

Mass Times:

Third Sunday of Advent (Year A)

<u>Church</u>	<u>Weekdays</u>		<u>Sundays</u>
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

^{*} The 7.30 pm Mass on Wednesday is celebrated in the Church of Our Lady and St David, Naas

Facing the shadow side of myself...

"I encourage you to discover anew the Sacrament of Reconciliation and to avail yourselves more frequently of the transforming power of its grace."

Pope Benedict XVI, Pastoral Letter to the Catholics of Ireland.

Well how is your Advent journey going? We're over half way there! We light the third candle on our Advent Wreath this weekend, the pink coloured one, signifying "Gaudete Sunday," or the Sunday of joy as we are getting all the closer to Christmas. But this should also be a time of serious reflection for each one of us who proclaim to be followers of Jesus Christ. The pope reminds us of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. In this Sacrament we face the *shadow side* of ourselves and meet Jesus Christ, the loving, merciful and compassionate one. It doesn't matter how long we have been away, or what we have done or didn't do; are we ready for this loving encounter with Jesus in this sacrament?

The Penance Service in the Church of Our Lady and St. David, Naas is on Monday, 20th of December at 8pm.

In Sallins the Penance Service is on Wednesday, 22nd of December at 8pm.

Why not come along and make a fresh start in your life?

Advent – A suggestion...

Each day during Advent we will publish a "*Thought for the Day*" on our parish website www.naasparish.ie. We invite you to log in and take a minute or two to read/reflect upon this thought. It might help to keep us focussed in the midst of all the rush over the coming weeks!

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PARISH OFFICE, NAAS

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SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN;

PARISH DESIGNATED PERSONS:

Caroline Quinn (Naas); Sheila Pyke (Sallins)

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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"

Marian Power, Mountain View Josephine Connolly, Cleevaun Denis Dalton, Clane Rd., Sallins



MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Parish Finances:

Sallins: Baskets: € 606

Envelopes: € 485

Naas: Development Fund: €3,106

Offertory: €3,555

<u>Two Mile House</u>: € 520

Grateful thanks to all who support our collections.

GAA Lotto:

Sallins: 6/12 Jackpot €1,450: One winner: Numbers 8-10-15: Venue 13/12: Railway Inn: Jackpot €1,000

Naas: 2/12 Jackpot €4,250: No winner: Numbers

3-14-16-24: Next weeks' Jackpot €4,400

Splotto / Ballycane Celtic: 5/12 No Winner: Numbers

11-12-18-19: Next weeks' Jackpot €2,400

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

THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY WELCOMES YOU WITH GREAT JOY!

Naas:

Leah Mary Cully, Sarto Road Clodagh Ann Keane, Broadfield View Róisín Anna McGarry, Oakglade Joseph John McCarthy, Kerdiff Park Aaron Thomas Cullen, Kerdiff Close

Ella Jane Geraghty, Oldtown Demesne Louise Shanel Limbaring, Oldtown Grn

Clara Kate Clare, Dún na Ríogh Walk

Rían Séan Doorley Barry, Old Caragh Court

Daragh Paul Stallard Mahony, Newbridge

Conor Michael Dunphy, Jigginstown Park

Michael Garret Byrne, The Park Rian Gilligan, Carraig Oscair

Daniel Joseph Burke, Cois na Feadain

Sallins:

Megan Orla Keane, Oldbridge Avenue

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

For those requesting the Sacrament of Baptism two weeks notice is required. For further details of Baptisms in Naas, Sallins & Two Mile House see Parish website www.naasparish.ie

FEAST AND MEMORIAL DAYS DURING THE COMING WEEK:

Monday 13th: St Lucy, virgin and martyr

Tuesday 14th: St John of the Cross, priest and doctor of the Church

Sallins Parish News

<u>Christmas Dues</u> in support of the priests of the Parish will take place next weekend, 18th/19th December..... (orange envelope).

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction on Friday coming, 17th December at 7.30pm.

<u>St Vincent de Paul's Annual Christmas Collection</u> (church gate) takes place this weekend. ..please support. The Sallins Conference of St Vincent de Paul may be contacted at 085 7052294.

<u>The Senior Citizens Party</u> takes place today, Sunday 12th in the Naas Golf Club. Dinner served at 2pm sharp. Bus leaves from Gala at 1.30pm sharp.

Naas Parish News

<u>Preparation for Christmas</u>. You are invited to pray and study the Advent Sunday readings each Tuesday during Advent from 10.45am –11.30am in the Naas Parish Centre, Sallins Road (behind Veritas Shop). Sr Peggy Cleary will lead the sessions. All very welcome.

Don't forget your Shovel! As a result of the recent heavy snowfall and hard frost the conditions around Our Lady and St. David's Church and Church of the Irish Martyrs were very hazardous. We apologise for any inconvenience caused. However we hope people can understand that these were exceptional circumstances. Like with a lot of things in life, all we can do is learn from it for the future. With this in mind, we are attempting to put a plan in place with a team of people who might help clear the pathways into both churches if we get such harsh weather conditions again. Therefore we are appealing to parishioners who would be willing to put their name forward on a list to volunteer to help us with this. If we got a list of names and mobile phone numbers, the parish could contact people by text to come along and help with the clearing of snow on the pathways into the churches. As they say, "many hands make light work!" If you would like to help with this, please leave your name and mobile number in the sacristy of either church or alternatively with Mary in the Parish Office (phone 045 879730). As the song goes; "Don't forget your shovel if your want to go to work!" Many thanks for your help.

<u>Parish Pastoral Council</u>: Rescheduled meeting on Tuesday coming, 14th December at 8.15pm in the Parish Meeting Rooms, Sallins Road.

<u>World Youth Day Group</u>: Meet in the Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane, on Wednesday coming, 15th December at 8p.m.

<u>Children's Christmas Mass Ballycane</u>: This takes place on Christmas Eve at 6.30p.m. in the Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane. For the past few years we have had a group of children present the Christmas story at this Mass. If you would like your child to participate this year please fill in the form, with contact details etc, available in the sacristy in Ballycane Church after masses this weekend. We will be in touch to organise rehearsals in the near future.

<u>Closing Date</u> for Enrolment for the Mercy Convent Primary School (junior infants for September 2011) was Friday last, 10th December.

<u>Naas Active Retirement Assoc</u> Christmas Dinner takes place in Lawlor's Hotel, Naas on Wednesday coming, 15th December at 2pm. More details from Paddy at 045 876365.

<u>Naas Flower and Garden Club</u> next meeting tomorrow Monday, 13th at 7.45pm in the Teagasc Centre, Friary Road.

<u>Table Quiz</u> organised by the Parents Committee of the Mercy Convent Primary School takes place on Friday coming 17th at 8pm in the Naas GAA Club. Enquiries to Barry at 087 9772456

Two Mile House Parish News

<u>Carol Service</u>: Our annual Carol Service takes place on Tuesday, 21st December at 7.30pm in St. Peter's Church. We look forward to a special night of festive song and reflection. All welcome.

<u>St. Peter's Church Clean</u> <u>Up</u>: If you have a few minutes to spare next Saturday, 18th December at 11am we will gather to give a spring clean to St. Peter's before Christmas.

First Communion Programme: Welcome to the First Communion Children this weekend for their "Do this in Memory" Mass.

General Notices

<u>Christmas</u> <u>Concert</u> with the Nás na Rí Singers will now take place on Sunday 19th December at the Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane....donation to St Vincent de Paul. Tickets available from Choir Members and Barker & Jones, Naas.

<u>No need to be alone or lonely this Christmas</u>. Would you like a Christmas with a difference? Why not join our 5th annual Friends at Christmas, in memory of Catherine Molyneaux, for dinner and fun on Christmas Day in the Day Care Centre in Newbridge, Ryans Field, Station Rd. There is no charge for this event and accessible transport for those who require it can be arranged. P eople from Newbridge, Naas, Kildare, Kilcullen and surrounding areas welcomed. This event is kindly sponsored by the Lions Club. For more info please contact Damian Molyneaux @ 087 2450881 or Anne @ 086 8042724 or any member of the Lions Club

<u>Advent Night of Reflection</u> with Dr Seamus O'Connell at Mount St Annes' has been cancelled and will be rescheduled for the Spring. Apologies for any inconvenience caused.

<u>Kildare LENS Jobs Club</u> have a new course starting on Tuesday 4th January 2011. Interviews will be held on Tuesday 14th December. For further details phone the Naas Office at 045 895555.

