



NAAS SALLINS TWO MILE HOUSE NEWSLETTER



Mass Times: 3rd Sunday of Advent(Year A) Gospel: Matthew 11:2-11

<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

Rejoice!

The Third Sunday of Advent is traditionally called Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete is the Latin word meaning “rejoice.” This Sunday is so named because “Rejoice” is the first word in the entrance antiphon for today's Mass taken from Philippians 4:4,5: “Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice! The Lord is near.” This Sunday is a joyful reminder that our salvation is near.



This week's Gospel reading continues our Advent reflection on the person and message of John the Baptist. Last week we heard John speak about his relationship to the coming Messiah, Jesus. This week, we hear Jesus' message to John the Baptist, now in prison, about the signs of the kingdom found in Jesus' ministry and Jesus' assessment of John's role in the Kingdom of God. In the passage, John sends word to Jesus from prison, asking if Jesus is the Messiah for whom he has been waiting. Jesus responds by pointing to the miracles that he has worked and invites John and the other hearers to make their own determination. In his next breath, however, Jesus praises John for his role in preparing the way for Jesus. Then Jesus says that all of those who work for the Kingdom of God will be as great as John and even greater.

Our role as Christians is the same as John the Baptist, we are called to prepare the way for Jesus to come into our own hearts but also to prepare other people's hearts so that they, too, may experience the “joy of salvation”, that healing, wholeness and holiness we all long for and which gives real meaning to our lives. Christmas is a time for gifts, giving and receiving. Let us make sure among the gifts we offer to others is some of the Christian joy that we ourselves have received.



Thought for the Week: “There is no passion to be found playing small - in settling for a life that is less than the one you are capable of living.” Nelson Mandela

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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”***

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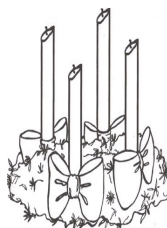
Peg (Margaret) O'Rourke,
Our Lady's Place



MAY SHE REST IN PEACE

Advent Preparation for Christmas

continues on Tuesday coming, 17th Dec in the Parish Meeting Room (over the Parish Office) Sallins Road after the 10am Mass. You are invited to join with Sr Peggy Cleary who will lead the sessions of prayer and study of the Sunday Advent readings.



Christmas Traditional Novena Prayer

starting today, Saturday 14th:

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

**THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY WELCOMES
YOU WITH GREAT JOY!**

Naas:

James Richard Harrington, Lacken View
Harry James Grace, Oldwood

Sallins:

Carly Lisa Doran, Liffey Square East
Libby Colette Woods, Sallins Bridge
Matthew Thomas Nugent, Sallins Pk
Ben Michael Tierney, Monread Court

Two Mile House:

Sarah Ann Nangle, Mullacash

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

For those requesting the Sacrament of Baptism two weeks notice is required. Further details of Baptisms in Naas, Sallins and Two Mile House see Parish website: www.naasparish.ie



Parish Finances:

<u>Sallins:</u>	Baskets: € 630:	Envelopes: € 325
<u>Naas:</u>	Offertory:	€ 3,525
	Development Fund:	€ 3,803
<u>Two Mile House:</u>		€ 833

Feast & Memorial Days for the coming week:
Wednesday 18th: St Flannan, bishop
Saturday 21st: St Peter Canisius, priest and doctor of the Church

The Church of Our Lady and St David closes at 4.30pm during the week.

Sallins Parish News

Christmas Dues in support of the Priests of the Parish next weekend, 21st/22nd December

Parish Envelopes Collection; The annual envelope boxes for the coming year are now available for collection in the Church and are in Alphabetical order. If you wish to become a contributor please take a box of envelopes from the 'new contributor box' and write your name/ address on the first few envelopes you use. A sincere *Thank You* to all who contribute to our collections.

SVP Sallins (Conference of the Guardian Angels) would like to express their sincere thanks to all who contributed to their Annual Appeal Church Gate Collection last weekend 7th/8th December. Your generosity raised €4,885 which will go a long way towards helping the needy in our community. God Bless and a very Happy Christmas to you.

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."

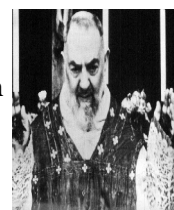
Christmas Flowers for the Church

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 on or before the Friday coming, 20th December.

SAINT PIO PRAYER GROUP

Next Meeting on Tuesday, coming 17th December at 7.10pm in the Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane.
All welcome



Collectors/Stewards

With extra Masses for Christmas and larger numbers of people gathering we would greatly appreciate it if those who collect the money baskets during Mass at the Church of Our Lady and St David, confirm their availability. We would also greatly welcome new volunteers to assist with collections. Please leave your name into the Sacristy or Parish Office on or before Sunday next, 22nd December.

The Advent Faith Development Programme "New Life in Christ" continues with Session 3 'Life of Virtue-Living the Sacrament' tomorrow, Monday 16th December in the Main Hall of the Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane from 8.15pm-9.15pm. Tea/Coffee will be available afterwards. All welcome.

A Sincere Thank You to all who contributed to our recent Annual Concern Street Collection and to all our loyal friends who collected for us which raised €2,127.17

ICA Nás na Ríogh Guild next meeting on Monday, 16th December in Lawlor's Hotel, Naas at 7.30pm.

Naas Active Retirement Assoc members only meeting this Wed 18th Dec at 2pm in Naas Community Centre

Annual Gingerbread Village Exhibition at McAuley Place continues today (Sunday) from 5pm-8.30pm. The students from the Mercy Convent Primary School will sing a selection of carols at 7pm.

McAuley Place are also holding two Fundraising Concerts: Tuesday 17th the Kildare Local Authorities Choir are singing and on Friday 20th, Eadestown Choir are singing. Both concerts are at 8pm. Tickets €5, include Wine and Canapes. All money raised goes directly to McAuley Place.

The Veritas Shop, Sallins Road will open on Sunday next 22nd December from 10am-4pm.

Christmas 2012

Penance Service:

Kill	St Brigid's Church,	8pm	Tuesday 17th December
Sallins	Our Lady & the Guardian Angel's Church	8pm	Wednesday 18th December
Naas:	Our Lady & St David's Church	8pm	Monday 23rd December

ConfessionsChristmas Eve

Naas: Our Lady & St David's Church: 10.30am—12.30pm

Masses Christmas Eve and Christmas Day:

Our Lady & St David's Church:

Christmas Eve	6pm	7.30pm	9pm	12 Midnight
Christmas Day	8.30am	10am	11.15am	12.30pm

Irish Martyrs Church:

Christmas Eve	5pm	7pm	8.30pm
Christmas Day	11am	<u>12.30pm</u>	

Our Lady & Guardian Angels Church, Sallins

Christmas Eve	6.30pm	9pmNo Midnight Mass
Christmas Day	10am	12 noon	

St Peter's Church, Two Mile House:

Christmas Eve	9pm
Christmas Day	11am <u>only</u>

Weekday Masses:

Our Lady & St David: 10am from Thursday 26th - Tuesday 31st December (inclusive)
10am and 7.30pm on Wednesday 1st January (New Year's Day)

The Irish Martyrs : 11am Saturday 28th December

Sallins: 10am Wednesday 1st January (New Year's Day).
(Normal Mass schedule returns on Thursday 2nd January)

Parish Website: www.naasparish.ie

Two Mile House Parish News

Carol Service; Our school has its annual Carol Service next Tuesday, 17th at 7.30pm in St. Peter's Church. It's a wonderful night of prayer & song. Everyone is welcome to come along!

Parish Pastoral Council; Our new Council is now up and running. A commissioning of the Council will take place during the 11am Mass next Sunday, 22nd of Dec.

General Notices

'O Holy Night' Concert with Owen C. Lynch and Choir tonight, Sunday 15th December at 8.15pm in St. Conleth's Parish Church, Newbridge. For tickets ph Veronica at 087 794 0850.

Brian Brady Youth Theatre Panto 'Smash and Grab and The Magic Carpet' lands at the Moat Theatre shortly. Bookings from the Moat Box Office at 883030

Lotto Results:

Naas Parish: The 3rd Draw took place last Wednesday night in the Church of the Irish Martyrs Ballycane. Jackpot €1,000; One Winner; Numbers drawn were 19-3-6-2. Next week's Jackpot €1,000 plus Hampers and Turkey/Ham Vouchers. Draw will take place Wednesday coming, 18th December in the Church of the Irish Martyrs at 8pm. All welcome.

We still require people to sell tickets in many estates in the town, so if you think you can help, please contact the Parish Offices Sallins Rd/Ballycane or ph 086 1635994.

Sallins: 9/12 Jackpot €1,450 Numbers 3-9-27; No winner; Venue 16/12 The Mill; Jackpot €1,600

Naas: 5/12 Jackpot €2,500: Numbers 2-12-18-28 ; No winner: Jackpot 12/12 €2,650

Splotto/Ballycane Celtic: No numbers available

Naas United FC: 8/12 Numbers 5-14-16-20; No winner; Jackpot 15/12 €2,500