



**NAAS  
SALLINS  
TWO MILE HOUSE  
NEWSLETTER**



**Mass Times:**

**First Sunday of Lent (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

**Going into the desert...**

On Wednesday we began the season of Lent which is our preparation for the Easter celebration of Jesus' resurrection. Excluding Sundays it is a season of forty days in imitation of Jesus spending forty days in the desert. Jesus fasted in the desert and overcame the devil's temptations. Jesus never sinned but in the desert he was tempted, and during these forty days of Lent we remember Jesus in the desert as we try to overcome temptation in our lives and to overcome sinfulness. There is practically no hiding place or shelter in the desert and the difficulties of the desert make whatever is inside a person come to the surface. The desert tests and shows up a person as he/she is.

Lent is an invitation to us to take the courageous step of "going into the desert" and not hiding from what lies hidden deep within us. Lent is a time to put our lives before a mirror and see ourselves as we really are. Lent is an invitation to allow our sin and our darkness and our wounds come to the surface so that we can deal with them and allow them to be healed by the grace of Jesus.

During these forty days of Lent, let us not hide from our sinfulness or prevent God speaking to us or healing us during this Lent. It is only when we admit something that we can deal with it. The first stage in overcoming anything is to admit the problem. If we remain in denial we miss out on the grace of God to heal us and renew us and make us whole.

The word "Lent" is an old English word which means "springtime." May this Lent really be a new springtime in the lives of each of us. Through prayer, fasting and almsgiving may we, like Jesus in the desert for forty days, overcome temptation and thus be well prepared to celebrate Easter.

**WEBSITE - For up to date parish news and articles please click on [www.naasparish.ie](http://www.naasparish.ie)**

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Wed: 10am-1pm: Lunch 1-2pm

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Opening Hours: Mon-Fri 10am-1pm

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## SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN;

## PARISH DESIGNATED PERSONS:

Caroline Quinn (Naas); Sheila Pyke (Sallins)  
Mary Valentine (Two-Mile-House).

They can be contacted through the Parish  
Office, Sallins Road, Naas. Phone 045 879730.



## FEAST AND MEMORIAL DAYS DURING THE COMING WEEK:

Thursday 17th: St Patrick  
Saturday 19th: St Joseph, Husband of  
the Blessed Virgin Mary

## Parish Finances:

<u>Sallins:</u>	Baskets:	€ 668
	Envelopes:	€ 315
<u>Naas:</u>	Offertory:	€3,732
	Development Fund:	€3,670
<u>Two Mile House:</u>		€ 433

Grateful thanks to all who support our collections.

## GAA Lotto:

Sallins: 07/03 Jackpot €1,450: No winner:

Numbers: 8-13-34 : Venue 14/03: Railway Inn:

Naas: 03/03 Jackpot €6,200: No winner: Numbers:  
11-12-22-25: Next weeks' Jackpot €6,350

Splotto / Ballycane Celtic: 06/03 No Winner:

Numbers 18-22-27-28 : Next weeks' Jackpot €3,500

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:

Doireann Ní Chinnéide, Oldtown View  
Séan Patrick Keightley, Maryfield Court

### Sallins :

Liam Patrick Fitzsimons, Castlesize Gr

Shay Hugh Fitzsimons, Castlesize Gr

Lucy Ann Lawlor, Sallins Park

Doireann Sheahan, Morell Dale

Caleb Séan Williams, Castlesize Way

Aisling Nicola McCarthy, Kileenmore

### Two Mile House

Maele Helena Cagney Shorrocks, Kirkland,  
USA

## 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](http://www.naasparish.ie)



## St. Patrick's Day – Thursday, 17th March

This week we celebrate, St. Patrick, the principal patron of our country.

It is an opportunity for us to reflect upon our faith and what it means to be Irish.

The masses for the Feast Day are:

### Naas:

Our Lady & St David: Wednesday Vigil 6.30pm. Thursday 8.30am; 10am; 12noon; and 6pm. The 12 noon Mass will be as Gaeilge

Irish Martyrs: Wednesday Vigil 8pm. Thursday 11am; 12.15pm.

Sallins: Wednesday Vigil 6.30pm. Thursday 10am; 12noon

Two Mile House: Thursday 11am.



## Sallins Parish News

**Parish Collection Envelopes:** If you have not yet collected your new collection envelope box, for the coming year, from the church, you may still do so. If you wish to become a new contributor please take a box of envelopes with a blank label and write your name and address on the first few envelopes that you use.



*A sincere thanks to all who contribute to our collections.*

**Senior Choir** sings at the 10am Mass on Sundays in Sallins Church. If you are interested in joining, as new members are always welcome, please phone Mary at 087 2913499.

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction** as usual on Friday coming, 18th March at 7.30pm.

**Trocaire Boxes** are now available in the Church Porches.

**Sallins Annual Pilgrimage to Lourdes** takes place from 26th June to 3rd July....7 nights full board. Spiritual Directors: Fr Tom McDonnell and Fr Colum Swan. Further details/bookings contact Rita at 045-861070.

Each year Sallins Lourdes Pilgrimage invite a number of sick people from the Parish to join them on their pilgrimage. If you or a member of your family would like to be considered, you may contact a committee member (names and phone numbers available at back of Sallins Church).

**Thank You** to all who collected for and contributed to the recent Church Street Collection in support of our Community Centre which raised €460.59

## Naas Parish News

**Lenten Station Collection** for the priests of the Parish will take place at all Masses this weekend, 12th/13th March.

**Preparation for Easter:** You are invited to pray and study the Lenten Sunday readings each Tuesday morning (during Lent) in the Parish Meeting Rooms, Sallins Road immediately after the 10am Mass. Sr Peggy Cleary will lead the sessions.



**Something to do for Lent???** On Friday evenings following the 7.30pm Mass in the Church of the Irish Martyrs Ballycane, there will be a half hour of guided prayer. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed in the main church and we will have some time together in prayer. All are welcome to come along.

**Thinking of taking the Pledge for Lent?** Non Pioneers are invited to take the short-term Pledge for the duration of Lent commencing on Wednesday coming. Conditions for enrolment are: # To abstain from all intoxicating drink; # To recite the Prayer twice daily; # To wear the pioneer emblem. You may contact the Parish Office, Sallins Road if you would like to enrol in the Register for Lent. Badge €4 and Card 50c.

**Annual Parish Pilgrimage to Medjugorje:** 29th April 2011. Cost €599 fully inclusive for 8 nights. Spiritual Director: Fr O'Saorai. For bookings ph John or Catherine Murphy at 866233 or 0868563773 or Parish Office.

**Fundraising Event:** St Vincent de Paul, Naas are holding a Fundraising event in Newbridge Greyhound Stadium on Saturday, 26th March. Tickets from SVP Shops, Friary Road or from 045 866111/899453. Tickets will also be on sale in the new Tesco Store this weekend, 12th and 13th March.

## Naas Notices Continued:

### **Church Renovation:**

Plans for the necessary renovation of Our Lady and St David's Church have been under consideration for a number of years. The display at the back of the Church outlines the proposed work. It has been divided into three phases:

Phase 1 consists of external works necessary to make the building weather proof—re-pointing, repair of roof and windows and replacement of defective guttering.

Phase 2 involves internal work—installing heating in the main porch and old mortuary chapel, re-positioning of tabernacle in the sanctuary area, provision of toilets accessible from the inside of the church, converting mortuary chapel into a vestry, upgrading of areas around the present sacristy, upgrading of electrical works and repainting of the interior.

Phase 3 consists of up-grading of church grounds and car park. The work has been considered by the finance committee, building groups and pastoral council.

It is recommended by all three groups that Phase 1 be completed this year and that it would be best to do Phase 2 at the same time. Phase 3 should be left to be considered at a later date. Luckily the parish has the finance to look after Phase 1. Phase 2 could be financed by a loan repayable over a number of years. The building & finance groups are preparing a fuller presentation on the project and will place it before parishioners, for their information, in the near future. In the meantime the necessary declarations and permissions will be sought from the local authorities.

We are all aware that these are very difficult times and finance is a problem for all development, especially voluntarily funded developments. As a parish we will have to devise a funding plan which is realistic and viable in light of today's economic circumstances.

## Two Mile House Parish News

**The Eucharist;** Today, Sunday 13th, from 2.30pm - 4.30pm in Two Mile House School, we are having a get together to reflect upon the Eucharist. We invite members of the P.P.C., Eucharistic Ministers and Readers, choir members and anybody else who would like to come along.

**Idea for Lent?** On each Friday evening during Lent, following the 7pm Mass, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed and the rosary will be recited. All are welcome to come along.

**Do This in Memory;** Meeting of parents' leadership group on Tuesday next, 15th March at 8.15pm in the school. Our next mass is on the 27th March.

**St. Patrick's Day;** Last year after our 11am Mass we had a pilgrimage walk to St. Patrick's Well in the grounds of the Killashee House Hotel. Many people came along as well as a number of people from Naas. This year the hotel management have kindly granted us the permission to do the same on Thursday after 11am mass. We will gather in the lower car park of the hotel and make our way to the Well for a blessing prayer upon all present. All welcome.



## General Notices

**ST PIO PRAYER GROUP** next meeting on coming Tuesday, 15th March at 7.10pm in the Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane. All welcome

**Marriage Awareness Course;** next course takes place on 13th and 14th May 2011. Courses are held in the Meeting Rooms at the Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane. Application Forms from the Parish Office, Sallins Road. Phone 045 879730

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**Irish Guide Dogs for the Blind** are holding their annual church street collection in Naas, Sallins and Two Mile House on Saturday and Sunday, 26th and 27th March. Please support.

**Nepal Leprosy Trust** 'Duck Soup' will run at the Old Dara Cinema in Main Street, Naas on Saturday 26th March at 7pm. Nepali crafts, in aid of the trust, will also be on sale.