

Parish Newsletter

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

17th January 2016

No 1529

John: 2: 1-11



Lord,
teach us to pray
Luke 11:1

As I stood there answering the prayers, I gazed first upon the placid features of that noble mother and then my gaze turned to the well-worn rosary, wrapped around two old, wrinkled, parchment like hands. My thoughts wandered back through the years to when those hands were smooth and beautiful. One morning long ago they had clasped other hands before God's altar and vowed love and fidelity, a trust they never violated. Those same hands held tiny babies, guided their first steps, and through the years they cooled fevered brows and comforted broken hearts and even clasped other hands

in last farewells. And the key to their great strength? Prayer that was now symbolised by the rosary chain that bound those hands together forever in peaceful rest.

If married couples would but learn the necessity and the power of prayer, especially family prayer, there would be few, if any, difficulties encountered that they could not overcome. Prayer is their personal invitation to Jesus to come to their marriage and live with them in their hearts and homes.

Family prayer today represents the invitation that the couple in Cana issued to Jesus, and invitation he most willingly accepted. We need to know that prayer, with faith, can accomplish anything. This was demonstrated by our Blessed Lady when she approached Jesus with news about the impending embarrassment of the newly-weds running out of wine. Mary knew all she had to do was ask her son Jesus for help.

One of the most powerful things we can do when we experience difficulties in family life is to **entrust all to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, most especially through the Rosary**, in the sure and certain hope that she will, as she did in Cana, secure an abundant response from her son Jesus that will see us through.

CANA IS FOREVER

One night some time ago, I had the privilege of attending the wake of one of our parishioners. She was the kind of person whose name would instantly have come to mind when one thought of outstanding mothers. It was not so much her kindly disposition, her generosity, her care for her neighbours, her deep faith or her abiding love for her husband and her children that endeared her to others but the fact that her family was one of the closest knit ever experienced. Everyone recalled the love her husband and children demonstrated towards her in private, as well as in public. So completely did she symbolise self-sacrificing motherhood that her passing was taken as a personal loss to nearly everyone in the community.

As I prepared to say the Holy Rosary that night, her devoted husband came to me and whispered, "If you don't mind, may I say the Rosary tonight? You see, for forty-four years we have never once missed saying the rosary as a family. Her last night with us must be no exception." Needless to say, he said the prayers. Their Cana was, indeed, forever.

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 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. JOE O'NEILL Sundays well 898866

DN. FERGAL O'NEILL Parish Deacon 086 3816133

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:

Thursday 21st: St Agnes, virgin and Martyr

Friday 22nd: St Vincent, deacon and martyr

RECENT BAPTISMS

Naas:

Lavina Leonard, Oldbridge Way

Cian Anthony Moore, London

Matthew Anthony McConkey, Aylmer Park

Sallins:

Lauren Oglesby Malone, Sallins Pier

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.'*

Naas Parish Development Envelope Boxes for coming year are now available for collection from

CHURCH OF OUR LADY AND ST. DAVID , SALLINS ROAD

MASS TIMES

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

CHURCH OF OUR LADY AND ST. DAVID , SALLINS ROAD

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Every First Friday before and after the 10am Mass

Every Saturday after the 10am Mass

the Church Porches. 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 please write your name and address on the first few envelopes you return.

Thank You, Naas Parish Pastoral Council.

St Joseph's Young Priests Society next meeting takes place tomorrow, Monday 18th January at 8pm in the Parish Centre at the Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane. Adoration from 8pm to 9.30pm.

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

Parish Coffee Morning has resumed and takes place on Wednesdays after 10am Mass at back of Church. All welcome for a cuppa and chat.

Naas Local History Group Annual General Meeting & Memorabilia night, tomorrow Monday 18th at 8pm in Town House Hotel. Bring along an old paper, picture, postcard, artifact or something interesting and talk about it. All welcome.

Nás na Ríogh ICA Guild next meeting tomorrow Monday 18th at 8pm in Naas Community Centre, (behind McAuley Place). New members are always welcome. Please contact Mary on 086 1552145 or Maureen on 086 8232113 for further information.



Naas Parish Bingo commences on Tuesday coming 19th January at 8.30pm, sharp, in the Care of the Aged Centre, Newbridge Road. All Welcome.

Week of Christian Unity A Service of the Word to celebrate the week of Christian Unity, will take place on Thursday coming 21st January at 8pm in St. Davids, Church of Ireland, Main Street.

Coffee Morning for the Columbian Missions in support the Columbian Missionary Sisters takes place on Saturday 23rd January at the Mayor of Naas Constituency Office, Unit 7 Naas Town Centre at 11am. For more details phone Sally at 01 4972035.

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). The Anniversary Mass list is completed on Friday for the following week's Masses.

Order Of Malta, Naas Ambulance Corps 'Volunteer Opportunities'. We are now recruiting for new volunteers, training is provided and volunteers are trained to nationally accredited standards. The organisation would welcome healthcare professionals. Come along to the Open Night on Tuesday 26th January at 7.30pm in the Boardroom, Level 2, Naas General Hospital or contact Bernadette at 087 1408888 for more details.

Naas St Vincent de Paul helpline 045 897306.

SALLINS NOTICE

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Tuesday coming 19th January from 10.30am —11am.

Sallins Parish Envelope Boxes for the coming year are now available for collection at the back of the Church and are in Alphabetical Order. If you wish to become a new contributor please take a box of envelopes from the 'new contributor box' and write your name/address on the first few envelopes you use. ***A sincere Thank You to all who contribute to our collections.***

Date for your Diary.....Sallins Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place on 24th June 2016. Details Rita Fanning on 045 861070 or 087 6536112.

St Vincent de Paul Shop at The Waterways are holding a customer event on Thursday coming 21st January from 10am to 5.30pm. *'Great bargains to be had on the day'*.

Sallins St Vincent de Paul helpline 085 7052294.

TWO MILE HOUSE

St Peter's Church Two Mile House 225th Anniversary Book has now been launched. Copies are available from Parish Offices, Naas and Barker & Jones, Naas; Valentine's Post Office, Two Mile House or Bill at 897160 and Art at 875618.

GENERAL NOTICE

Parish Finances:

Sallins: Baskets: € 835 Envelopes € 440
Naas: Offertory: €5,246 Development €4,167
Two Mile House: € 730

Sports Lottery Results:

Naas: 7/1 (1- 4- 6- 11) No winner, Jackpot €6,100
Sallins: 11/1 (2-6-25). No winner, Jackpot €2,650
Splotto: No Results available

Mass Times: Please note that Mass Times in all four Churches have not changed. See page Two of Newsletter for all Mass Times.

Kildare Pro Life Talk! Tom Finegan of Iona Institute and Kate Bopp of Family & Life will speak in defence of the 8th Amendment, chaired by Paddy Manning at Lawlors Hotel, Naas on Thursday coming 21st at 7.30pm.

Spring Courses at the Further Education and Training Centre, Jigginstown, Naas. Enrolment tomorrow Monday 18th from 10am to 4pm. For information on courses available phone 045/866314

The Past Pupils Union of St Mary's College Naas are holding a Bridge Tournament at Lawlors Hotel Naas on Sunday, 31st January at 2pm.

Children's Ballet Classes take place every Friday in Ballycane Parish Centre from 2.15pm. Free trial class for new students. For more details phone Aisling at 087 2506031 or see www.ballet.ie

Night Classes: New Year Resolution! Why not join a local Night Class at Pipers Hills College, Naas. You can pick up a Brochure or Enrol on Line: www.kwetb.ie

McAuley Bridge Club continues on Fridays at 1.15pm sharp. All welcome.

You Could Win €2,750

On this Wednesday coming, 20th January in Naas Parish Lotto Draw Simply Buy A €2 Ticket And It Could Be You

There was no winner of the Jackpot on Wednesday 13th January; numbers drawn were 20 - 25 - 12 - 3.

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!!*

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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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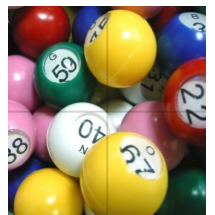
The Marian Movement of Priests Cenacle for Youth in the form of a Continuous Cenacle takes place from Friday 29th to Sunday 31st January 2016 in All Hallows College, Gracepark Road, Drumcondra. For bookings or more information phone David Walsh on 087 3858155.

Set Dancing for Beginners and Improvers every Tuesday night at the back room, Haydens Pub Poplar Square. Classes start at 8.30pm to 10pm. Dance to live music from 10pm to 11.30pm. All most welcome. Any Enquiries to 087 6534693.

Found: (A) A sum of money found at Tesco Extra Car Park on Tuesday 12th January. Phone Anne at 087 2715265. **(B)** A Ring on Sallins Road on Friday 8th January. Phone Carol at 087 6361773. **(C)** Lady's Silver Watch on Sallins Rd, opposite parish Church on 11th January. Contact Parish Office.

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Thank You on behalf of St Raphaels Parents and Friends to the people of Naas for your kindness and generosity at the recent Church Street collection. Thanks to the priests (particularly Fr. Ruairi) for their generosity of spirit. The clients and staff are most grateful for the €1,666 raised.

Thought for the Week.....



*The secret of a happy life is always to be aware of the hand of God in it.
If you believe in Providence,
nothing can ever go wrong in your life.*