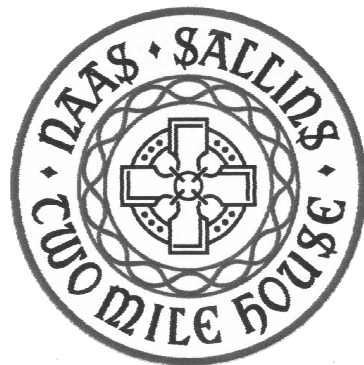


# Parish Newsletter

**Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
13th September 2015**

No 1512

Mark 8: 27-35



WHO DO YOU SAY I AM?  
MARK 8:27

The gospel reading of today is one of the most powerful passages in scripture. Jesus up to this point has been teaching, working miracles and his disciples have been walking with him for a long time. They saw him helping and curing people, eating with the tax collectors and people who were outcasts of society of the time. They heard him proclaim who he was but did they really take this in? They heard what people were saying about this man that they had chosen to be with. They told him who many of the people thought he was.

Then he asked them a direct question.

*"Who do you say that I am?"*

There is no way that they cannot give a straight answer. Peter answered for them when he said "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God"

Now word *Christ* is a translation of the Hebrew word for *Messiah* which many people at the time thought that the *Messiah* would free the Jewish people from Roman occupation. But Jesus tells them exactly what the outcome of his ministry will be, it will be very different from that. He will be rejected, will suffer and will die and will rise after three days. In other words a very different Messiah than was expected. He then goes a step further and says that anyone who follows him must take up their own cross.

Today if we were asked the same question how would we answer. Who is Jesus for us? What does it

mean to be a follower of Jesus today? Do we follow his way of living, of giving, of his compassion for those in need or who ask us for help. To be a follower is to do all these things in our lives. We cannot just pay lip service as Christians. Christ calls us to a life living with and for others.

Today we are faced with a story that is worldwide news, that of the huge numbers

fleeing tyranny, death and war. People from many parts of our world particularly Syria are pouring into Europe with very little means of support but they are coming in the hope that somehow people will help them in their need.

We are part of that hope and how we respond to this as followers of Christ is up to us all. Over the coming weeks we will respond and strive to help these people to carry the cross that they have been given.

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## **A Pebble;**

Drop a pebble in the water: just a splash, and it is gone; But there's half-a-hundred ripples circling on and on and on. Spreading, spreading from the centre, flowing on out to the sea. There is no way of telling where the end is going to be.

Drop a pebble in the water: in a minute you forget, there are little waves a-flowing, and there's ripples circling yet. Those little waves a-flowing to a great big wave have grown; you've disturbed a mighty river just by dropping in a stone.

Drop a word of cheer and kindness: just a flash and it is gone; But there's half-a-hundred ripples circling on and on and on. Bearing hope and joy and comfort on each splashing, dashing wave. Until you wouldn't believe the volume of the one kind word you gave.

## PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION

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**PARISH WEBSITE:** [www.naasparish.ie](http://www.naasparish.ie)

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**Opening Hours:** Monday to Friday 10am to 5pm

**Naas eMail** [naasparishoffice@gmail.com](mailto:naasparishoffice@gmail.com)

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**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. JOE O'NEILL** SUNDAYS WELL 898866

**FR. KEVIN WALSH** Sallins 879730

**DN. FERGAL O'NEILL** Parish Deacon 086 3816133

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

### SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN PARISH REPRESENTATIVES

**Naas:** Andrew Fagan and Geraldine Faherty

**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

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

### Naas:

Elizabeth (Betty) Hogan nee McGlynn,  
Monread Heights

### Two Mile House:

Mary Lynch, Swordlestown



**MAY THEY REST IN PEACE**

### RECENT BAPTISMS

### Naas:

Victoria Nester, Bán na Gréinne

Charlotte Grace Twomey, The Waterways

### Sallins:

Emilia Anne McCabe, Mill Bank

Rio Duaine El Sheridan, Castlefen

Heidi Hazel Sullivan, Sallins Pier

Orlaith Mary O'Leary, Sallins Bridge

For those requesting the Sacrament of Baptism two weeks notice is required. For further details see our website at [www.naasparish.ie/sacraments/baptism](http://www.naasparish.ie/sacraments/baptism)



## FEAST AND MEMORIAL DAYS FOR THE COMING WEEK:

Monday 14th: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Tuesday 15th: Our Lady of Sorrow

Wednesday 16th: Ss Cornelius, pope, and  
Cyprian, bishop, martyrs

## 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.'*

**Autumn Collection in support of the Priests of the Parish takes place at all Masses this weekend, 12/13th September.**

**St Pio Prayer Group** next meeting on Wednesday coming, 16th September at 7.10pm in the Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane. All welcome.

**Plain Speakers Toastmaster Club** next meeting tomorrow, Monday 14th September at 7.45pm in the Council Chambers, Town Hall, Naas. For more information phone Ger 087 2523041. All welcome.

**Cup of Tea and Chat** has resumed in the Community Centre after the 10am Mass on Wednesday mornings.

**Naas Local History Group** are having 'an illustrated talk for *Culture Week* by James Durney '*The brothers O'Kelly: writers, poets, editors, nationalists*' on Friday 18th September in Naas Community Library at 7pm. All Welcome.

**"TOUCH IRELAND"** Supporting Vulnerable children in "Our World" are holding a Church Street Collection on Saturday/Sunday 19th/20th September. All the money raised will go towards the building of a new school-block of 3 classrooms in Kalundu, Mangango, Zambia. Please Support.

**Thank You from KARE Naas** to all who collected for and supported their recent flag day, including the local Supermarkets and Credit Union, which raised €3238.07 and to all who supported their Naas Golf Day in April which raised €2,040.

**Lost:** Pair of glasses at Storm Cinema/Dublin Road area on Sunday last. Phone 086 8283903.

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

### **SALLINS PARISH NEWS**

**Autumn Dues in support of the Priests of the Parish takes place at all Masses this weekend, 12/13th September.**

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** continues on Tuesday coming 15th Sept from 10.30am—11am.

**Confessions** available in Sallins every Thursday from 2pm to 4pm.

**Altar Servers Application Forms** are available from the Sacristy in Sallins Church.

**Sallins Parish Pastoral Council** meeting on Thursday coming, 17th September at 8.30pm.

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

### **GENERAL NOTICE**

#### **Parish Finances:**

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| Sallins: Baskets: € 749 | Envelopes € 380    |
| Naas: Offertory: €3,368 | Development €3,484 |
| Two Mile House: € 465   |                    |

#### **Sports Lottery Results**

Naas: 3/9 (21-18-27-28) No winner, Jackpot €3,550  
Sallins: 7/9 (6-16-19) No winner, Jackpot €1,450  
Naas United 7/9 (3-17-20-23) No winner Jackpot €3,000

### **Knock Pilgrimages:**

**Padre Pio Pilgrimage** on Sunday 20th September. Bookings and further details phone 045 525432.

**Legion of Mary Pilgrimage** takes place on Sunday 27th September. More details to follow.

**Eucharistic Ministers.....Date for your Diary;** An evening of Renewal and Reflection will take place in the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane on Tuesday 17th November at 8pm and will be led by Julie Kavanagh.

**Samaritans** are seeking volunteers for the Newbridge Branch. Are you willing to give 3-4 hours 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 please come to one of our Information Sessions being held on Wednesday 23rd and Thursday 24th September at 8pm at 3 McElwain Terrace, Newbridge. Recruitment Line phone 086 0855785.

**Christmas with Celine Byrne and Guests;** Christmas Concert in aid of Our Lady and St David's Church Restoration Fund will take place on Saturday, 19th December at 8pm in Our Lady and St David's Church.

**World Cup Family Day** at Naas Rugby Club on Saturday coming, 19th September. Want to know more about Naas RFC? Why not come along and watch Ireland V Canada on the big screen, with kick off at 2.30pm and also see Naas opening their campaign in the Ulster Bank All Ireland League. Along with a feast of rugby there will be children's entertainment, a food village ....so lots to see and do for all the family.

**Kildare and Wicklow Education And Training Board** enrolment for autumn courses tomorrow, Monday 14th Sep from 10am-4pm at the Further Education and Training Centre, Jigginstown, Naas. For more info ph 045 866314/881863 or email [www.kwetb.ie](http://www.kwetb.ie)

**Are you going to the ploughing?** Anyone heading to the ploughing this year (22nd—24th September) is warmly invited to pop in and say hello to us in the diocesan tent at stand: **Block 3, Row 26, No. 444** With a programme of events every day there's something for everyone!

**East Midlands Parkinson's Patient Conference** 2015 takes place at Keadeen Hotel, Newbridge on Sunday 4th October from 10am to 4pm. To register contact Pauline/Sabrina on 1800 359 359 before 25th September 2015.

**Naas Arch Club** have resumed their activities for the new season.

We are a social club which provides a secure and active environment for people with special needs. A variety of activities take place each week which appeal to all our members and volunteers. These include sport, art, dance, drama, trips etc..

We meet on Tuesday nights, generally in St Mary's College, Naas from 8pm to 10pm. We also engage in away activities such as bowling, golf, meals, trips etc. Our planned activities up to Christmas include board games, cards, unihoc, karaoke, dance, drama, film night, drumming session, disco and a night at the Moat Panto.

We are always looking for volunteers and if you are interested in helping out please phone Orla 086 8070809 or Denis 085 7274796.

We would like to take this opportunity to express our sincere gratitude to St Mary's College for their continues support to the Club.

## You Could Win €2,500

**On Wednesday coming, 16th September in Naas Parish Lotto Draw  
Simply Buy A €2 Ticket And It Could Be You**

**There was no winner of the Jackpot on Wednesday 9th September.**

**Numbers drawn were: 14-27-18-20**

Tickets are available from the Parish Office on the Sallins Road, or in 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, Sallins Road before 3pm for the weekly draw.

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!!***

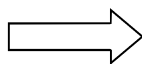
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### ***Thought for the week:***

**What are you paying attention to?**

**Every second of every day you have a decision to make — what are you going to focus on?**

**Are you going to focus on what is beautiful and glorious? Or what is bad and wrong?**

**Are you going to focus on what you are grateful for? Or what is bad and wrong?**

**Are you going to focus on what you love and appreciate? Or what is bad and wrong?**

**Your life is made up of what you choose to pay attention to.**

