



NAAS SALLINS TWO MILE HOUSE NEWSLETTER



Mass Times: **Fourth Sunday of Advent (Year A)**

<u>Church</u>	<u>Weekdays</u>		<u>Sundays</u>
Our Lady and St David, Naas	Mon-Fri 7.30am, 10am	Saturday 10am.	Saturday Vigil: 6.30pm Sunday 8.30am, 10am, 12noon, 6pm.
Irish Martyrs, Ballycane, Naas	Mon-Fri * 7.30pm	Saturday 11am	Saturday Vigil: 8pm 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 7.30 pm Mass on Wednesday is celebrated in the Church of Our Lady and St David, Naas

Joseph's Honourable Role

In Matthew's account of the birth of Jesus, Joseph takes the leading role. It might be a good idea to put aside the familiar picture of Joseph as a white-bearded old man leaning on a stick if we are to capture the human drama of his story! Marriage was arranged at the time in a leisurely fashion, often over several years. It began while the couple were still quite young with informal contacts between the families. It entered a more serious stage with haggling and eventual agreement about the dowry. A formal marriage contract would then be drawn up, and when both young people were ready the bride would be led to the house of her new husband, and a week-long wedding feast would take place. Once the formal agreement was made the couple were, to all intents and purposes, husband and wife in the eyes of the community. If the girl had sexual relations with another man, she was considered an adulteress. If either family decided to call off the wedding, it was tantamount to a divorce.

It is likely that Joseph was a young man in his late teens or early twenties. His apprenticeship as a carpenter would have just finished, and he would have been looking forward to setting up home with a girl from his native village. Mary would have been a few years younger. The unmistakable signs that she is pregnant must have struck death into his soul. But the Gospel points out something distinctive about Joseph - he is a man of honour. Formally breaking the marriage contract would expose Mary to shame. This he refuses to do, even if she seems to have broken his heart.

His dilemma is solved by a revelation in a dream. The child Mary is carrying is the one promised by the prophet Isaiah who will save God's people from their sins. Joseph's role is to act as protector of the mother's honour, to give the child a name, and to provide a home in which God can be Emmanuel, 'God with us.' As we approach Christmas we might reflect on where God is "with us" at this moment in our lives...

Advent – A suggestion...

Each day during Advent we will publish a "Thought for the Day" on our parish website www.naasparish.ie. We invite you to log in and take a minute or two to read/reflect upon this thought. It might help to keep us focussed in the midst of all the rush during the coming week!

Naas-Sallins-Two Mile House-Parish Team

Fr. Tom McDonnell Parochial House, Naas Ph: 045 897703
 Fr. Jimmy Doyle Sallins Ph. 045 897150
 Fr. John Brickley Curate's House Ph: 045 897260
 Fr. Paul Dempsey Two Mile House Ph: 045 876160
 Fr. Bogdan Wawrzaszek 142 Hazelmere Ph: 045 879792

Priest on Call:
 Sunday and Monday: Fr John Brickley
 Tuesday and Wed: Fr Paul Dempsey
 Thursday and Friday: Fr Jimmy Doyle
 Saturday and Sunday: Fr Bogdan

PARISH OFFICE, NAAS

(Sallins Road): Ph 879730; Fax 894287
 Opening Hours: Mon-Fri 10am-5pm
 Wed: 10am-1pm: Lunch 1-2pm

BALLYCANE OFFICE: Ph 895629

Opening Hours: Mon-Fri 10am-1pm

SALLINS OFFICE: Ph 897150

Opening Hours; Tuesday & Thursday
 10am to 1pm

SACRISTY, Church of Our Lady and St David:
 (during Mass times) Ph: 856925

SACRISTY, Church of the Irish Martyrs:
 Ph: 895629

Parish Website: www.naasparish.ie

Naas Parish Email: naasparishoffice@gmail.com

Sallins Parish Email: sallinsparishoffice@gmail.com

Diocesan Website: kandle.ie

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN;

PARISH DESIGNATED PERSONS:

Caroline Quinn (Naas); Sheila Pyke (Sallins)
 Mary Valentine (Two-Mile-House).

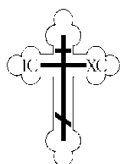
They can be contacted through the Parish
 Office, Sallins Road, Naas. Phone 045 879730.

FEAST AND MEMORIAL DAYS DURING THE COMING WEEK:

Monday 20th: St Fachanan, bishop

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

Mary Field, Mountain View
 Doreen Behan, Lacken View
 Joan O'Reilly, Hazelmere
 Sister Bosco Hickey, Sister of Mercy,
 St Helens, Sallins Road
 Marguerite Concannon, Tipper Rd



MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY WELCOMES
 YOU WITH GREAT JOY!

Naas:

Cayden Dermot Murray, Lacken View
 Séan Robert Morrin, Martinstown
 James John Patrick Cronin, Morell Rise

Sallins:

Megan Orla Keane, Oldbridge Avenue
 Majeed Dolapo Agbolade, Sallins Pk
 Muttyat Judith T Agbolade, Sallins Pk
 Rihanna Olivia A Agbolade, Sallins Pk
 Zainab Beatrice O Agbolade, Sallins Pk
 Kara Margaret Teresa Nolan, Hunters Wood
 Diarmuid Emmett O'Domhnaill, Castlesize Pk Rd



THE 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

Parish Finances:

Sallins: Baskets: € 818
 Envelopes: € 402
Naas: Development Fund: €3,298
 Offertory: €4,915
Two Mile House: € 721

Grateful thanks to all who support our collections.

GAA Lotto:

Sallins: 13/12 Jackpot €1,000: No winner: Numbers
 7-16-35: Venue 20/12: Bridgewater: Jackpot €1,150

Naas: 16/12 Jackpot €4,400: No winner: Numbers
 2-5-16-26: Next weeks' Jackpot €4,550

Splotto/Ballycane Celtic: 12/12 No Winner: Numbers
 1-2-15-27: Next weeks' Jackpot €2,500

All Masses and Services in Naas Parish can be
 heard on the Radio at 107.3FM

Sallins Parish News

Christmas Dues in support of the priests of the Parish will take place this weekend, 18th/19th December..... (orange envelope).

The Sallins Conference of St Vincent de Paul may be contacted at 085 7052294.

Santa Claus is comin' to town! Calling all fans of the man in the red suit.... Today Sunday, December 19th at 3pm Santa is arriving at SUPERVALU, Sallins. This year the Sallins Community Festival Committee has teamed up with the fabulous Fergus and his team at SuperValu to welcome Santa as only Sallins can.

So if you want to come and meet Santa Claus, receive a pressie, maybe have your face painted, hear some lovely Christmas stories while Mum and Dad check out the mince pies (courtesy of the ladies of the ICA), come along today. The cubs and beavers will be singing carols, the Scouts will be fundraising, selling Christmas logs, Youth Club members will be Santa's helpers. In addition to Santa we will have Face painting, Vincent de Paul Food Trolley and a Mini Fair. We are looking forward to seeing you there.

Sallins Parish Calendar will be launched this weekend after 10am and 12noon Masses in the Canal Walk Cafe. Everybody welcome. Calendar cost €3 or 2 for €5 will be on sale in all shops and the Parish Office.

Naas Parish News

The Christmas Collection for 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 blue envelope in your box or alternatively you may make your contribution along with the Offertory Collection. **Visiting the Housebound:** Fr Jimmy Doyle will make his calls on Wednesday 22nd, between 11am and 1pm. Fr Lennon will make his calls on Thursday 23rd.

Flowers for the Altar:..... Parishioners wishing to donate 'Poinsettias' towards the Christmas decoration of the Church may leave them into the Parish Church on or before Thursday 23rd.

ST PIO PRAYER GROUP next meeting Tuesday coming, 21st December at 7.10pm in the Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane. All welcome.

Don't forget your Shovel! As a result of the recent heavy snowfall and hard frosts, the conditions around *Our Lady and St. David's* and *The Church of the Irish Martyrs* became very hazardous. We apologise for any inconvenience caused. However we hope people can understand that these were exceptional circumstances. Like with a lot of things in life, all we can do is learn from it for the future. With this in mind, we are attempting to put a plan in place with a team of people who might help clear the *pathways* into both churches if we get such harsh weather conditions again. Therefore we are appealing to parishioners who would be willing to put their name forward on a list to volunteer to help us with this. If we got a list of *names and mobile phone numbers*, the parish could contact people by text to come along and help with the clearing of snow on the pathways into the churches. As they say, "many hands make light work!" If you would like to help with this, please leave your name and mobile number in the sacristy of either church or alternatively with Mary in the Parish Office (phone 879730). As the song goes; "*Don't forget your shovel if your want to go to work!*" Many thanks for your help.

Naas Lions Club Christmas Food Appeal will take place on 19th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd & 24th December at Superquinn, Eurospar, Tesco and Marks & Spencer. Main beneficiary will be St V de Paul.

Goal Mile Christmas morning 11am-12noon. Meet at Naas GAA, Sallins Rd; '*it just take 10 minutes but, it gives a lifetime*'. Sponsorship cards from Morgan at 086 8448530 or Breda at 087 6305515.

Two Mile House Parish News

Carol Service: Our annual Carol Service takes place on Tuesday, 21st December at 7.30pm in St. Peter's Church. We look forward to a special night of festive song and reflection. All welcome.

St. Peter's Church Clean Up; Thanks to all who gave of their time to help with St. Peter's "spring-clean" yesterday. We look forward to the Christmas celebrations together as a parish community. Please note that the Christmas Masses are at 9p.m. on Christmas Eve and 11a.m. on Christmas Day. There is *no 9a.m.* Mass on Christmas morning.

CHRISTMAS 2010 in SALLINS, NAAS & TWO-MILE-HOUSE

Penitential Services

Naas 8.00pm Monday 20th December
Kill 8.00pm Tuesday 21th December
Sallins 8.00pm Wednesday 22nd December

Confessions Christmas Eve in the Church of Our Lady & St. David, Naas
10.30am – 12.30pm 2.00pm – 5.00pm

Masses Christmas Eve & Christmas Day

Larchfield N.H. 6.00pm Christmas Eve Mill Lane N.H. 10.30am Christmas Day

Our Lady & St. David, Naas

24th December 6.00pm	7.30pm	9.00pm	Midnight
25th December 8.30am	10.00am	11.15am	12.30pm

Irish Martvrs, Ballycane

24th December 6.30pm	25th December: 8.30pm	11.00am	12.30pm
----------------------	-----------------------	---------	---------

St. Peter's, Two-Mile-House

24th December 9.00pm	25th December 11.00am
----------------------	-----------------------

Our Lady & the Guardian Angel's, Sallins

24th December 6.30pm	Midnight
25th December 9.00am	10.00am 12noon

No Vigil Masses on evening of 25th December:

Sunday 26th December: Masses as on regular Sunday.

Masses 27th December – 1st January

Our Lady & St. David's, Naas 10.00am Monday - Saturday

General Notices

Christmas Concert with the Nás na Rí Singers takes place today, Sunday 19th December at the Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane....donation to St Vincent de Paul.

Thank You: On behalf of 'Team Hope' I would like to thank everyone who donated a 'gift –filled shoe-box' to this years appeal. A special thanks to all the teachers who worked so hard to co-ordinate the collections in their schools. On the 3rd December 6947 Boxes, donated by the people of Kildare, were collected from our base in the Curragh Camp and are now on route to needy children in the Ukraine. Every box is important and will be much loved and appreciated by the child who receives it, so once again Thank You so much for taking the time to contribute to this great cause. Adrienne.

Lost: Sum of money lost between Post Office Naas and B&Q on Wednesday last. Phone Parish Office 879730.

Engagement Ring recently lost. Phone 086 1520200

Brian Brady's Panto 'Sleeping Beauty' in the Moat Theatre from 1st-8th January. Tickets from the Moat at 883030.