

Parish Newsletter



**Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
17th September 2017.**

No 1618

Matthew 18: 21-35



FORGIVENESS

Today Peter speaks for many when he asks the question about forgiveness. Injuries of one kind or another are inflicted upon every person at times, and it is not unusual for one to experience injury at the hand of the same person more than once. The people of Peter's day had long since progressed beyond the "eye for eye, tooth for tooth" program for dealing with offenders. One was to forgive three times - not four times, but three times! But Peter had listened too closely to Jesus' teaching and had caught too much of his spirit to believe that he wanted

one to stop forgiving on the fourth offense. Maybe one should forgive seven times; that ought to be generous enough. So he asked Jesus if that would do. But Jesus replied, "I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven."

So what is this forgiveness? Maybe its nature can be best seen in contrast to what it is not. It is not a casual or indifferent attitude toward wrong. When teaching of the obligation to forgive, Jesus was not saying that one should "pay no attention" to wrongs done... because the welfare of the one doing the wrong, as well as that of the one wronged, is involved. It makes a difference whether one's conduct is good or bad, and one should never face the evil conduct of another in such a way as to give the other the idea that it does not matter. So whatever else Jesus meant by forgiveness, he certainly did not mean indifference toward wrong.

So what did he mean, what is this week's challenge? Today's gospel asks us to see things in a new light, where the one who has been wronged is to be concerned for the welfare of the aggressor, as well as for one's own. And any demands which one makes for requital are not to be for compensation's sake, but for love's sake. Forgiveness cancels the desire to "pay the other person back" or "to get even" with him or her. We are called to forgiveness which must have no limits. It calls for the exercise of love, even towards the person by whom one has been injured, regardless of how seriously or how often. Are you up for the challenge?

Legion of Mary Annual Pilgrimage to Knock takes place on Sunday coming 24th September. Cost €20 for



Bus Only. Bus pick-up points and (times approx.), will be at 8.10am at Town House Hotel, Newbridge Rd, 8.15am Church of Our Lady and St. David, Sallins Rd, 8.20am Apple Green Garage, Sallins Rd, 8.30am Sallins 8.40am Clane and 9am Prosperous. You can book your place on the bus at the Parish Office, Sallins Road, (€20 payable at time of booking). For more details or to book your place on the bus phone Aileen at 087 995 9922 or Eileen at 087 262 8577.



Our Solemn Novena

*From Friday 6th October
To
Saturday 14th October*

To Our Lady of Perpetual Help

**18
Days
To Go**

**€7,750 waiting to
be won in the Parish
Lotto. It could be You**

PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION

PRIEST ON DUTY: 085 708 8407

PARISH WEBSITE: www.naasparish.ie

NAAS AND SALLINS PARISH OFFICE Tel 879730 Fax 894287

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Naas email office@naasparish.net

Sallins email sallinsparishoffice@gmail.com

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Opening Hours: Monday to Friday 10am to 1pm

PARISH TEAM

FR. LIAM MORGAN Sallins Road 087 1337879

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FR ALEX KOCHATT LAKELANDS 045 898684

DN. FERGA O'NEILL Parish Deacon 086 3816133

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.

"None of us lives for oneself, and no one dies for oneself."
How is God calling you to live for others? Could it be as a priest? Are you being called to be a priest?

Contact: Fr. Ruairi O'Domhnaill.

Email: vocations@kandle.ie: www.kandlepriest.com

FEAST AND MEMORIAL DAYS FOR THE COMING WEEK:

Thursday 21st: St Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

Saturday 23rd: St Pius of Pietrelcina

Sr Eunan, Abbot

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

Naas:

Kathleen Collins, Monread Heights

Nicholas Mooney, Osberstown

Michael Fitzsimons, Jigginstown

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.

RECENT BAPTISMS

Naas:

Luke Michael Pdraig Kelly, New Caragh Court

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.

Kaleb Carlos Curtis, Pacelli Road

Zach William Mooney, Pipers Hill

Kelsey Leigh Rooney, Kerdiff Avenue

Two Mile House:

Ava Paula Keating, Dowdenstown Lawns

Shsy Thomas Browne, Osberstown View



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.'

Please note the email address for Naas parish has now changed to office@naasparish.net.

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

Mothers Prayers continue each Wednesday at the Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane, at 8.15pm.

Nás na Ríogh ICA Guild meeting tomorrow Monday 18th September at 8pm in Naas Community Centre. (behind McAuley Place). New members are always welcome. Contact Mary 0861552145 or Maureen 0868232113 for further information.



Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion.

If you are considering becoming a Minister of Holy Communion for either the Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane or the Church of Our Lady and St. David, Sallins Road, or in Sallins Parish, you are most welcome to come along and find out what the Ministry entails. There will be **Registration and Training** for those considering becoming a Minister of Holy Communion, on Saturday 30th September in the Parish Meeting room above Veritas on the Sallins Road, from 10am to 12:30pm. For more information ph Deacon Fergal on 086 3816133.

Beginners Bridge Class *Learn to play Bridge, (the benefits are enormous).* The first session of 10 lessons will commence on Monday 25th September at 8pm in Naas Lawn Tennis Club. Enrolment at 7.45pm. To book phone Bert at 087 922 0233.

Monday Bridge Club re-opens on Monday 25th September at 7.15pm at the care of the Aged Centre, Newbridge Rd (Beside Fire Station). New members of all grades welcome *"so if you are new to Naas and looking for a new outlet and to meet new people you are very welcome"* For more information on the Club ph Nuala at 086 165 9003 or see www.bridgewebs.com/naasmonday

Males Ireland are a group of men dedicated to the promotion of a strong and healthy male spirituality. "We support men seeking a life long connection with spiritual consciousness in order to transform themselves and through their life experiences, their relationships, families, workplaces, communities and our environment. Next meeting takes place on Tuesday 26th September at 7.30pm in the meeting rooms at the Church of the Irish Martyr's, Ballycane. For further information phone Gerry at 086 232 6988 or maleskildare@gmail.com

SALLINS NOTICE

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

Vincent de Paul Shop Sallins are looking for donations of reusable clothes and any small pieces of furniture. Just drop items into the shop. *"Thanks"*

TWO MILE HOUSE

Weekday Morning Mass, Monday to Thursday is suspended for the month of September and will resume on Monday 2nd October.

Fundraiser please join the Community of Two Mile House on Saturday 30th September in a Run/Walk to fundraise for young Adam Burke, or join Marty

Morrissey, Davy Fitzgerald, Joe Brolly, Michael Deignan and Tomás Ó Sé for the **'Marty Party'** on the evening of 30th. Check out www.runforadamburke.org for information

GENERAL NOTICES

Parish Finances:

Sallins: Baskets: € 600 Envelopes: €380
Naas: Offertory: €3,000 Development €3,370
Two Mile House: € 560

Sports Lottery Results:

Naas: 7/9 (7-11-17-25) No winner, Jackpot €4,300.
Sallins: 11/9 (22-23-38) No winner, Jackpot €1,300.

The Arthritis Ireland Kildare Branch Church Street Collection takes place next weekend 23rd/24th September, in advance of National Arthritis Awareness week. All funds raised locally are spent in Kildare. *Please Support.*

A Celebration of Kildare Choirs 'Lean on Me' A joint performance as part of Kildare Co. Council's 2017 Culture Night, involving Naas Past Times Community Choir, Kill Anam Girls Choir and Celbridge Voices of Spring Community Choir, they will perform On Saturday 23rd September at CBS Boys School, Naas at 12noon. Fully accessible venue and relaxed performance, suitable for all, Parking onsite available. **Free Admission**

Home Instead Senior Care Free Family Carer Dementia Workshop takes place on Tuesday 26th September from 7pm to 9pm in McAuley Place, Sallins Road. To book your place phone Brenda at 045 484623 or www.homeinstead.ie

Kildare and Leighlin looking for expressions of interest in Organ Tuition programme The diocese is looking for expressions of interest in an organ tuition programme organised by the Advisory Committee on Church Music, based at the National Centre for Liturgy, Maynooth, Co. Kildare. This course requires a basic competence in the keyboard (grade 4/5). See kandle.ie for further details. Once we know the level of interest, we hope to host the tuition in a convenient location within the diocese. To indicate your interest please contact Julie at Julie.kavanagh@kandle.ie or 059 9164084.

'Wag and Bone Dog Show' in association with Kildare and West Wicklow Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, is on **To-day Sunday 17th** at Punchestown Racecourse from 1pm. *All welcome.*

Found: A pair of prescribed glasses, on the Newbridge Road during the week, owner can contact Parish Office at 045 879730.



'YOU RAISE ME UP'

An EVENING OF SACRED , SPIRITUAL AND INSPIRATIONAL MUSIC WITH CELINE BYRNE AND GUESTS



Dearbhla Brosnan—Piano and Violinist and the Millicent Singers conducted by Alan Kelly. A wonderful evening of music is promised.

**Concert will take place on Saturday 21st October in the
Church of Our Lady and St. David, Sallins Road.**

Tickets €15, now on sale from the Parish Office Sallins Rd 045 879730 and Ballycane Office 045 895629. Also from Veritas and Barker & Jones.

Proceeds to Our and St David's Church Fund Restoration Fund and also supporting Naas Tidy Towns.

You Could Win €7,750

**on Wednesday coming, 20th September in Naas Parish Lotto Draw
Simply Buy A €2 Ticket And It Could Be You**

There was no winner of the Jackpot on Wednesday last, 13th September numbers drawn were 14-8-15-4.

Four luck Dip winners of €100 each: Zena Walshe, MI & Elizabeth Dooley, Joe & Pat Murray, Mary Hughes

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're not in you can't win!*

Name: _____

Address: _____

Contact Number: _____ Mobile: _____

Email: _____

Please choose four numbers between 1 and 28



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Naas Parish Bingo continues every Tuesday night at 8.30pm, sharp in the Care of the Aged Centre, Newbridge Road, with Bigger Prizes and Jackpot. **Parish Lotto tickets also on Sale on the night.**



Naas Library as part of the 'Irish Sign Language Awareness Week' the Irish Deaf Society are holding an 'Irish Sign Language Taster workshop' on Wednesday coming 20th September at 2.30pm in the library, booking is required, phone the Library 045 879111 or emailnaaslib@kildarecoco.ie

Irish Wheelchair Association will hold their Annual Church Street Collection in Naas and Sallins on 7th and 8th October. They are urgently looking for new volunteers to help out with the collections and some of the regular collectors need help too. If you could spare some time to help out, please phone 01 8186418 to speak to the fundraising officer. It would be very much appreciated.

Parking Restrictions: Owing to the building of the New Convent Primary School the overflow Car Park in the grounds of the Convent School is still unavailable for parking until further notice.