

No: 1416



Mass Times: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) Gospel: Luke 15: 1-32

Weekday Mass Schedule:

Naas: Tuesday to Friday at 10am

Former Nuns' Chapel: Monday to Friday at 7.30am

Irish Martyrs: Monday to Friday at 10am and 7.30pm **Two Mile House:** Friday at 7pm

Saturday 11am.

Sunday Mass Schedule:

Naas:

CBS Secondary School Assembly Area: 6pm (Sat Vigil); 10am and 12noon

Church of the Irish Martyrs': 7.30pm (Sat Vigil); 8.30am, 11am, 12.15pm and 6pm

Sallins: 6.30pm (Sat Vigil); 10am and 12noon

Two Mile House: 11am.

Looking, Searching, Waiting



Today the Gospel talks to those who are "lost." There is the story of the sheep, perhaps a rebellious maverick, which has wandered far from the flock. The shepherd does not rest till he has found it and brought it back. There is no punishment but rather an invitation to the neighbours to join in celebrating the reunion. There is the woman, presumably poor, who loses a coin she can ill afford to be without. Again, the emphasis is on the joy shared with the neighbours on finding what had been lost. In the longer version of today's Gospel we hear the story of the Prodigal Son, a story emphasizing God's unconditional love for each one of us. The three stories have a common message; God loves everyone and wishes them to turn to him. If they do, there is a huge welcome for them!

It is important we do not read these stories and conclude that no matter what we do God forgives us without any effort on our part. God's forgiveness is a free gift available for us, but we must respond to that gift. The Prodigal Son "came to his senses" and decided to return to his Father. He made a choice and he had to make the journey back. When he did he received a welcome he never could have imagined. The Father was waiting in hope for his return, just as the shepherd went looking and the woman went searching. The Lord waits, looks and searches for us.

Is there something in my life I need to look at or "come to my senses" about and make that journey back to the Lord seeking forgiveness? No matter what kind of person I may be, no matter what I have done against God, against others, or against myself, now or in the past, God's outreaching love is awaiting me!

Naas-Sallins-Two Mile House-Parish Team

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Confessions: 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"

Naas:

GAA Lotto:

Catherine Kealy, Monread Heights Jamie Cahill, Abbey Bridge



MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

16/9 Bridgewater Inn; Jackpot €2,650.

winner Jackpot 12/9 €3,100

winner; Jackpot 15/9 €1,200

YOU WITH GREAT JOY! Naas:

THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY WELCOMES

Jamie Kevin Dunphy, Oak Glade Cillian Patrick Lardner, Sandymount Andrew Michael Neville, Monkstown Ellie Roche McMenamin, Osberstown Sallins:



Patrick James Smyth, Sallins Bridge Jack Michael Looney, Kerdiffstown Cara Katie O'Toole, Castlesize Close

Two Mile House:

Cian Joseph Mallon, Mullacash Caleb Trevor Finnan, Osberstown Liam Albert McGovern, Corbally Oscar Edward William Cleary, Sallins

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

Parish Finances:

Sallins: 9/9 Numbers 9-21-28; No winner; Venue

Naas: 5/9 Jackpot €2,950 Numbers 6-17-23-27; No

Splotto/Ballycane Celtic: No numbers available

Naas United FC: 8/9 Numbers: 1-7-10-18; No

Sallins: **Baskets:** € 813

> **Envelopes:** € 330

Naas: **Offertory:** €2,956 **Development Fund: €3,606**

Two Mile House: € 700 Mothers Prayers at the Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane on Wednesdays at 8.15pm.

Feast & Memorial Days for the coming week:

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

Friday 20th: Ss Andrew Kim Tae-gon, priest, Paul Chong Ha-sang and

Companions, martyrs

Saturday 21st: St Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist



Sallins Parish News

There will be NO 10am Mass on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday coming, 16th,17th,18th Sept.

Eucharistic Devotion on Tuesday coming, 17th September from 10.30am -11.30am.

<u>Sallins Parish Pastoral Council</u> next meeting tomorrow Monday 16th September at 7.30pm in the Parish Community Centre.

<u>Sallins Tidy Towns</u> are having a Bumper Raffle fundraising event in September. The draw will take place on Friday 27th September at 9.30pm in Lock 13, Sallins, Tickets are on sale throughout the village during the month of Sept. Prizes, donated generously by local businesses, include a weekend away, pumper hamper etc Sallins Conference of St Vincent de Paul contact phone number is 085 7052294.

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."

Mass Changes during the coming week:

There will be <u>No</u> 7.30am Mass in the Former Nun's Chapel on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday coming, 16th, 17th and 18th September.

There will be No 7.30pm Mass in the Irish Martyrs Church on Monday or Tuesday evening coming, 16th and 17th September.

Kildare Camogie Team: Best of Luck to Naas player Fiona Trant and to the Kildare Camogie Team in the All Ireland Premier Junior Camogie Final in Croke Park today, Sunday 15th September.

The MS Kildare Branch would like to say a big thank you to all who contributed to the recent flag days at the Church of the Irish Martyrs Ballycane on Sat/Sun, 24th/25th August. The total amount raised was €842.68 which will be used to benefit people with MS in the Kildare area.

Bridge: Would you Consider taking up the game of Bridge this Autumn? Beginners Bridge Classes at Naas Lawn Tennis Club (Junior Room), on Monday 30th Sept at 8pm. Contact Bert at 0879220233 or email bertmckay538@gmail.com

Naas Parish Church Choir New Members:

Our Choir sings at 10am Mass in the Parish Church most Sundays. We are seeking new members as we prepare for the re-opening of the Church. You don't need to be a brilliant singer, just able to sing along and to enjoy being part of the choir.

Next practice takes place in Ballycane Church on Wednesday coming, 18th September from 8pm to 9.15pm. Would you like to join us? Just turn up for the practice or you can ph 087 235 2545.

Legion of Mary
Annual Pilgrimage to Knock
On Sunday 29th September
Bus from Town House Hotel at 8.20am;
Parish Church at 8.25am;

Parish Church at 8.25am Sallins at 8.35am.

Cost for bus is €20.

For bookings phone Aileen at 087 9959922 or Eileen at 087 2628577

"TOUCH" Supporting Vulnerable children in "Our World" are holding their Annual Church Street collection on Sat/Sun, 21st/22nd September. This year all the money raised will go towards building a school block of three classrooms in Mangango in Zambia. Please support.

<u>ICA Nás na Ríogh Guild</u> meeting tomorrow, Monday 16 September at 8 pm in the Round Room, St Ita' Place, off the Newbridge Road (2nd turn left after Murtagh's corner, opposite the Harbour Hotel). All welcome.

Two Mile House Parish News

<u>Communion</u> <u>Registration</u>; This takes place on <u>Thursday coming</u>, 19th <u>September at 7.30pm</u> in St. Peter's Church. This is for all parents from Two Mile House and Killashee Schools, who wish that their child would make First Communion next May (10th).

<u>Two Mile House ICA Guild</u> in conjunction with Choiseul Farm Foods will be hosting a Bewley's Coffee Morning, in aid of St. Brigids Hospice on the Curragh, on Thursday coming, 19th September between 10am and 2pm at Choiseul's Farm Shop, Two Mile House. Please support this very worthy cause.

General Notices

JTGT (Journey Through Grief Together) Support Group - For People Affected by Bereavement / Separation. We welcome people from Kildare to our newly established Support Group. We will meet on the 1st Tuesday of each month in the Parish Meeting Room over Veritas Shop/Parish Office on Sallins Road from 7.30pm—9.30pm, commencing <u>Tuesday</u> 1st October. We share our experiences and loss, aiming to provide support and understanding towards each other. For further information please do not hesitate to come along or phone 086 0656950. "You are not alone"

<u>A Special Remembrance Mass</u> is being held at Caragh Church on Friday coming, 20th September at 8pm to remember our loved ones lost to suicide. This special Mass has been organised by Hope(d) Helping Other People Endure Depression. All are most welcome to attend. For further details please phone 087 1513535

<u>Art & Craft Exhibition</u>; The First Annual *End of Summer Craft Exhibition* from the Craft Corner takes place in Naas Community Library from Tuesday 14th to Friday 27th September. This exhibition features the individual and group work of children ages 4-12, completed in their Summer Craft camps. A selection of group projects created by the children will be donated to Temple Street Children's Hospital. All are welcome to come along and view.

<u>The Moat Clubs</u> presents a series of one act plays in the Moat Theatre Naas for three nights from 25th to 27th September at 8pm. Bookings at the Box office ph 045 883030 (concession OAP, Students etc) or check their website at wwwmoattheatre.com for further details.

<u>St. Brigid Gathering Event</u> in Kildare Town from today Sun 15th to 21st Sept. Opening ceremony in the Market Square today Sun 15th at 2pm. As part of the St. Brigid of Kildare Gathering 2013, Solas Bhride are hosting a World Record Challenge to set the record for the most people weaving St. Brigid's Crosses in the one place at the one time! For Registration Forms and further information you can contact Kildare Town Heritage Centre, Market Square, Kildare Town or Solas Bhride, Dara Park, Kildare or www.solasbhride.ie.

<u>Lough Derg One</u> <u>Day</u> Retreats continue with places still available during September. For further information please contact Maureen 071 9861518 email: info@loughderg.org

<u>Pastoral Ligurgy and Ministry Course</u> beginning 23rd September. This course takes place on Mondays and Tuesdays 10am –12noon and 2pm-4pm in the National Centre for Liturgy, St Patrick's College, Maynooth. For further information phone 01 7083478 or email liturgy@spcm.ie

<u>Autumn Monastic</u> <u>Experience</u> <u>Weekend</u> at St. Mary's Abbey, Glencairn from 25th to 27th October, 2013. The event is open to women who are discerning God's call in their lives and who would like to discover more about monastic life. Visit our website <u>www.glencairnabbey.org</u> which we regularly update to provide news, information and insights about our Cistercian way of life.

<u>Culture</u> <u>Day</u>: Kildare launch of 'The End of the Counter' and other films, as part of Culture Day, takes place on Friday coming, 20th Sept at 9pm in the Moat Theatre. Winner of the Best Short Documentary at this year's Galway Film Fleadh, 'The End of the Counter', captures the moment in 1965 when grocery shopping changed forever. Also screening on the night is a documentary film of an intergenerational choir project in Naas and Maynooth, by Peter Kelly and other Irish short films. Not to be missed!! Tickets are <u>free</u> but booking is advised at the Moat Box Office at 883030.



Thought for the Week:

"Destiny is not a matter of chance, it is a matter of choice; it is not a thing to be waited for, it is a thing to be achieved." William Jennings