

# Parish Newsletter

1st Sunday in Lent  
14th February 2016

No 1533

Luke 4: 1-13



## LENTEN PREPARATION

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### FORTY DAYS OF RENEWAL

#### Seasons

Very recently we celebrated the beginning of Spring with the Feast day of St. Brigid. Spring is the season of renewal and rebirth. It is a time when the days get longer, we have more light and it is the time when all the buds of nature come alive in the celebration of creation. It is a time of the dancing daffodils and the reawakening of the earth. Like the earth it is a time for us to make new beginnings and changes. It is a time of cleaning out and making way for fresh possibilities and new commitments. The earth is being renewed by God and just as the earth is being renewed we too are entering into that season of, **Lent**.

From the time when we were children the big question was "What are you giving up for Lent" and invariably we would answer sweets, chocolates and lots of other things that we really liked. This all helped us

as children to be aware that we were in a different season; it brought us a sense of awareness of change and helped us to enter into this with a sense of purpose. This was the custom of that time and it still is. When you ask children today the same question you will usually get the same answers.

As adults we would usually say the same. But Lent is more than "giving up" something. It is a time of Renewal, a time of Reflection, a time of Realisation. It is a time of Spiritual Renewal, of taking time to listen and do something that will help us to grow in our faith and our love of God. It is a time to reflect on what kind of relationship we have with God and others. We listen to the Gospel every Sunday, we hear the words but how often do we really reflect on what God is saying. He is talking to each one of us, are we listening?

Lent is a time when God wants to give us something but we have to listen and have that conversation with Him. If we take time to reflect it might help us change in our attitudes. When we take time to reflect we come to realise the unconditional love that God has for us and how he shows that love for us time and time again. So much so that he sent his Son to show us the way.

So, let us take time to listen, reflect and in this way realise that this special season gives us a chance to renew our relationship with God and others.

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**Mass Changes at the Church of Our Lady and St David, Sallins Road:**

**On both St Patrick's Day the 17th March and Easter Sunday the 27th March**

there will be **No 6pm evening Mass** on either of these dates.

## 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

**FR. JOHN BRICKLEY** Parochial House 897703

**FR. LIAM MORGAN** Curates House 949576

**FR. JOE O'NEILL** Sundays well 898866

**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

**THOSE WHO DIE IN GRACE GO BUT TO GOD**

**AND GOD IS VERY NEAR"**

Rita O'Connor, Lakeside Park

Irene Edge, (nee Madden) formerly of Our Lady's PI

**MAY THEY REST IN PEACE**



### RECENT BAPTISMS

#### Naas:

Adam Bynon Jones, The Sycamores

#### Sallins:

Louie Mare Al Cleary, Castlesize

Lola Josephine Coyle, St Brigid's Terrace

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)

### 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.'*

## CHURCH OF OUR LADY AND ST. DAVID , SALLINS ROAD

### MASS TIMES

**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

## CHURCH OF OUR LADY AND ST. DAVID , SALLINS ROAD

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Every First Friday before and after the 10am Mass

Every Saturday after the 10am Mass

**Preparation for Easter:** You are invited to pray the Lenten Sunday Readings on each Tuesday morning during Lent. The next meeting will take place in the room at the back of the Church on Tuesday coming 16th February after 10am Mass and will be led by Sr. Peggy Cleary.

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

**Parish Coffee Morning** takes place each Wednesday after 10am Mass at back of Church. All welcome for a cuppa and chat.

**Have you Noticed the New Failte Stone on the Sallins Road?.** This is another Naas Tidy Towns project. If you would like to be involved as a volunteer text 086 8138821.

**Naas Tidy Towns** will be hosting a talk on *'Reducing Food Waste at home and in business'* on Wednesday coming, 17th February at the Vista Centre (near the Lakes) at 8pm. All welcome.

**Fundraising Event.....Céilí and Old Time Dancing.....** will be hosted by and will take place in McAuley Place, Sallins Road on Wednesday, 24th February at 7.30 pm. Tea and biscuits will be provided on the evening. For further information phone 045-883599.



**Nás na Ríogh ICA Guild** next meeting tomorrow, Monday 15th February at 8pm in Naas Community Centre, (behind McAuley Place). New members are always welcome; phone Mary 086 1552145 or Maureen 086 8232113 for further information.

**Naas Community Men's Shed** are looking for new members. The Shed is open for visitors 3 days a week: Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10am to 1pm and is located on the Rathasker Road, Naas. (turn at Flemings Bicycle Shop) or you can contact Sean 087 2971015 or Brian 08702547076.

**The Naas Easter Parade** will be taking place this Easter Sunday, 27th March at 3pm. If you are interested in participating in this year's Parade, or if you have any questions or require any further information ph Deborah Callaghan at 086 8394919 or email organisers @naaseasterparade.com

**Parish Office** is now open on Saturday's from **10am to 1pm** to facilitate with Mass Cards, **only**.

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

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

### **SALLINS NOTICE**

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on** Tuesday coming 16th February from 10.30am —11am.

**Date for your Diary.....Sallins Pilgrimage to Lourdes** will take place on 24th June 2016. Cooleragh/Staplestown Parish will join Sallins this year for the Pilgrimage. Spiritual Director will be Fr. Jimmy Doyle. For more details phone Rita Fanning on 045 861070 or 087 6536112.

### **TWO MILE HOUSE**

**Week Day Masses during Lent:** Monday to Thursday at 9.15am and Friday evening at 7pm, as usual,

**St Peter's Church Two Mile House 225th Anniversary Book** has now been launched. Copies are available from Parish Offices, Naas and Barker & Jones, Naas; Valentine's Post Office, Two Mile House or Bill at 897160 and Art at 875618.

### **GENERAL NOTICE**

#### **Parish Finances:**

Sallins: Baskets: € 665      Envelopes € 490

Naas: Offertory: €3,230      Development €3,960

Two Mile House: € 480

#### **Sports Lottery Results:**

Naas:4/2 (2-8-21-26) No winner, Jackpot €6,700

Sallins: 8/2 (8-9-14) One winner, Jackpot €1,150

Spotto: No Results available

#### **Change of Practice!**

As always, those who are Gluten Intolerant (Ceoliac) are invited to receive a 'Low-Gluten' host at Communion time. In the interest of best liturgical practice and following on from a recent publication from the Irish Bishops we want to make a small change as to how those who are Gluten Intolerant are to receive the Host. Beginning on Sunday next, 21st February we will be asking those who wish to receive a 'low-gluten' host to come forward as soon as the Eucharistic Ministers are receiving communion themselves. A Eucharistic Minister – who will have just washed their hands and not yet touched a regular Host will minister to you. This will honour the best practice of 'Receiving Communion' rather than having to serve yourself, and also avoid cross contamination with the regular Hosts. This practice will begin on Sunday next, 21st February and thank you for your cooperation.

**Divine Mercy Conference** takes place on 20th/21st February at the RDS. There will be a Bus pick-up point in Naas. To book ph Bernadette 087 9769771.

**Parish Pilgrimage to Medjugorje** takes place from Wednesday 1st to 8th June 2016 for seven nights. €100 deposit secures €609, after 17th February price of €659 applies, (fully inclusive). Spiritual Director: Fr. Liam Morgan. To book phone John or Catherine Murphy at 866233 or John at 086 8563773.

**Trócaire's Lenten Campaign 2016:** Trocaire Boxes are now available in the Church Porches/Parish Offices. Please take one for your home or workplace. In donating to Trócaire you're not just giving you're joining the fight for justice.

**Lost:** Mobile Phone lost between Ballycane Church and Roseville. Phone Parish Office at 879730

**Found:** Lady's Bracelet found on Tuesday last in the Hazelmere/Ballycane area. Phone Parish Office.

#### **Thought for the Week:**



**The true measure of an individual is  
how he treats a person  
who can do him absolutely no good.**

# You Could Win €3,750

## On this Wednesday coming, 17th February in Naas Parish Lotto Draw Simply Buy A €2 Ticket And It Could Be You

**There was no winner of the Jackpot on Wednesday 3rd February; numbers drawn were 19-15-24-4.**

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 before 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!!***

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

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

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

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

**Please choose four numbers between 1 and 28  
(inclusive) and write them in the boxes**

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### **‘Under the protection of the Most High God’?**

**Ethical and Theological Perspectives on the 1916 Rising** at St Patrick's College on Friday, 26th February from 9.30am to 5pm. A Conference to debate the significance of the 1916 Rising from ethical and theological perspectives. The Key Speaker on the day will be Francis Campbell, former ambassador to the Vatican.

**Holy Land Pilgrimage** for Naas, Sallins, Two Mile House and Carlow Parishes takes place from 2nd to 10th September 2016. €1,495 per person sharing €200 booking deposit required. Spiritual director, Fr. Liam Morgan. Bookings through Parish Office, Naas or Tullys Travel, Carlow. Ph: 059 9136100.

**Divine Mercy Pilgrimage to Rome** Fully Escorted Pilgrimage takes place from 1st April for three nights, €599pps. For bookings and more details phone 01 8788159 or [www.marian.ie](http://www.marian.ie)

**Victim Assistance** is a voluntary organisation that provides emotional and practical assistance to all Victims of Crime and traumatic incidents. The local

branch of Victim Assistance is now recruiting members. Full training is provided and all applicants are garda vetted. If you are interested in helping Victims of Crime please contact Victim Assistance National Office on 066 7119830 or email [fedva@eircom.net](mailto:fedva@eircom.net)

**Naas Access Group** Helping people with disabilities, serious illness's and the elderly, shop, live and travel safely day to day in our local community, are holding a public meeting in Mc Auley Place on Friday coming, 19th February at 10am. Been a group of local volunteers, many of us with disabilities or serious illnesses, we are working with the County Council, local business and similar groups help make our town, hospital, community and local shopping areas a safer place for everybody. Some of the items to discuss is abuse of disabled parking places, a new disabled parking bay outside Vista, wheelchair access difficulties in public places and dangerous paths. If you have a query or concern come along or you can email [naasaccess@gmail.com](mailto:naasaccess@gmail.com)