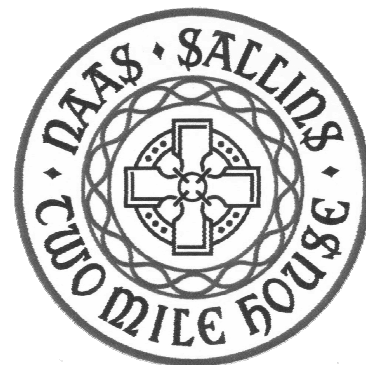


# Parish Newsletter

Third Sunday of Advent  
14th December 2014

No 1480

John: 1: 6-8



He fills the  
starving with  
good things  
Luke 1:53

seven Sacraments, is the foundation of this relationship, and we are asked to read the letter prayerfully, preferably as a family, to remind ourselves of its importance. There will be much debate around marriage in the coming months and it is vital that we have the courage to state our Christian understanding

## ***The Meaning of Marriage***

This 3rd Sunday of Advent we are invited to "Rejoice always", as brothers and sisters in Christ. Our Bishops have issued a beautiful pastoral letter on the Family, to remind us of the true meaning of family in the material and spiritual sense.

Our church family is made up of all kinds of individuals, bound together in baptismal love and responsible for each other before our creating Father, our healing Lord, and united in the Holy Spirit. The Sacrament of Marriage, one of our

of this Sacrament and our calling to live it in good times and bad, leaning on Christ and our faith family for support.

It is vital to understand that the Church is NOT against other legal definitions of relationships but insists that marriage, as contract and covenant (bonded in Christ), is the unique building block of stable society and must be preserved as such. Christmas is THE family season so we pray for the renewal of all families and for healing in families where there is hurt or brokenness.



10th December 2014 - Vatican City: Dear Brothers and Sisters: This week we begin a new series of catecheses devoted to the family. As you know, the pastoral challenges involving the family were discussed in a recent meeting of the Synod of Bishops in preparation for the next Ordinary Assembly of the Synod in October, 2015. The meeting began with a very frank discussion of those serious challenges, in the light of the fundamental truths about the sacrament of

Matrimony – its indissolubility, unity, fidelity and openness to life. The fruits of this period of discussion and discernment were collected in a preliminary report, which was then discussed in smaller groups. The observations and suggestions which emerged were incorporated in a Final Report, which served as the basis for the Final Message of the Synod Fathers. The Final Report is being sent to the Bishops throughout the world, and the results of this consultation will be brought to the Synod meeting next October. I ask all of you to pray, through the intercession of Mary, Mother of the Church, that the Synod process will result in pastoral decisions truly beneficial to the family, the Church and society.

## **PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION**

**PRIEST ON DUTY: 085 708 8407**

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

**NAAS AND SALLINS PARISH OFFICE** Tel 879730 Fax 894287

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

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

**Sallins eMail** [sallinsparishoffice@gmail.com](mailto:sallinsparishoffice@gmail.com)

**SACRISTY OUR LADY AND ST DAVID:** Tel 856925

**BALLYCANE OFFICE AND SACRISTY :** Tel 895629

**Opening Hours:** Monday to Friday 10am to 1pm

### **PARISH TEAM**

<b>FR. JOHN BRICKLEY</b>	Parochial House	897703
<b>FR. LIAM MORGAN</b>	Curates House	949576
<b>FR. KEVIN WALSH</b>	Sallins	879730
<b>FR. PJ MADDEN</b>	Two Mile House	876160
<b>DN. FERGAL O'NEILL</b>	Parish Office	879730
<b>MS. MAIREAD D'ARCY</b>	Pastoral Assistant	897134

### **SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN PARISH REPRESENTATIVES**

**Naas:** Caroline Quinn **Two Mile House:** Anita Comer Julian  
**Sallins:** Ann Moran. They can be contacted through the Parish Office, Sallins Road, Naas. Phone 045 879730

## **FEASTS / MEMORIALS FOR COMING WEEK**

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

Friday 18th: St Flannan, bishop

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

Hannah Mallon, Two Mile House

Bridget ( Birdie) Hickey, Craddockstown

Frank McHugh, Lakelands, formerly Sallins

***May they rest in peace***

### **RECENT BAPTISMS**

#### **Naas:**

Neasa Brennan, Oakglade

Darragh Thomas Smyth, Ashgrove Ave

#### **Sallins:**

Elena Breid Mohan, Straffan Way

Emily Rose Baker, The Drive, Sallins Park

Molly Maura Foxe, Sallins Bridge

For those requesting the Sacrament of Baptism two weeks notice is required. For further details of Baptisms in Naas, Sallins and Two Mile House Parish website at [www.naasparish.ie/sacraments/baptism/](http://www.naasparish.ie/sacraments/baptism/)



## **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

**Mothers Prayers** at the Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane on Wednesdays at 8.15pm.

## **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.'**

**The History of the Catholic Church** The final session of the series will be held tomorrow Monday 15th December in the main foyer of Ballycane Church at 8pm. The session will run from 8pm to 9.30pm and will include scripture, prayer and time for questions / discussion. A cup of tea / coffee will be served afterwards. All are most welcome!

**St Josephs Young Priest Society** next meeting tomorrow Monday 15th December at 8pm in the Parish Centre at the Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane. Adoration from 8pm to 9pm.

**Advent Preparation for Christmas** continues on Tuesday coming, 16th December in the Parish Meeting Rooms, Sallins Rd, (behind Veritas shop) after 10am Mass. All are most welcome to come pray and study the Advent Sunday Readings. Sr Peggy Cleary will lead the session.

**Saint Pio Prayer Group** next meeting on Wednesday coming 17th December at 7.10pm in the Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane. All welcome.

**Divine Mercy Prayer Group** takes place on Friday coming 19th December immediately after the 7.30pm Mass in the Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane. It will include usual prayers and also a special prayer for our country. Blessing with Relic of St. Faustina will also be available. All welcome.

**Nás na Ríogh ICA Guild** next meeting tomorrow Monday 15th December at 8pm in Naas Community Centre, (behind McAuley Place). New members are always welcome. Please contact Mary on 086 1552145 for further information.

**Christmas Flowers for the Church** We would be grateful for the donations of flowers (**Red**) and Poinsettias for the decoration of the church for Christmas. They can be left in the Sanctuary area of the Church up to and including Friday 19th December.

**Naas Conference of St Vincent de Paul** would like to express their sincere thanks to all who contributed to their recent Annual Church Appeal Collection in Naas, Two Mile House and Kill and to all who made their contribution through the 'Vincent' shops or posted it directly to P.O. Box 1. Naas. To date your generosity has raised €27,365.90 ..... this will greatly assist us with our work in helping those in need in our community this Christmas and in the year ahead. Thank you and we wish you and your families a Happy Christmas and peaceful New Year.  
**St Vincent de Paul helpline phone number 045 897306.**

### **SALLINS PARISH NEWS**

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** Tuesday coming, 16th December, from 10.30am -11am.

**Confessions** available in Sallins Church every Thursday afternoon from 2pm-4pm.

**St Vincent de Paul** Annual Church appeal will be held this weekend. We are currently recruiting new members for our conference, if interested contact us on 085 7052294. Supervalu Sallins are also allowing us to hold a local toy appeal, toys can be dropped into the store at the Waterways until Saturday 20th December.

**Christmas Children's Choir** rehearsal on Tuesday coming 16th December at 3.10pm in the Church, in

preparation for the 6.30pm Mass on Christmas Eve. All welcome.

**Carol Singing** Sallins Parish Choir will sing Carols on Sat 20th and Sun 21st December before all Masses.

**Santa Is Arriving** by barge into Sallins on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December at 1.30pm. We are asking children to dress in their favourite Disney costume to meet Santa and parade through the village down to Supervalu, led by the Tullamore Brass Band, Santa, his helpers and Vintage Cars. Santa will meet the children at the tented area in Supervalu. There will be face painting and Craft Market run by the 23<sup>rd</sup> Sallins Scouts and The Millicent Singers.

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

### **TWO MILE HOUSE PARISH NEWS**

**Carol Service** The Annual Parish Christmas Carol Service will take place on Tuesday coming 16th December in St. Peter's Church at **7.15pm**. ( Note time) All are welcome.

### **GENERAL NOTICES**

#### **Parish Finances**

Sallins: Baskets: €773 Envelopes: €345

Naas: Offertory: €3,188 Development Fund: €3,569

Two Mile House: €624

#### **Sports Lottery Results**

Naas 4/12 (8-11-17-7) No Winner Jackpot €2,350.

Sallins 8/12 (1- 4- 5) No Winner, Jackpot €3,250.

Naas United FC 8/12 (1-2-9-14) No Winner; €3,000

Splotto: Ballycane Celtic: No Results.

#### **Christmas Concert** with Alan Brereton in aid of St.

Vincent de Paul will take place in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Allenwood, to-night Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> at 8pm. Tickets available at door.

**Trócaire Christmas Gifts** are now on sale and can make a life-changing difference to families in some of our poorest countries. Log on to [trocaire.org/gifts](http://trocaire.org/gifts).

**Christmas with Friends** invite you to join them for their Annual Christmas Day Dinner in the Platinum Club, Newbridge on December 25th. Adults from Newbridge, Naas, Kildare and surrounding areas, are invited to join them. If you would prefer they can deliver dinner to your home. There is no charge for this event as it is kindly sponsored by the Lions Club. If you would like to attend phone Anne Crowe 086 8042724 or Willie Crowley 087 2450881.

## Naas Parish Lotto Draw

**€3,500 that's the Jackpot in the Next Draw on Wednesday coming 17th December.**

**There was no winner of the Jackpot on Wednesday last 10th, numbers drawn were 1 –18 –26 –21**

The Parish would like to sincerely thank all those who worked so hard to sell tickets in these very difficult economic times and we hope people will continue to support us into the future.

There are many areas in the town where we still need ticket sellers and if you think you could even sell a couple of tickets, on a weekly basis, to your friends, family or neighbour please contact the Parish Offices on the Sallins Road, or in The Church of the Irish Martyrs Ballycane or phone 086 1635994.

Tickets cost €2 each: or an Annual Membership costing €90. You can also pay by Standing Order where €8 per month will be deducted from your bank account. For information contact either of the Parish Offices.

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!!***

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please choose four numbers between 1 and 28 (inclusive) and write them in the boxes →**  
**Your chosen numbers will be included in all weekly draws for one year.**

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### **Christmas Traditional Novena Prayer**

**Starting to-day , Sunday 14th :**

Hail, and blessed be the hour and moment  
In which the Son of God was born  
Of a most pure Virgin Mary  
At midnight in a stable in Bethlehem  
In the piercing cold  
It that same hour vouchsafe, O my God,  
To hear my prayer and grant my desires through  
the merits of our Saviour Jesus Christ and His most  
Blessed Mother. Amen.

#### **THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**



Remember, there are no mistakes, only lessons. Love yourself, trust your choices and everything is possible."

*Cherie-Carter Scotts*

#### **Is someone's drinking affecting your life?**

Al-Anon can help. Meetings every Monday night at 8.15pm in Parish Centre, Ballycane (Tuesday on Bank Holiday Weekend). Also on Wednesdays at 8.30pm in Parish Centre, Newbridge, Thursdays in Áras Bríd, Parish Centre, Kildare.

**Gingerbread Village Festival** returns on Sunday coming 21st December at McAuley Place. Our Christmas exhibition will feature crafts created at workshops and will form part of a magical Gingerbread Village. The Mayor of Naas will open the exhibition at 2pm, Santa will be arriving 2.30pm with help from Kildare Fire Brigade. Come along and enjoy this fun family day. **Admission is free.**