

Parish Newsletter

**First Sunday of Lent
18th February 2018**



No 1639

Mark 1:12-15

Moira, Wishing you a Fond Farewell

This weekend the Parish of Sallins expresses a heartfelt **Thank You** to Moira Humphries who retired as Sacristan after an incredible 47 years of dedicated and unparalleled service.

It is fitting that such a milestone should be celebrated in the presence of Bishop Denis Nulty, who will celebrate the 6.30pm Mass in Sallins this Saturday evening. The Parish of Sallins wish to acknowledge the outstanding commitment given by Moira over all these years. While Priests' come and go, Moira has been the constant face of Sallins; quietly working away, with us; week in and week out, part of all the Sacramental occasions of our Parish. It is a work that she has carried out with sensitivity, warmth, welcome and a helpfulness that always went above and beyond the call of duty.

As priests we have enjoyed Moira's good nature, the chats in the Sacristy before going out to celebrate Mass, her willingness to guide and direct us, especially when new to the Parish.



Moira, you have been a good and faithful servant of both Sallins Parish and the Lord. May God bless you abundantly with good health to enjoy a well earned rest. The presentation and celebration this weekend from the Parish of Sallins is an indication of our gratitude and the high esteem in which you are held!

Every Blessing Moira.

Fr Liam, the Parish Team and the People of Sallins

The Parish Social.....

held on the 2nd February was a wonderful occasion for our three Parishes. My sincere thanks to all who made it such a great success: to the Proprietors, Management and Staff of Killashee House Hotel for their wonderful welcome and excellent service on the night, to the members of the three Parish Pastoral Councils, to the Office Staff on the Sallins Road and in Ballycane, to our Sacristans, the John Paul II Students for their kind help and finally the wonderful committee who worked so hard on this special event.

To have 425 people attend exceeded all our expectations and thanks to you the parishioners for supporting the Social. It certainly achieved what we set out to do, to create an opportunity to come together, share a meal, chat and have a dance! Creating, a sense of community, of a people united by a shared faith in Christ Jesus. A fitting occasion to mark the World Meeting of Families!

The Raffle on the night raised €1,825 after expenses were paid including the Band €800, we were left with a balance of €840. With the blessing of the Herbert Family we have forwarded the balance of €840 to the charity; 'Aoibheann's Pink Tie'. We do so in the name and memory of Darragh, whose funeral we celebrated on the same day as the Parish Social. It was a day of two halves! Again my renewed thanks, Fr. Liam.

PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION

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PARISH TEAM

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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.

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

Safeguarding Children Parish Representatives

Naas: Andrew Fagan, Geraldine Faherty and Adrian King.

Sallins: Keith Murphy

Two Mile House: Mary Valentine, Paula Clancy and Suzanne Powell.

They can be contacted through the Parish Office, Sallins Road, Naas: phone 045 879730

FEAST AND MEMORIAL DAYS FOR THE COMING WEEK:

Thursday 22nd: The Chair of St Peter, Apostle

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

NAAS:

Sheila Earley, Kingsfiurze

Mary Hiney, Gleann na Riogh Drive

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE



Parish Pilgrimage to Medjugorje takes place from Thursday 31st May for seven nights. Cost €649 pps; €100 deposit. To book ph John 086 856 3773 or directly to Marian Pilgrimages at 01 8788159. Spiritual Director Fr. Joe O'Neill.

RECENT BAPTISMS

Naas:

Willow Kay Bowers Kavanagh, Sundays Well

Lauren Emily Murphy, The Paddocks

Ava Isabelle Murphy, The Paddocks

Oliver Patrick Melia, The Gallops

Chloe Marie Brien, Dun na Ríogh Vale

Mylo Gerard McGee, Monread Crescent

Eve Amaya Leonard, Sallins Wharf



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

Coffee Morning on Wednesday coming 21st February after the 10am Mass in the Parochial House....*come and join us for a cuppa and a chat.*

Mothers Prayers continue each Wednesday at the Church of the Irish Martyr's, Ballycane, at 8.15pm.

Little Blessings Children's Liturgy Group will take place today Sunday, 18th February during the 10.30am Mass at the Church of the Irish Martyr's, Ballycane. All children over 4 years of age are welcome. The children will hear an age appropriate version of the gospel or other Bible Story. This will be followed up with Artwork, Drama, or Music which reinforces the message of the day. This makes the Liturgy much more interesting for the children who then return to the Church before the offertory. Children do not have to enrol, they can join in at any stage. Older children are welcome to participate or to assist younger children. More leaders are needed, please leave your contact details into the Parish Office if you are interested in helping out.

Naas Active Retirement Assoc, members only, meeting on Wednesday coming, 21st February at 2pm in Naas Community Centre.

New Youth Group: The Parishes of Naas, Sallins and Two Mile House would like to invite all young people between 16-18 to join our new group. The next meeting takes place on Wednesday coming, 21st February from 4.30pm to 6pm in McAuley Place, Sallins Road. 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. For more information contact Hilda Campbell, Pastoral Administrative Assistant on 089 4037570. All welcome.

St Marie's Conference is a Visitation Group for the Elderly established 2008. We offer friendship and companionship to our elderly neighbours. If you, a member of your family or your neighbour would like a visit from our members to chat and make new friends, please phone 087 2166779.....all our members are Garda Vetted.

Naas Flower and Garden Club next meeting takes place on Thursday 22nd February at 7.45pm sharp in Naas Care of the Aged Centre, Newbridge Road. (Beside Fire Station) There will be a demonstration titled 'Spring'. "Join us for, what promises to be a very enjoyable evening, a cuppa and a chat afterwards". Guests/new members always welcome.

Church Gate Collection in support of Scoil Bhride, Sallins Road will take place at all Masses next weekend, 24th/25th February. Thank you in advance for your support."

SALLINS NOTICE

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament continues on Tuesday coming, 20th February from 10.30am—11am.

Trócaire Lenten Campaign 2018 highlights the injustice faced by many in the developing world who have to cope with drought and increasing temperatures because of climate change. **Trócaire Boxes are now available in the Church Porches or from the Parish Offices. Please take one for your home or workplace. In donating to Trócaire you're not just giving, you're joining the fight for justice.**

Sallins Parish Envelope Boxes for the coming year are still available for collection in the Church Porch.

Date for you Diary...Sallins Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place on 23rd June for 7 Nights, Full Board staying at the 'Jeanne d'Arc Hotel'. More details to follow later. For bookings phone Rita Fanning on 087 6535112 or 086 0834807.

Sallins Mens Shed now open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11am to 1pm, behind the Waterways. Social and recreational. All welcome to come along any morning.

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:	€ 730	Envelopes:	€ 485
Naas: Offertory:	€3,660	Development	€3,855
Two Mile House:	€ 670		

Sports Lottery Results:

Naas: 8/2 (7-13-17-28) No winner, Jackpot €7,600
Sallins: 12/2 (1-3-15) No winner, Jackpot €4,300

Naas Musical Society are holding their annual LIP SYNC BATTLE at 8pm in the Town House Hotel on Friday coming, 23rd February. Get your pals and create your own band for The Battle of The Bands, or just come and watch the fun. Contact naasmusical@gmail to let us know your song.

Stay Warm Saving Scheme in association with St Vincent de Paul. Take the chill off your Bill by saving up for your Central Heating or Solid Fuel, by purchasing **€5 Stay Warm Stamps**. Once the card is full you can use it to pay for your fuel from any of the Stay Warm Suppliers (listed on the Card) Saving Cards and Stamps are available from Vincent's Shops, Naas and Sallins also Supervalu, Naas and Sallins.

Pro Life March.....Free Bus

A bus is been organised, by the Parish, for the people of Naas, Sallins and Two Mile House for those who wish to attend the Pro-Life March on Saturday 10th March starting at 2pm from Parnell Square, Dublin. You can book your seat by leaving your name and contact phone number in the Parish Office, Sallins Road no later than Wednesday 7th March.

Parish Lenten Programme

- ♦ **Mass each evening, Monday to Friday, at 7.30pm, in the Church of Irish Martyr's, Ballycane.**
- ♦ **Scripture Sharing** with Fr. Michael in the Parochial House, beginning on Monday 26th February at 8pm. (Bring a Bible).
- ♦ **Reflecting on the Sunday Gospel** with Sr. Peggy taking place in the Parochial House continues on Tuesday coming 20th February, after the 10am Mass.
- ♦ **Stations of the Cross each Friday** of Lent at 3.30pm in Our Lady and St David's Church led by the Legion of Mary. All welcome to join us.
- ♦ **Mass by Candle Light** each Friday evening at 7.30pm in Church of the Irish Martyr's, Ballycane, followed by a half hour of Adoration.
- ♦ **The Trócaire Box:** An invitation to place the 'Trócaire Box' in each and every home.

So please feel welcome to join in any of the above Lenten Activities. 'Lent is what you do'!

A Family Prayer for Lent : Creator God, be with us as we make our Lenten journey together as a family. Give us the strength to do what we have promised and the love to help one another along the way. When Easter comes, may our Lenten promises have brought us closer to You and to Your Son, Jesus. Amen

Managing your Migraine: You are cordially invited to attend our '*Managing your Migraine*' public Information Seminar in the Royal Hotel, Main Street, Bray., on the evening of Wednesday, 7th March 2018 from 7pm –9pm.

Kildare and Leighlin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes, led by most Reverend Denis Nulty.

The Pilgrimage takes place on 16th July for 5 nights at a cost of €739 per person sharing, (full board) staying at the 'Hotel Solitude'.

The Pilgrimage is being organised in conjunction with Joe Walsh Tours. Booking Forms are now available from the Parish Office, Sallins Road.

You Could Win €10,000

on Wednesday coming, 21st February in Naas Parish Lotto Draw

Draw takes place at 7pm at the Church of the Irish Martyr's, Ballycane.

All are welcome to attend the draw. Simply Buy A €2 Ticket and *It Could Be You!!*

There was No winner of the Jackpot on Wednesday last, 14th February;

Numbers drawn were 15-16-13-2. Four Lucky dip winners of €100 each:

Caroline Quinn, Margaret Purcell, Derek Nolan and Brendan Kelly.

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, Liz Bergin Hair Salon, Veritas, Barker & Jones, The Stationery Store, The Soda Bread Shop, Gouldings Hardware, Swans on the Green. Supervalu.
Remember you can join the Lotto anytime.