

Parish Newsletter



Third Sunday of Advent

17th December 2017

No 1631

John 1:6-8,19-20

The Deep End:

Light and Darkness

Last week we were introduced to John the Baptist as part of our Advent journey. We hear his story again today, and in this account, from the fourth gospel, we hear John's voice and his testimony about Jesus. Light and darkness is a key theme of the fourth gospel and its opening verses proclaims that this light has always shone in the dark; the darkness cannot overpower it. The evangelist goes on to tell us that John the Baptist's mission is that he has been sent by God to 'speak for the light'. John is a light-bearer, he is not the light, but he points to the light. He is a witness to the light of God in our world, a light that cannot be put out.



We celebrate this light today on Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete means 'rejoice'; we light the pink candle and we celebrate with joy. It might be a good opportunity to ask today: 'who have been the light-bearers on your own faith journey'? Who testified to the Light of God and passed the torch on to you? We thank God for them.

Confessions for Christmas:

The Parish Penitential Service will take place tomorrow Monday, 18th December at 8pm
in the Church of Our Lady and St David.

Confessions also on Saturday 23rd December beginning after 10am Mass until 1pm.

Please note No Confessions on Christmas Eve (owing to Sunday morning schedule of Masses).

See full Christmas time Table on back page.

Date for Your Diary!!

Naas, Sallins and Two Mile House Parish Social, Friday 2nd February 2018

in the Killashee House Hotel

'Music by Helter Skelter'

Tickets €25 includes 3 Course Meal and are available from the Parish Office on Sallins Road and in Ballycane Church.

Ideal Christmas Gift!!!!

PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION

PRIEST ON DUTY: 085 708 8407

PARISH WEBSITE: www.naasparish.ie

NAAS AND SALLINS PARISH OFFICE Tel 879730 Fax 894287

Opening Hours: Monday to Friday 10am to 5pm

Naas email office@naasparish.net

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. LIAM MORGAN Sallins Road 087 1337879

FR. JOE O'NEILL Sundays Well 045 876197

FR MICHAEL FLATTERY SALLINS ROAD 045 897703

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Hilda Campbell Pastoral Adm Assistant 089 4037570

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN PARISH REPRESENTATIVES

Naas: Andrew Fagan and Geraldine Faherty

Sallins: Keith Murphy

Two Mile House: Mary Valentine

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

New Safeguarding Policy recently updated is now displayed in all our Church Porches.

FEAST AND MEMORIAL DAYS FOR THE COMING WEEK:

Monday 18th: St Flannan, bishop

Wednesday 20th: St Fachanan, bishop

THOSE WHO DIE IN GRACE GO BUT TO GOD

AND GOD IS VERY NEAR"

Naas:

Patrick (P.J.) Power, St Gabriel's Place

Bernadette Starken, The Gallops

Sallins:

Thomas Elders, Oldbridge



MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.

RECENT BAPTISMS

Naas:

Lillian Mary O'Donnell, Poplar Grove

Martyna Wojtczak, Sallins Park

Julian Wojtczak, Arklow

Gracie Robyn Murray, Caragh Court

Laoise Bernadette Sharry, Oldtown Green

Henry Thomas McKiverigan, Pacelli Road



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.

Graidey Mark Logan, Woodside Park

Two Mile House:

Oliver Paul Mallon, Mullacash

Sofia Grace Potts Clarke, Newbridge

Olivia Grace Lalor, Suncroft

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 - 'Naas Catholic Parish 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 Collection in support of the Priests of the Parish will take place at all Masses on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. You may make your contribution by using the Envelope in your Box or alternatively you may make your contribution along with the Offertory Collection. We thank you and greatly appreciate your continued support and kindness to us.

The Parish Office Sallins Road will be open on Saturday coming, 23rd December from 10am to 4pm to facilitate for Mass Cards, only.

Afternoon Retreat, conducted by Fr. Liam Morgan, takes place today Sunday, 17th December at 2pm in the Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane with Holy Hour, the Rosary, the Anointing of the Sick and concluding with Holy Mass; (refreshments will be served during the break).
St Joseph's Young Priest Society.

Advent Preparation for Christmas, taking place each Tuesday during Advent, continues on Tuesday morning coming, 19th December after the 10am Mass in the Parochial House.

St Pio Prayer Group next meeting on Wednesday coming, 20th December at 7.10pm in the Church of the Irish Martyrs. All welcome.

Padre Pio Prayers and Benediction will take place immediately after the 7.30pm Mass.

Our New Youth Group, for all young people between 16 and 18 from our Parishes, are having their next meeting on Wednesday coming, 20th December at 4.30pm in McAuley Place. This youth group is aimed at all who would like to explore their faith on a deeper level as well as make new friends and have fun. You are most welcome to come along on Wednesday coming to find out more about this new exiting group or you can contact Hilda, on 089 403 7570 for more info

The St Vincent de Paul Society's would like to express their sincere thanks to all who contributed so generously to their annual appeal collection. Your contributions will greatly assist us in our work with those in need in our community this Christmas and in the year ahead. Thank you and we wish you and your families a very Happy and Peaceful Christmas. **SVP Helpline 045 897306.**

Naas Parish Development Envelop Boxes for the coming year are now available for collection from the Church Porches or the Parish Office.

Your support for this collection is and as always very much appreciated. It would greatly facilitate accurate record-keeping for tax relief purposes if you could write your name and address on the first few envelopes you return.

"A sincere Thank You to all who contribute to our collections."

Coffee Morning continues on Wednesday mornings after the 10am Mass in the Parochial Housecome and join us for a cuppa and a chat!!

Winter Closing Time at the Church of Our Lady and St David will close at 4pm during the winter months.

Goal Mile on Christmas Day between 11am and 12noon at Naas GAA, Sallins Road. Your support is appreciated and thank you. Info 086 844 8530.

St Marys Bake Salea sincere thank you to all who contributed to and supported their cake sale last weekend. It was a great success and the Parents Council appreciate your support.

SALLINS NOTICE

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament continues Tuesday coming, 19th Dec from 10.30am—11am.

Sallins Parish Envelope Boxes for the coming year are now available for collection from the Church Porch. Your support is and as always very much appreciated. It would greatly facilitate accurate record-keeping for tax relief purposes if you could write your name and address on the first few envelopes you return.

TWO MILE HOUSE

Weekday Morning Mass is celebrated from Monday to Thursday at 9.15am. Friday evening Mass as usual at 7pm.

GENERAL NOTICES

Parish Finances:

Sallins: Baskets: € 820 Envelopes: € 255
Naas: Offertory: €4,085 Development €3,590
Two Mile House: € 685

Sports Lottery Results:

Naas: 7/12 (3-10-21-22) No winner, Jackpot €6,250
Sallins: 11/12 (11-27-32) No winner, Jackpot €3,250

Owen Lynch and Choir Concert: 'O Holy Night' takes place tonight Sunday, 17th December at 8.30pm in Newbridge Parish Church. Tickets €20, from Newbridge Parish Office or from Veronica on 087 7940850. A beautiful & magical concert awaits.

Christmas with Friends 2017. This year Christmas with Friends takes place in Judge Roy Beans Newbridge on December 25th from 12noon to 4pm, for people from Naas, Newbridge, Kildare, Kilcullen, Athy, Monasterevan, Nurney and surrounding areas are invited to attend. **To reserve a place or to have dinner delivered to your home call Anne at 086 8042724.** We can also organise transport if required. **This is a free event kindly sponsored and supported by Judge Roy Beans, patrons and staff.** We are also looking for drivers on the day to deliver dinner to people in their homes and to take people to and from the event.

Naas, Sallins and Two Mile House Christmas Timetable 2017

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (PENITENTIAL SERVICE)

Monday 18th December: Our Lady and St David's Church at 8pm

CONFESSION TIMES: SATURDAY 23rd DECEMBER

Our Lady and St David's Church: 10.30am -1pm

Please note **No** Confessions on Christmas Eve (owing to Sunday morning schedule of Masses).

CHRISTMAS EVE MASS TIMES

Our Lady and St David's Church: 5pm, 7pm, 9pm and 12midnight

Church of the Irish Martyrs: 4pm, 6pm and 8pm

Our Lady & Guardian Angels Church: 5pm, 6.30pm and 9pm

St Peter's Church: 9pm

CHRISTMAS DAY MASS TIMES

Our Lady and St David's Church: 9am, 11am and 12.30pm

Church of the Irish Martyrs: 10.30am and 12pm

Our Lady & Guardian Angels Church: 10am and 12pm

St Peter's Church Two Mile House: 11am

FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY SATURDAY 6th JANUARY MASS TIMES

Our Lady and St David's Church: 10am

Church of the Irish Martyrs: **Vigil** Friday 7.30pm; 12noon Saturday

Our Lady & Guardian Angels Church: 10am

St Peter's Church: 11am

Weekday Masses

From Tuesday 26th December to Friday 5th January (inclusive)

10am Mass only in Our Lady and St David's Church.

No other weekday Masses in Ballycane, Sallins or Two Mile House.

(Normal Mass schedule resumes on Monday 8th January)

Naas Parish Lotto: There was **No Winner** of this week's Parish Lotto. The numbers drawn were: **23-14-3-2**.

Four Lucky Dip winners of €100 each were: Roisin Smith; Mary McMahon; Matilda Hennessy; Paddy Coleman.

The Christmas Draw Result Sheet is available from the Parish Offices Sallins Road and Ballycane.

Next weeks Jackpot is €10,000 on Wednesday 20th December; draw at 7pm .

Please note there will be **NO** Lotto Draws on Wednesday 27th December or Wednesday 3rd January.

The Lotto Committee would like to thank all Ticket Sellers and all the People who continue to support our draw and we wish you all and your families a very Happy and Holy Christmas and every good wish throughout 2018.