



NAAS SALLINS TWO MILE HOUSE NEWSLETTER



Mass Times: The Baptism of the Lord (Year A) Gospel: Matthew 3: 13-17

<u>Church</u>	<u>Weekdays</u>		<u>Sundays</u>
Our Lady and St David, Naas	Mon - Fri 7.30am, 10am	Saturday 10am.	Saturday Vigil: 6pm Sunday 8.30am, 10am, 12noon, 6pm.
Irish Martyrs, Ballycane, Naas	Mon - Fri 7.30pm	Saturday 11am	Saturday Vigil: 7.30pm 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

Pope Francis on Baptism...

In his first general audience of 2014, Pope Francis began a new series of catechesis on the Sacraments, starting with Baptism. Baptism is the Sacrament “on which our faith is based, and which grafts us to Christ and His Church, as living members. Together with the Eucharist and Confirmation it forms the so-called 'Christian initiation,' that aligns us with the Lord and makes us into a living sign of His presence and His love”.

Pope Francis continued to say that baptism “is not a mere formality! It is an act that touches the depth of our existence. We are immersed in that inexhaustible fount of life that is the death of Jesus, the greatest act of love of all history; and thanks to this love we are able to live a new life, no longer at the mercy of evil, sin and death, but rather in communion with God and with our brothers”.

The Pope again commented that many of us do not know the date when we were baptised and, as before, asked, those present in St. Peter's Square to find out the date of their baptism, as “it is a happy date”. “Obviously we do not remember the ceremony, especially if we were baptised soon after birth, but it is a pity not to recognise the importance of this day, as we thereby “risk losing sight of what the Lord has done for us, of the gift we have received. We end up considering it merely as an event that took place in the past – and not even by our will, but rather by that of our parents – that has no effect on the present.”

Instead, “we are called to live out our Baptism day after day, as a current fact of our existence. If we succeed in following Jesus and remaining in the Church, even with our limits and our frailty, it is precisely because of the Sacrament in which we became new creatures and were re-clothed in Christ. It is by Baptism that we are able to forgive and love even those who offend us or harm us; and that we are able to recognise in the marginalised and the poor the face of the Lord who visits and draws close to us.”



Thought for the Week!

“I like it when someone tells me 'I don't agree.' This is a true collaborator.

When they say 'Oh, how great, how great, how great,' that's not useful.” Pope Francis

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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 Irish Martyrs, Ballycane.

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN; PARISH DESIGNATED PERSONS:

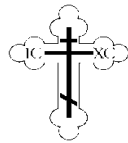
Caroline Quinn (Naas); Ann Moran (Sallins) Anita Comer Julian (Two-Mile-House).
They can be contacted through the Parish Office, Sallins Road, Naas. Ph 045 879730.

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

NAAS:

Alice McHolmes, Sarto Road

Helen Ryan, Lakelands



MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Lotto Results:

Naas Parish: 8/1 Jackpot €1,500; Numbers: 2-8-13-19; No winner; Jackpot 15/01 €1,750

The Parish Naas Lotto Draw will now take place at **7pm** on Wednesdays.

Sallins: 6/1 Jackpot €1,750 Numbers 5-12-26; No winner; Venue 13/1 Bridgewater; Jackpot €1,900

Naas GAA: 2/1 Jackpot €3,100: Numbers 6-18-20-26; No winner: Next week's Jackpot €3,250

Splotto/Ballycane Celtic: No numbers available

Naas United FC: No numbers available

Parish Finances:

Sallins: Baskets: € 714: Envelopes: € 380

Naas: Offertory: € 3,842

Development Fund: € 4,171

Two Mile House: € 750

THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY WELCOMES
YOU WITH GREAT JOY!

Naas:

Madeleine Bernadette Farrell, Jiginstown Gr

Amy Angeline Groarke, Bán na Gréinne

Sarah Ann Fitzgerald, Cluain Aoibhinn

James Matthew Hobbins, Morell Ct

Aoibh May Lavin, Maudlins

Steven Henry Ryan, Bán na Gréinne

Fia Marie Walsh, Craddockstown Ct

Mila Anne Carey, Sallins Wood

Hannah Amanda Callaghan, Pacelli Rd

Rocky James Crowther, Dún na Ríogh Walk

Sallins:

Caitlin Margaret McCarry, Sallins Bridge

Aaron Kevin Coyle, Oldbridge

Two Mile House:

Finn Edmond Guemas, France

Alice Rose McNamara, Santry

Finlay Tadhg McKenna, Netherlands

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 website: www.naasparish.ie



Feast & Memorial Days for the coming week:

Wednesday 15th: St Ita, virgin.

Friday 17th: St Anthony, abbot

Sallins Parish News

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Tuesday coming, 14th January from 10.30am-11.30am

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting takes place on Thursday 16th Jan in the Parish Community Centre at 7.30pm. New members welcome. Contact Fr Kevin Walsh at 879730 or a committee member.

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

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."

St Joseph's Young Priest Society next meeting Thursday coming, 16th January at 8pm in the Parish Centre at the Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane. Adoration from 8pm to 9.30pm

Apostolic Work Society next meeting takes place Tuesday coming, 14th January at 7pm in the Naas Community Centre, Sallins Road.

The Adult Faith Development Programme "New Life in Christ" next 5 sessions continues with session 4 'Mary: The Mother of Jesus' tomorrow, Monday 13th January in the Main Hall of the Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane from 8.15pm - 9.15pm. Tea / Coffee served afterwards.

Mercy Convent Primary School closing date for receipt of Enrolment Enquiry Forms for Junior Infants 2014/15 is Friday, 10th January 2014.

Parish Church Choir New Members: We sing at the 10am Sunday Mass in Naas Parish Church. Would you like to sing with us? You are very welcome. Just come along to our practice on Monday 13th June from 8pm to 9pm in the Parish Centre, Sallins Road (behind Veritas Shop) or phone [087 235 2545](tel:0872352545) for details.

Parish Coffee Morning resumes in the Parish Community Centre on Wednesday coming, 15th Jan at 10.30am.

Two Mile House Parish News

First Communion: We welcome the First Communion children and their families today as they continue to prepare for their special day in May. Today we focus on Baptism.

Parish Pastoral Council next meeting on Tuesday coming, 14th January at 8pm in the School Staff Room.

General Notices

Holy Land Pilgrimage from 4th to 12th of September 2014. Cost €1385 per person sharing. A deposit of €300 before February 28th secures a place. Contact Newbridge Travel for more details at 045 449522.

Parish Lotto: Lotto Draw takes place every Wednesday evening at the Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane at **7pm** and the Lotto Office in Ballycane opens every Tuesday from 7pm to 9 pm and from 5pm on Wednesdays'. We still require ticket sellers in Arconagh, Craddockstown Court/Park/Way/Rise, Patrician Crescent/Avenue, St Gabriels Place, Sarto Park, St Brigid's Tce., St Martin's Ave., Spring Gardens, Roseville, Thornbrook, Woodlands and Hillside Drive. If there is anybody living in or near these estates who would be willing to sell a few tickets to their neighbours or friends the Parish would very much appreciate it. You can contact any of the Priests of the Parish, the Parish Offices on the Sallins Road or Ballycane, or phone 086 1635994.

Community Walk: McAuley Place would like to invite the community to join them walking in the evenings in conjunction with Operation Transformation. Leaving from outside the Parish Church at 8pm, Monday to Friday, for the next 7 weeks and finishing at the same point at approx 9pm. All ages and fitness levels welcome.

For Enrolment for Night Classes for Spring 2014 at Pipers Hill College log on to www.kwetb.ie

The Family – Synod in Rome 2014 / 2015

Pope Francis has called a meeting of bishops (a Synod) to address the modern day pastoral challenges to the family in the context of living and handing on the Gospel. This will take place in two parts in 2014 and 2015. As part of the initial preparation for the Synod, Rome is asking diocese across the world to gather relevant information locally. To assist the process the committee preparing the Synod has provided a document containing a series of questions. This document is available online at www.kandle.ie.

People are most welcome to go online and complete the questionnaire and feed the information directly into our diocesan office. However it has been noted, by some, that the questionnaire is somewhat cumbersome, and since time for feedback is extremely short, we have subsumed the questions into five main areas (see below). We are inviting parishioners to respond/comment on these areas and to feed back the information to; The Parish Office, Sallins Road, Naas (naasparishoffice@gmail.com) by Wednesday, 15th January. We will then see that this information is forwarded to the Bishop's Office by the deadline, Friday, 17th January.

Question 1: What is your view on the Church's teaching on the following: a) Giving Communion to divorced and remarried people; b) Artificial contraception; c) Gay Marriage; d) Divorce;

Question 2: Do you think the Church puts across its teaching on the family well? Do you know what the teaching is?

Question 3: Do you think the Church could do more to support families and people in unhappy marriages?

Question 4: What knowledge do Christians have today of the teachings of Humanae Vitae? Is this moral teaching accepted?

Question 5: What other challenges or suggestions related to the above topics do you consider essential and useful to address?

Please complete by Wednesday, 15th and return to the Parish Office, Sallins Road, Naas.