

Parish Newsletter

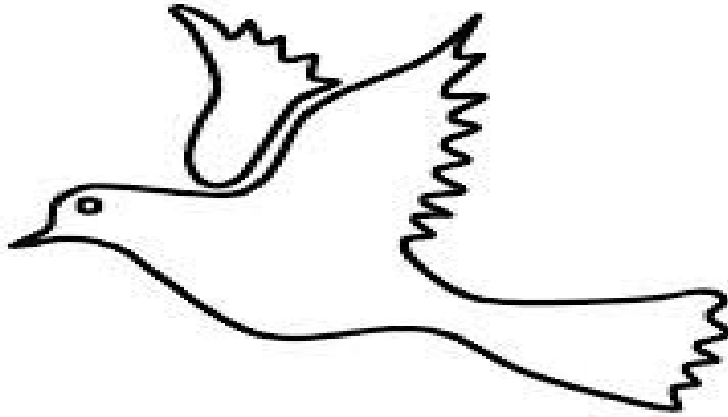
Fourth Sunday of Lent
15th March 2015

No 1491

John 3: 14-21



HAPPY MOTHERS DAY



hidden sacrifices, that spouses and children live in a safe, secure, faith filled and loving environment.

It is no accident that we refer to the home as the Domestic Church. These days we are enjoying the procession of children for First Penance, First Communion and Confirmation, sacraments to strengthen them for life's challenges.

"Happy Mother's Day"

Today Mother Church celebrates Laetare Sunday, expressing our joy and hope as Easter gets ever closer! Our Lenten prayer, fasting and almsgiving are raising our anticipation of the great moment when our salvation is secured, through the death and resurrection of Jesus.

As a family of faith we also honour today, in a very special way, all Mothers, Godmothers, Grand Mothers and great Grandmothers who do so much to nurture that faith and hope in our homes. We give thanks for the many sacrifices they make, often

We thank God for generous parents who prepare them and proudly present them in church. Congratulations to you all!

Fathers, today, show your appreciation and allow all Mothers to take the day off and be spoiled! May you all feel today the joy and love of the Holy Family of Nazareth and may your hearts be renewed in hope as we journey to Easter and new life!

God Bless you all.



Festival of Light & Hope Lenten Triduum - Ready for Holy Week?

As the season of Lent draws to a close, the Pastoral Council for Naas Parish is delighted to host three significant events of celebration around our faith. These will take place on Wednesday 25th, Thursday 26th and Friday 27th March at 7.30pm in the Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane.

Guest speakers will include Rob Clarke, CEO Spirit Radio, on Wednesday, Julie Kavanagh, Pastoral Resource Person for Kildare & Leighlin, on Thursday and our own Geraldine Faherty, Parish Safeguarding Children Representative, on Friday.

The festival will incorporate Mass on Wednesday and Friday evening, and a special celebration of our faith on Thursday evening. Each evening will feature a different aspect of our faith preparation for Holy Week. The three celebrations are designed for all of us who are on the faith journey, whether we are strong in faith or struggling with faith. It might be of particular interest to parents trying to hand on the gift of faith to their families and those parents who have children for sacraments this year. Everyone is welcome, so tell all your friends and neighbours to come along! Simple refreshments will be served after the event each evening.

PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION

PRIEST ON DUTY: 085 708 8407

PARISH WEBSITE: www.naasparish.ie

NAAS AND SALLINS PARISH OFFICE Tel 879730 Fax 894287

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Naas eMail naasparishoffice@gmail.com

Sallins eMail 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. KEVIN WALSH Sallins 879730

FR. PJ MADDEN Two Mile House 876160

DN. FERGAL O'NEILL Parish Office 879730

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

FEAST AND MEMORIAL DAYS FOR THE COMING WEEK:

Tuesday 17th : St Patrick Patron Saint of Ireland

Thursday 18th: St Joseph, husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary

"THOSE WHO DIE IN GRACE GO BUT TO GOD

AND GOD IS VERY NEAR"

Naas:

Antoinnette Ellis, Corbans Lane

MAY SHE REST IN PEACE

RECENT BAPTISMS

Naas:

Max Finlay Noone, Dún na Ríogh Walk

Noah Aaron O'Keeffe, Lacken view

Katrina Faye Kostocenko, Corbally Court

Jack Maurice Coen Sheils, Millbank

Marcus Robert Duke, Oldtown View

Daniel Albert McCarthy, Mill Lane

Niamh Ann Brennan, Jigginstown Green

Nathan Shane Stallard, Newbridge

Two Mile House:

Aodh Kevin de Lasa, Newbridge



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

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/

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.'

Lenten Talks: A walk through the Mass on tomorrow Monday 16th March, Fr PJ Madden and Deacon Fergal will give a presentation on the Holy Mass in the Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane at 8pm. A step by step explanation on everything from vessels to vestments will be provided, so if you have ever wondered why something happens as it does during the Mass, or how it happens, this is the night for you! Refreshments will be served afterwards. All welcome.

Preparation for Easter The next session will take place tomorrow Monday 16th March in the Parish Meeting Rooms, Sallins Road, after 10am Mass.

Reflections on the Stations of the Cross will take place during Lent on Friday evenings after 7.30pm Mass in the Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane

St Patrick's Day Masses Tuesday 17th March

Our Lady and St David: Monday 6pm (Vigil Mass), Tuesday 9am (bilingual), 11am and 6pm.

Irish Martyrs: Monday 7.30pm (Vigil Mass), Tuesday 10.30am and 12noon.

The 4th Kildare Naas Scout Group will be participating in the 9am Mass in the Church of Our Lady and St David on St Patricks Day.

St Pio Prayer Group next meeting on Wednesday coming 18th March at 7.10pm in the Church of The Irish Martyrs, Ballycane. All welcome.

Mass of the Sick will be celebrated on Saturday, 28th March at 11am at in the Church of The Irish Martyrs, Ballycane. The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will take place during the Mass.

Chrism Mass You are warmly invited to join with Bishop Denis and the Priests of the diocese in the Cathedral, Carlow on Monday 30th March at 7.30pm to celebrate the Chrism Mass, the largest diocesan celebration held during the year. All most welcome.

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

Naas and Two Mile House Pilgrimage to Lourdes travelling on Wednesday 2nd September for 5 nights, staying at Hotel Padoue. Cost is €739 per person sharing. Deposit €100. Booking at the Parish Office, Sallins Road. Spiritual Director Fr. John Brickley.

The Parish Office will now open at 9.30am Monday to Friday.

Nás na Ríogh ICA Guild next meeting tomorrow Monday 16th at 8pm in Naas Community Centre. New members always welcome. For more information phone Maureen on 086 8232113.

Residents Association Grants Naas Tidy Towns advise that Kildare County Council Grants for Residents Associations must be submitted by Wednesday coming 18th March.

Naas Club 4U — Volunteer Leader required Club4U is a local charity registered organisation providing a safe environment for young people who are 1st to 6th year students. The club meets every Friday night from 7.30pm to 9.30pm at the KYS Basin Street. Training will be provided to new volunteers, however Garda vetting will have to be completed. For further information contact Pat Corcoran at 086 3220418.

Easter Camp for boys and girls aged 5 to 14 for

hurling and camoige will take place each day from Tuesday 7th to Friday 10th April from 10.30 am to 2pm Full details including application forms are available from www.naasgaa.ie/ and look in the latest news section or official forms section. Great fun, new friends and lots of skills to be learned in a safe environment.

St Vincent de Paul helpline number 045 897306.

SALLINS PARISH NEWS

St Patrick's Day Mass times 10am and 12noon

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

Monster Easter Egg Raffle and Cake Sale will take place on Sunday 29th March after 10am and 12pm Masses in the Community Centre Sallins. All proceeds will go towards the purchase of a new Organ for the Church. Tickets for the raffle will be on sale on the weekends of 21st / 22nd and 28th/ 29th March after all Masses. Please give your support.

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

TWO MILE HOUSE PARISH NEWS

St Patrick's Day Mass will be at 11am.

GENERAL NOTICES

Parish Finances

Sallins: Baskets: €660 Envelopes: €320

Naas: Offertory €3,300 Development Fund €3,852

Two Mile House: €436

Sports Lottery Results

Naas: 5/3 (13-17-18-23) No winner Jackpot €4,150

Sallins: 9/3 (1-12- 23) No Winner Jackpot €1,150

Naas United: 2/3 (4 -8-16 -30) No Winner €3,000

Caragh Parish Choir have a vacancy for an organist/keyboard player. The ideal candidate must be available for practise on Wednesday evenings at 8pm and to play at Mass on Saturday evenings at 6.30pm. Enquiries please to Janet at Caragh Parish office, phone 045 875602 9am to 1pm Monday to Friday.

Irish Guide Dogs for the Blind and Assistance Dogs for Children with Autism will hold their annual Church Street Collection on Saturday coming 21st and Sunday 22nd March. Your continued support is much appreciated.

You Could Win

€6,250

**On this Wednesday coming, 18th March in Naas Parish Lotto Draw
Simply Buy A €2 Ticket And It Could Be You**

There was no winner of the Jackpot on Wednesday 11th March, numbers drawn were 22 – 3– 1 – 26.

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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Hope(D): Midlands Support Group for family and Friends affected by Suicide is holding its annual general meeting on Thursday, 26th March at 8pm sharp in their premises at 2 Henry Street, Newbridge. It is requested that all attendees please be present by 7.30pm. All are welcome

Naas Library are running a free four week course starting Tuesday 7th April to learn how to get the best out of your iPad? Learn about Apps, Social Network Sites and much more. iPads will be provided. Phone 879111 to reserve your place.

Prosperous Dramatic Society presents 'Alone It Stands' from Tuesday 26th to Sunday 29th March at 8.30pm in Prosperous Theatre (beside the Church). To book TEXT 085 1615590.

Medjugorje Annual Parish Pilgrimage takes place from Wednesday 27th May for 7 nights. Cost of Pilgrimage €659. Booking deposit €100. Phone John or Catherine at 086 8563773.

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.

Bereaved? Need to Talk? Want to Talk?

Qualified counsellors are available every Thursday Night in the Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane from 8pm to 10pm. For further information ph 045 895629 or 086 8554852. This is a free, confidential and non denominational.

Thought for the Week: Today Mothering Sunday we



remember mothers all over the developing world who face the daily struggle to feed their children, clothe them and send them to school. Trócaire works with thousands of families in the world's poorest countries to support them in this struggle.

Did you know that you can read the current parish newsletter as well as back issues online! Log on to www.naasparish.ie click on 'current parish newsletter' or 'parish newsletter past issues'.