

Parish Newsletter

**Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
16th October 2016**

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Luke 18: 1- 8



The Gospel of Persistence

Imagine that your four year old wants an ice-cream cone. He keeps asking and asking, and you tell him many things to hold him off. *You just had lunch. You'll spoil your supper. You'll get your*



clothes dirty. You didn't do what I asked earlier. But the child keeps nagging and nagging until you can't stand it any more and you break down and buy the child an ice-cream cone.

God is rather like that parent. The parent may have many good reasons why we should not get what we are praying for. As the adult, in this case – the all-knowing God – the parent may see things in a perspective that we don't see – but, we keep hounding God with our prayers, we keep begging relentlessly. What will God do? According to Jesus, God will act like any parent, and will give us what we ask for. One hundred per cent of the time? No, of course not. Sometimes the parent does know more than the child and there are very good reasons why the child

cannot have an ice cream cone. Perhaps they are lactose-intolerant. Perhaps there is a bigger treat awaiting them at home.

But Jesus tells us that indeed, if we are persistent, we can wear down even God. The parable Jesus tells today is about a judge who wasn't very good. He was quite bored with the widow who kept coming and asking for justice, — remember in the Hebrew Mediterranean culture widows were less than nothing, only men had any importance. Having lost her husband, her advocate, she would have no legal means of recourse to any judge, and no worth in the eyes of society. She would be seen quite differently in Jesus time – would be seen as completely outcast, and completely desperate, and would have no one else to turn to and nothing to lose in harassing this judge. The only reason that she got what she asked for is that she was so persistent in her public advances to him, that he was afraid if he didn't give it to her, people would laugh at him. It was a poor motive! Just as the judge caves in to the woman's requests because of the public nature of her requests, God, who is not unjust and bored and uncaring, will do even more for us, especially when our prayers are backed up by the feelings of the community of believers, Jesus says – and that has to make us feel pretty good!

Mission Sunday - 23rd October 2016.

A day set aside to acknowledge the enormous contribution of the Irish Church in sending countless numbers of Irish men and women to bring the Gospel to foreign lands. Many of them are our relations; aunts and uncles, brothers and sisters, sons and daughters who have served as either priests or religious or as lay volunteers. To celebrate this wonderful contribution, we are inviting you to submit a photo or a picture of your family member, living or deceased, who served on the Missions. On Mission Sunday we will create a display that will include these photographs.

Please leave all pictures or photos into the **Parish Office on the Sallins Road**, with the name of the person in the photo clearly marked on the envelope. Also please highlight the name of the country in which they served as a missionary. **Please include your own name and phone number so that these pictures may be returned to you after Mission Sunday.** With grateful thanks from the Parish Liturgy Group.

PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION

PRIEST ON DUTY: 085 708 8407

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NAAS AND SALLINS PARISH OFFICE Tel 879730 Fax 894287

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SACRISTY OUR LADY AND ST DAVID: Tel 856925

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Opening Hours: Monday to Friday 10am to 1pm

PARISH TEAM

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SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN PARISH REPRESENTATIVES

Naas: Andrew Fagan and Geraldine Faherty

Two Mile House: Anita Comer Julian

They can be contacted through the Parish Office, Sallins Road, Naas. Phone 045 879730.

FEAST AND MEMORIAL DAYS FOR THE COMING WEEK:

Monday 17th: St Ignatius of Antioch, bishop

Tuesday 18th: St Luke, Evangelist

Saturday 22nd: St John Paul II

*O God, who are rich in mercy
and who willed that the Saint John Paul the Second
should preside as Pope over your universal Church,
grant, we pray, that instructed by his teaching,
we may open our hearts to the saving grace of Christ,
the sole Redeemer of mankind.*

*Through Our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the
Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.*

RECENT BAPTISMS

Naas:

James Anthony Dunne Flood, St Corbans Place

Laci Nancy Garvey, Primrose Close

Natalia Helena McManus, Ashgrove Ave

Albina Mariya Binu, Brookcourt

Aibhín Eileen Moroney, Oldbridge Station

Chloe Rosemary Gaffney, Greenaun

Lucy Rose Monaghan, Oldbridge



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: Tuesday and FRIDAY 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

Henry William Parkinson, Glenville Terrace

Aaron Michael Reynolds, Oakglade Close

Two Mile House:

Scott Peter Finnan, Oldbridge Station

For those requesting the Sacrament of Baptism two weeks notice is required. Further details of Baptisms in Naas, Sallins and Two Mile House Parish 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.'*

Annual Mission Collection takes place this weekend 15th and 16th October. You can make your contribution by using your pink envelope in your box or during the offertory collection (2nd collection) and the amount contributed above the average weekly collection will be forwarded to the Missions.

Annual Remembrance Mass remembering all Parishioners who have gone home to God since this time last year and for all our deceased loved ones, will take place on Friday 4th November at 7.30pm in the Church of Our Lady and St David, Sallins Road.

St Pio Prayer Group next meeting on Wednesday coming 19th October at 7.10pm in the Church of the Irish Martyr's, Ballycane. All welcome.

Mothers Prayers at the Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane on Wednesday's at 8.15pm.

Thank You to the Parishioner who gave a very generous donation towards the work on the Steeple at the Church of Our Lady and St David.

Booking Anniversary Masses; In order to make sure names are included for Anniversary Masses we kindly ask that people would contact the Parish Office Sallins Road or the Ballycane Office at their earliest convenience (at least a week in advance).

Nás na Ríogh ICA Guild next meeting tomorrow Monday 17th October at 8 pm in Naas Community Centre, (behind McAuley Place). New members are always welcome. Contact Mary on 086 1552145 or Maureen on 086 8232113 for further information.

Naas Library Paul McDonald presents a free talk on 'Cold War Conflict 1945 - 1990' on Tuesday coming 18th October at 7pm. Booking Required, contact Library 045 879111 or email naaslib@kildarecoco.ie

Naas Active Retirement Association members only meeting on Wednesday coming 19th October at 2pm in Naas Community Centre.

Naas Athletic Club Annual General Meeting takes place on Thursday coming 20th October at 8.30pm in the Harbour View Hotel, Newbridge Road.

Cake Sale at Ballycane Church on Sunday coming 23rd October after 10.30am and 12noon Masses in support of students from CBS going to Zambia.

Naas Tidy Towns calling all 'Gardeners' in Naas. Would you like to donate some plants from your garden – mature/young perennials / split plants/ cuttings. We can collect them or you can drop them off at Alice's Café, The Mall. Phone or text Bill Clear 087 9424488. *Many thanks, The Committee.*

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

SALLINS NOTICE

Annual Mission Collection takes place this weekend 15th/16th October. You can make your contribution by using your green envelope in your box or during the offertory collection and the amount contributed above the average weekly collection will be forwarded to the Missions.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Tuesday coming, 18th October from 10.30am to 11am.

Tuesday Club on Tuesday coming 18th October from 2pm to 4pm in the Community Centre. It is a social afternoon of activities including bingo, cards a chat and afternoon tea. New members most welcome.

Rosary at Our Lady's Shrine on Friday during the month of October, continues on Friday coming 21st, following the 10am Mass.

Bodenstown Cemetery Blessing of the Graves will take place on Sunday 6th November at 11am.

St Vincent de Paul's Shop at the Waterways, Sallins urgently requires Volunteers and all Donations of reusable clothes and small pieces of furniture.

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

TWO MILE HOUSE PARISH NEWS

Weekday morning Mass at 9.15am, Monday to Thursday, at St Peter's Church.

Annual Mission Collection takes place this weekend 15th/16th October. You can make your contribution during the offertory collection and the amount contributed above the average weekly collection will be forwarded to the Missions.

GENERAL NOTICES

Parish Finances:

Sallins: Baskets:	€748	Envelopes:	€455
Naas: Offertory:	€3,600	Development	€3,595
Two Mile House:	€ 507		

Sports Lottery Results:

Naas: 6/10 (3-11-12-13), No winner, Jackpot €2,350

Sallins: 10/10 (25-27-31) No winner. Jackpot €5,650

St. Corban's Boys National School Flag Day and Church street collection takes place this weekend 15th and 16th October, "Please Support".

Thank You A Sincere Thank You to all who collected and contributed to 'Touch' recent Flag Day/Church street collection which raised € 3,139. Touch Ireland Supporting Vulnerable Children in Our World.

Naas One Act Drama Festival at the Moat Theatre from Thursday 27th to Saturday 29th October, nine short plays over three nights. Bookings 883030.

A Candle For You An evening of Music and Reflection to Remember Missing Persons, hosted by Fr. Brian McKittrick, featuring various local artists on Friday coming 21st October at 8pm in St. Patrick's Church, Celbridge. All donations to Missing Persons, Helpline. **Missing Persons Helpline 1890 442 552. www.missingpersons.ie**

You Could Win €3,500

on Wednesday coming, 19th October, in the Naas Parish Lotto Draw. There was No winner of the Jackpot on Wednesday 12th October; numbers drawn were: 21-1-13-11. There were Four Lucky Dip winners of €50 each:

Ruth Caffrey, Mary Delmar, Margaret Kennedy, Marie O'Riordan.

Simply Buy A €2 Ticket And It Could Be You.

Tickets are available from the Parish Office, Sallins Road, or at 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 various outlets throughout the town

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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Team Hope Annual Shoebox Appeal. It is that time of year again!! *"If you would like to give a little joy and love to a needy child this Christmas"* you can do so by donating a shoebox. Final date for receipt of boxes will be **Friday 11th November**. You can leave your box/s into the Parish Office, Sallins Road or Axa Insurance office Dublin Road, or Healy's Exhausts, Monread Road.

Naas Parish Bingo continues on Tuesday nights at 8.30pm sharp in the Care of the Aged Centre, Newbridge Road, with **BIGGER** Prizes and Jackpot.



Lost Pair of Lady's Prescription Sun Glasses on Monday 10th October around Eurospar/Fairgreen area, if found please drop into Parish Office, Sallins Road.

Thought for the Week:

Success is not measured by what you accomplish
BUT by the opposition you have encountered,
and the courage with which you have maintained
the struggle against over-whelming odds.

Orison Swett Marden

Inaugural Kildare & Leighlin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2017 led by Bishop Denis Nulty.

Next year 2017, a unique opportunity is being put before us, to travel as a Diocese on pilgrimage with Bishop Denis Nulty as our leader and spiritual guide. It will be a time when, as a Diocese, we can come together with our Bishop and with people drawn from every Parish.



The pilgrimage takes place on 16th July for 5 nights at a cost of €719 per person sharing. Booking Forms are now available from the Parish Office, Sallins Road. You can also contact the Pilgrimage Leader, Rita Fanning, on 087 6536112. **The Pilgrimage is being organised in conjunction with Joe Walsh Tours and there is a dedicated assisted section for sick pilgrims who may wish to travel.**

Kildare Suicide Bereavement Support Group. 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 9.30pm. For further information phone 045 895629 or 086 8554852. This is a free, confidential and non denominational.