



# NAAS SALLINS TWO MILE HOUSE NEWSLETTER



Mass Times:

First Sunday of Lent: (Year C)

Gospel: Luke : 4:1-13

Church	Weekdays		Sundays
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

## “The Wilderness”

In today's Gospel Jesus is in the wilderness. The Spirit drove Jesus out into the wilderness, therefore it is God who is in control here. It may be an uncomfortable situation, but wilderness can be a great thing. We often have to remove ourselves from the hum drum of daily life so that we can breathe a little. It's a bit like a stock take! What's here? What's here that shouldn't be? What's missing?

Lent calls each of us to transform our lives and our relationships with the world around us. We won't automatically wake up on Easter morning transformed. It takes time, it takes practice. But we are *KINGDOM PEOPLE*, building, transforming and working in solidarity. With so much to do, we must take example from the first Sunday Gospel of this transforming season and allow ourselves to be led, like Jesus, 'into the wilderness'.

*Jane Mellett called "Embrace the Wilderness, LIVE LENT"*  
[www.todayismygiftto you.ie](http://www.todayismygiftto you.ie)

## Pope Benedict Resigns

Most of the world was taken by surprise on Monday as the unexpected announcement of Pope Benedict's resignation filtered through. It was a courageous decision by the Pope, who acknowledged that the burden of his office is more suited to a younger man. We keep Pope Benedict in our prayers at this time and hope that he can enjoy a restful retirement after his years of service. We also pray that the Holy Spirit will inspire and guide those charged with the responsibility of electing a new Pope. May the Lord continue to be with the Church in this time of change.



**Thought for the Week :** “Many people perceive Christianity as something institutional - rather than as an encounter with Christ - which explains why they don't see it as a source of joy.”

Pope Benedict 16th

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**085 7088407**

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Wed: 10am-1pm: Lunch 1-2pm

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Opening Hours: Mon-Fri 10am-1pm

SACRISTY, Church of Our Lady and St David:

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SACRISTY, Church of the Irish Martyrs:

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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  
The Irish Martyrs, Ballycane.

Parish Website: [www.naasparish.ie](http://www.naasparish.ie)

Naas Parish Email: [naasparishoffice@gmail.com](mailto:naasparishoffice@gmail.com)

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Diocesan Website: [kandle.ie](http://kandle.ie)

## SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN: PARISH DESIGNATED PERSONS:

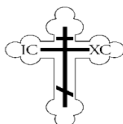
Caroline Quinn (Naas); Sheila Pyke (Sallins) Mary Valentine (Two-Mile-House).  
They can be contacted through the Parish Office, Sallins Road, Naas. Ph 045 879730.

*“THOSE WHO DIE IN GRACE GO BUT TO GOD  
AND GOD IS VERY NEAR”*

## Two Mile House:

Donal Charlton, Carnalway

*MAY HE REST IN PEACE*



THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY WELCOMES  
YOU WITH GREAT JOY!

## Naas:

Colton Danny O'Neill, Tempull Cearach  
Fionn Robert Finnegan, Kerdiff Close  
Amy Louise O'keeffe, The Waterways  
Killian Mac Mitenko, Canada



Emily Patricia Ward, Jigginstown Green  
Elijah Thomas Kelly Dempsey, Oakglade  
Elliot John Clarke, Monread Heights

## Two Mile House:

Elouise Josephine Flynn, Caragh Court

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

For those requesting the Sacrament of Baptism two weeks notice is required. For further details of Baptisms in Naas, Sallins & Two Mile House see Parish website: [www.naasparish.ie](http://www.naasparish.ie)

## Parish Finances:

<u>Sallins:</u>	Baskets:	€ 679
	Envelopes:	€ 395
<u>Naas:</u>	Offertory:	€3,768
	Development Fund:	€3,606
<u>Two Mile House:</u>		€ 651

## GAA Lotto:

Sallins: 11/02 Jackpot €2,350; Numbers 22-31-33; No winner; Venue 18/02 Bridgewater; Jackpot €2,500

Naas: 07/02 Jackpot €7,450; Numbers 27-21-23-24; No winner: Next weeks' Jackpot €7,600.

Splotto/Ballycane Celtic: 11/02: Jackpot €4,150; Numbers 2 - 4 -21- 25: No winner.

Naas United FC: No Results available

## FEAST & MEMORIAL DAYS FOR THE COMING WEEK

Thursday 21st: St Peter Damien, bishop and doctor of the church.

Friday 22nd: The Chair of St Peter, Apostle.

Did you know that you can now read the current parish newsletter as well as back issues online???

Just log on to [www.naasparish.ie](http://www.naasparish.ie) click on “current parish newsletter” or “parish newsletter past issues.”

Trocaire Boxes are now available in the Church Porches.

# Sallins Parish News

**The Lenten Stations Collection** will take place at all Masses this weekend, 16th and 17th.

**Eucharistic Devotion** continues on Tuesday between 10.30am and 11.30am. Everyone welcome.

**Stations of the Cross:** During Lent we will have a weekly reflection on the Stations each Tuesday at 7.30pm. All welcome.

**Confirmation;** Ceremony of Light takes place on Wednesday coming 20th February at 7.30pm.

**Lourdes 38th Annual Pilgrimage** from the 1st July for 7 nights, full board, staying in HotelParadis Spiritual Directors will be Fr Colum Swan and Fr Jimmy Doyle. For further details phone Rita Fanning at 045 861070.

**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 teachings of the Second Vatican Council, endeavours to welcome, serve and nourish the whole community.”*

**SAINT PIO PRAYER GROUP;** Next Meeting Tuesday, coming 19th February at 7.10pm in the Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane. All welcome

**Course:** “I believe – we believe” A course reflecting upon “the Creed” starts Thursday coming, 21st February in Church of the Irish Martyrs Ballycane at 8.15pm. All welcome to come along.

**Ministry Sunday;** On the Feast Day of the Baptism of the Lord, the Parish Pastoral Council invited people to become more involved in Ministry in the Naas Parish. We are delighted that forty five people put forward their names! This was a terrific response. We are inviting all those involved in Ministry in the parish to a gathering to reflect on the meaning of Ministry on **Wednesday 6th March** in Ballycane at 8.15pm.

**Naas Local History Group;** Annual General Meeting will take place in the Harbour Hotel on Tuesday coming 19th February at 8pm. Fun Quiz afterwards. Everyone welcome.

**Table Quiz for Leah** in Graces Pub on Wednesday coming, 20th February at 8.30pm. All proceeds to the Princess Leah Fund, to help little Leah Taaffe in her battle with cancer. So come along as an individual and join a table. The special event is being run as a separate fundraiser for Leah, by the Relay for Life Kildare Committee.

**Naas Tidy Towns** AGM takes place on Thursday 21st February in the Town House Hotel at 8pm. If you are interested in helping with the work of Naas Tidy Towns please come along. Everyone welcome.

**Bake Sale:** The Baldonnel Singers will hold a Bake Sale in the Tea Rooms at McAuley Place, Sallins Road next Sunday 24th February after the 10am and 12noon Masses. We hope you have enjoyed and will continue to enjoy our concerts. Please support our Bake Sale.

**Naas Photography Group** next meeting is on Tuesday 26th February in Lawlors Hotel at 7.30pm. The group has been running for approximately one year now and is made up of about 30 active members. We are a non profit group with the aim of providing a social outlet for all levels of photography from professionals to those who dabble as a hobby. We meet about once a month and also arrange outings during fine weather. New members are always welcome, you don't need to worry about what equipment you have (if any) or what level you are at! Visit us at our facebook LIKE page: [www.facebook.com/naasphotographygroup](http://www.facebook.com/naasphotographygroup)

**Litter in Parish Church Grounds:** Due to the proximity to the Sallins Rd and the schools etc, the grounds of the Church of Our Lady and St David suffers from constant littering. With regular help from some parishioners it should be possible to tackle the litter problem. Would you be willing to give ten minutes, once a week, to pick litter in the church grounds and car park? - Say perhaps before or after the 10am mass on any day of your choice. Paper pickers and gloves will be provided from the sacristy. If interested please give your name to the Sacristan or the Parish Office or one of the Priests. Thank you.

# Two Mile House Parish News

**Ceremony of Light;** For Confirmation candidates and their families takes place this coming Tuesday evening 19th February at 7.30pm in St. Peter's.

**Reminder; Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Rosary take place after 7pm Mass on Friday evenings during Lent.**

## General Notices

**Course: I believe – We believe”** is a course reflecting upon “the Creed” which starts this coming, **Thursday, 21st February in Church of the Irish Martyrs Ballycane at 8.15pm. All most welcome.**

**Bereavement Support Group:** Are you interested in taking part in forming a new support group for those suffering bereavement through loss of a loved one. A training course for this purpose will be run in the ABCE Centre, Jigginstown, Naas, starting on the Tuesday 19th February from 7.30pm -10pm. If interested or require more information ph Susan/Nora at 881863/881106. We would really appreciate your support with this project.

**Irish Cancer Society** church street collection next weekend 23rd & 24th February. Kerrie Finnan will be walking the last 116km trek of Santiago de Compostella in June to raise vital funds for research in aid of the Irish Cancer Society. Kerrie will fund the full cost of her trip herself. She would be grateful for any donations.

**The Big C Concert:** Rehearsals for the concert, taking place in April, continues on Wednesday coming 20th February in Caragh Parish Church at 8pm. For more information you can contact Christine at 087 0547213 or Lisa at 086 3914152. All proceeds from the concert to cancer research.

**Naas Camogie:-** Interested in getting fit and having fun playing a team sport? Naas Camogie Adult Team train indoors (circuit training etc.) at Naas GAA Indoor Hall on Friday nights at 8pm. New or experienced players welcome! Contact Nora on 087-9688153.

**Come and See Weekends** for single women between 20 - 40 years . Join the Disciples of the Divine Master-White Cross, Blackrock ,County Dublin for joyful and spiritual weekends of prayer and sharing. Save the Dates: Friday 8th – Sunday 10th March; Friday 14th—Sunday 16th June; Friday 29th November—Sunday 1st December For further information and bookings contact [kathryn@pddm.org](mailto:kathryn@pddm.org): 087 317 0964 [www.divinemastercentre.ie](http://www.divinemastercentre.ie)

**4th Kildare Naas Scouts Reunion:** Calling all past and present Scouts/Scout Leaders, 4th Kildare Naas Scouts Group is having a reunion camp for the Gathering on June 22nd 2013 in Kerdiffstown, Naas. This is an over 18's event, where there will be a campfire, camp activities and for the brave, overnight camping. If you are interested you can register an interest by emailing us at [naasscoutsreunion@gmail.com](mailto:naasscoutsreunion@gmail.com) or Phone 085 7088830

**Medjugorje Visionary,** Marija Pavlovic-Lunetti, will be at the RDS, Ballsbridge, Dublin on Thursday coming, 21st February. Commencing at 4pm (sharp) to 7pm (doors open at 3pm).

**Naas Library:** As part of the Aontas Adult Learner's Festival 2013, Naas Community Library is holding a Digital Photography Taster Workshop facilitated by Oliver McCrossan on Monday 25th February at 11.30am. This free 1 hour taster workshop is aimed at adult beginner photographers. Participants are invited to bring along their own digital camera. To reserve a place contact Naas Library (Email: [naaslib@kildarecoco.ie](mailto:naaslib@kildarecoco.ie) or phone 045 879111).

**Are you interested in music?** Would you like to share your music with a young generation? Would you like to learn more about current songs? Naas Library are looking for participants for an inter-generational project, comprises of workshops, performances and recording. Starting Wednesday 20th February and continues every second Wednesday and finishes in May. We are seeking those who are 55 and over and who love music. All you need is enthusiasm and willingness to have fun. This is an opportunity to perform and meet other groups. Ring Geraldine at 045 879111 or Trina at 087 9695524 for more information.

**Midlands Support Group** - For Family and Friends Affected by Suicide. This new confidential support group, recently established in conjunction with HOPE(D) welcomes people from all areas in Kildare. We meet the first Wednesday of each month at the Aras Building (beside Fás) Main Street, Newbridge at 8pm. Our aim is to connect with people where members can share experiences, advice or just listen providing sympathetic understanding towards one another. For people who have lost a loved one to suicide and would like to connect with others who have gone through the same experience please feel free to come along. Please do not hesitate to contact Jacinta on 087 2229695 should you require more information.