

Parish Newsletter

**Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
11th September 2016**

No 1566

Luke 15: 1-32



Inaugural Kildare & Leighlin Diocesan Pilgrimage To Lourdes 2017 Led by Bishop Denis Nulty



The story of Lourdes is a well known one. Of the fourteen year old girl, Bernadette Soubirous, who claimed that a beautiful lady appeared to her in the remote Grotto of Massabielle. The Lady later identified herself as "The Immaculate Conception". It was this description given to Bernadette that set in train the eventual approval and recognition by the Church that events which occurred in Lourdes in 1858 were true and reliable.

Our Lady appeared 18 times, and by 1859 thousands of pilgrims were visiting Lourdes. These were pilgrims who responded to the invitation given by Our Blessed Lady to Bernadette, "that Pilgrims should come in pilgrimage, bathe and drink of the water from the Grotto".

Since the apparition, Lourdes has become one of the world's leading Catholic Marian Shrines and the number of pilgrims grows each year. Visited twice by St. John Paul II and by Pope Emeritus Benedict. Its special, Sacred and holy atmosphere continues to touch the hearts of the pilgrim who seeks consolation, hope and healing.

Next year 2017, a unique opportunity is being put before us, to travel as a Diocese on pilgrimage with Bishop Denis Nulty as our leader and spiritual guide. It will be a moment when as a Diocese we can come together with our Bishop and with people drawn from every Parish. Initial interest is very strong with 300 people already booked to travel.

The pilgrimage takes place on 16th July for 5 nights at a cost of €719 per person sharing. Booking forms are now available from the Parish Office, Sallins Road. You might like to be part of this unique and special experience.

The Pilgrimage is being organised in conjunction with Joe Walsh Tours and there is a dedicated assisted section for sick pilgrims who may wish to travel.



The Legion of Mary Annual Pilgrimage to Knock will take place on Sunday 25th September. Cost €20 for Bus Only. Bus pick-up points will be at the Town House Hotel at 8.10am, Church of Our Lady and St. David, Sallins Road at 8.20am and in Sallins at 8.30am. For bookings phone Aileen 087 9959922 or Eileen 087 2628577 or you can book through the Parish Office, Sallins Road.



Thought for the Week: *Sometimes it is better to be kind than to be right.*

We do not need an intelligent mind that speaks, but a patient heart that listens.

PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION

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Opening Hours: Monday to Friday 10am to 1pm

PARISH TEAM

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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.

FEAST AND MEMORIAL DAYS FOR THE COMING WEEK:

Monday 12th: St. Ailbe, bishop

Tuesday 13th: St. John Chrysostom, bishop

Wednesday 14th: The Exaltation of The Holy Cross

Thursday 15th: Our Lady of Sorrows

Friday 16th: St. Cornelius, pope

RECENT BAPTISMS

Naas:

Ryan William McNamara Percival, Morell Crescent

Seán Peter McNamara Kane, The Park

Conor David Cronin, The Waterways

Sallins:

Megan Michelle Golden, Castlesize Close

Conor O'Brien Sheridan, Hunterswood

Ollie Michael Jim O'Brien, Sallins Pier

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.

NAAS PARISH NEWS

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT - *'The Catholic Parish of Naas, in Communion with Christ and with one another*

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

and guided by the teaching of the Second Vatican Council, endeavours to welcome, serve and nourish the whole community.

The Autumn Collection in support of the Priests of the Parish takes place at all Masses this weekend, 10th/11th September. You can make your contribution by using the relevant envelope in your envelope box. Alternatively you can make your contribution during the second collection and the above average amount will be forwarded to the Priests of the Parish. We thank you and greatly appreciate your continued support.

St Joseph's Young Priests Society next meeting takes place tomorrow, Monday 12th September at 8pm in the Parish Centre at the Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane. Adoration from 8pm to 9.30pm.

Naas Toastmasters Club Established in 1980. Annual open night Wednesday coming 14th at 8pm in the Town House Hotel. Please come along and enjoy a great night's entertainment. Light refreshments served. Guests and new members always welcome.

Knights of St Columbanus, Naas, are a fraternal organisation of Catholic Men and they invite young and mature men of all ages to become members. Information Night Wednesday coming 14th at 8pm at Ballycane Church. More details ph: 086 8040720.

Mothers Prayers at the Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane on Wednesday's at 8.15pm.



(Free Event) Culture Night Concert in the Church of Our Lady and St David, Sallins Road on Friday coming 16th September at 8pm. The County Kildare Orchestra will present a selection of your favourite classics and introduce you to some new highlights. The Orchestra is open to new members, so why not come along and meet them.

Kildare and Wicklow Education and Training Board are now enrolling for Autumn courses. Registration from Monday 12th September from 10am to 4pm at the Further Education and Training Centre, Jigginstown, Naas. For more information on courses available phone 045 86631/881863 or www.kwetb.ie or communityedkildare@kwetb.ie

Dementia Care Workshop for Family Carers takes place on Wednesday coming 14th from 7pm-9pm at McAuley Place, Arts and Culture Centre, Sallins Road, Naas. To book your place phone Brenda on 045 484623.

Coffee Morning in support of **The Friends of St. Brigid's Hospice** on Thursday coming 15th taking place at no 22 Elmwood, Blessington Road, Naas. Organised by Margaret. Come along and bring your friends for a cuppa and a chat. Call 086 3026101 for directions.

Naas Access Group next meeting takes place on Friday coming 16th at 10am in McAuley Place. We work with the elderly, people with disabilities and serious illness, trying to make our town a safer place to shop, walk and get about in.

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.

Parish Office is now open on Saturday from **10am to 1pm** to facilitate with Mass Cards, **only**.

Plainspeakers Toastmasters next meeting tomorrow Monday 12th at 8pm, Council Chambers Town Hall.

SALLINS NOTICE

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Tuesday coming, 12th September from 10.30am to 11am.

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

TWO MILE HOUSE PARISH NEWS

Mass Change Please note there will be **No 9.15am** Mass from tomorrow Monday 12th, morning weekday Mass will resume on Tuesday 27th September at 9.15am.

Parish Pastoral Council A meeting takes place on Wednesday coming 14th September at 8pm in the school. As this is the Final Meeting of the present Committee a full attendance is requested.

GENERAL NOTICES

Parish Finances:

Sallins: Baskets: €635 Envelopes: €360
Naas: Offertory: €3,675 Development €3,760
Two Mile House: € 433

Sports Lottery Results:

Naas: 1/9 (9-13-14-21) No winner, Jackpot €1,600
Sallins: 5/9 (18-29-35) No winner, Jackpot €4,900

Thank You: The Sisters of the Medical Missionaries of Mary wish to Thank You for your most generous contributions of €10,782 on their recent visit to the Parishes of Naas, Sallins and Two Mile House.

Ecumenical Service To-day Sunday 11th September, in St. David's Church of Ireland Church, Main Street at 11am. All welcome.

You're Invited: Opening of Final Diocesan Jubilee

Door: The Parishes of St Mullins and Graignamanagh have been working hard preparing for the opening of the Holy Door in Duiske Abbey taking place today Sunday 11th September. They now extend an invitation to people from across the diocese to join them and Bishop Denis for this special celebration. Assembling in St Mullins at 1pm with prayers at St Moling's Well; proceed to walk the Barrow Track, to arrive at Upper Tinnahinch Lock for 3.30pm; proceed to Door of Duiske Abbey for 4pm opening of Door and Mass of Thanksgiving, followed by refreshments in Abbey Hall.

Samaritans, Newbridge Branch, are seeking Volunteers. Would you be willing to give 3-4hours per week to listen to those who are lonely, depressed and sometimes suicidal? No experience necessary as full training will be provided. To find out more come to one of the Information Sessions on Wednesday 14th/ Thursday 15th September at 8pm 3 McElwain Tce. Newbridge. Recruitment phone line: 086 0855785.

Naas Rugby Club Family Day on Saturday coming 17th September. Naas RFC v Galwegians RFC. Join us for some top class Rugby as Naas begin their All Ireland League Campaign. Fun for all the family with children's entertainment, Bouncing Castle, Ice Cream Van, Food Junkie Pizzas etc. **Kick Off at 2.30pm. Free Admission. All welcome.**

You Could Win €2,250

**On this Wednesday coming, 14th September Naas Parish Lotto Draw
Simply Buy A €2 Ticket And It Could Be You.**

There was no winner of the Jackpot on Wednesday 7th September; numbers drawn were 9 - 20- 7-1.

Tickets are available from the Parish Office, Sallins Road, or at 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 various outlets throughout the town

**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**



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Beginners Bridge Class commencing at Naas Lawn Tennis Club in the *Junior Room* on Monday 19th September at 8pmenrolment from 7.30pm..... Email: bertmckay538@gmail.com

Naas Athletic Club are hosting an audience with Irish Olympic Gold Medallist Ronnie Delany on Sunday 2nd October in Lawlors Hotel at 7pm. MC on the night will be Mr Ray D'Arcy of RTE fame. Tickets to include a 4 course meal and are available from Richie Whelan's Menswear.

Mc Auley Place is a registered charity providing independent living for older people in the heart of Naas Town. They are currently seeking volunteers for the following areas; The Convent Tearooms, Renaissance Charity store and the Luisne Garden which is now open to the public six days a week between 12noon and 4pm. Please contact volunteer co-ordinator Catherine at 045 897833 or email Catherine@mcauleyplace.ie

Circle Dance in Prosperous Parish Centre. Free Open Evening on Tuesday coming 13th from 8pm to 9.30pm. No partner required, suitable for all fitness levels, simple steps and beautiful music. A warm welcome awaits all. Enquiries to Marie at 086 8937096.

Naas Parish Bingo continues on Tuesday nights at 8.30pm sharp in the Care of the Aged Centre, Newbridge Rd, with *bigger* Prizes and Jackpot.



Eist Cancer Support Centre is a registered charity affiliated to the Irish Cancer Society. They provide practical help and emotional support to all those who have been affected by cancer. The centre is open from Tuesday to Thursday from 10am to 4pm They are located at the Waterfront, Mill Lane, Carlow. For more information phone 059 9139684.

Is someone's drinking affecting your life? Al-Anon can help. Meetings every Monday night at 8pm in Parish Centre, Ballycane (Tuesday on Bank Holiday Weekend).

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 ph 045 895629 or 086 8554852. This is a free, confidential and non denominational.

Found Lady's Silver Ring on the Ballycane Road at the traffic lights junction on Thursday 1st September. The owner can contact Naas Garda Station at 045 884300