on Wednesdays at 8.30pm in Parish Centre, Newbridge, Thursdays in Áras Bríd, Parish Centre, Kildare

**Adoration in the Day Chapel at the Church of The Irish Martyrs Church, Ballycane**

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday: 10.30am —7pm

Wednesday: 10.30am — 9.30pm

Friday: 10.30am —5pm