

# Parish Newsletter

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
1st February 2015

No 1485

Mark 1:21-28



reeds of the bog of Allen, to show how much God loved us by sending his Son to die for us on a Cross on Calvary.

In celebrating this feast, we can offer our thanks to God that we live in such a beautiful, safe, free country, where every tree represents that Tree of Life on which our Saviour died for us.

## St Brigid's Day

According to tradition, this feast of our secondary patron, Brigid of Kildare, is the first day of Spring in Ireland!

Whatever the weather, then, take time to look around today at the beauty of God's creation in our landscape. Note how the birds singing brings hope that the lengthening of days lifts our spirits and winter woes begin to recede!

There is music in the wind too that Brigid hummed to as she wove her famous Cross from the

As Lent approaches let us invoke Brigid for a renewal of Faith throughout the land of Ireland. We have just celebrated Catholic schools week and, given the quality of education in all our schools (not just Catholic schools), we should not be afraid to pray that, once more, Ireland will be known as the Island of Saints and Scholars!

St Brigid of Kildare, Pray for us.

All you Saints of Ireland, Pray for us.



Dear Brothers and Sisters:

In our continuing catechesis on the family, we now turn to the dignity and role of fathers. Jesus, by teaching us to call God our Father, gave new depth and richness to this

relationship, so fundamental to the life of society. Sadly, in our modern societies, we are experiencing a crisis of fatherhood; from an image of the father as authoritarian and at times even repressive, we now sense uncertainty and confusion about the role of the father

Today we can speak of an "absence" of the

father figure in society. Yet responsible fathers are so necessary as examples and guides for our children in wisdom and virtue. Without father figures, young people often feel "orphaned", left adrift at a critical moment in their growth and development.

Society itself has a similar responsibility not to leave the young as orphans, without ideals, sound values, hopes and possibilities for work and for authentic spiritual fulfilment.

Jesus promised that he would not leave us orphans (cf. Jn 14:18). Let us ask him to deepen and renew our appreciation of fatherhood and to raise up good fathers for the benefit of our families, our Church and our world.

## PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION

**PRIEST ON DUTY: 085 708 8407**

**PARISH WEBSITE:** [www.naasparish.ie](http://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](mailto:naasparishoffice@gmail.com)

**Sallins eMail** [sallinsparishoffice@gmail.com](mailto: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. KEVIN WALSH** Sallins 879730

**FR. PJ MADDEN** Two Mile House 876160

**DN. FERGAL O'NEILL** Parish Office 879730

**MS. MAIREAD D'ARCY** Pastoral Assistant 897134

### SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN PARISH REPRESENTATIVES

**Naas:** Caroline Quinn **Two Mile House:** Anita Comer Julian

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

## FEASTS / MEMORIALS FOR COMING WEEK

Monday 2nd: The Presentation of the Lord

Tuesday 3rd: St Blaise, bishop and martyr

Thursday 5th: St Agatha, virgin and martyr

Friday 6th: Ss Paul Mike and Companions

Saturday 7th: St Mel, bishop

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

### Sallins:

Patrick Murphy, Castlesize

### Two Mile House:

Anne Korman nee Mangan, New York

**MAY THEY REST IN PEACE**



## RECENT BAPTISMS

### Naas:

Bobby Lee Heavey, Cois na Feadáin

Lucy Daisy Harper, Oldtown Heights

Roisin Irene Harper, Oldtown Heights



## 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:** 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

## 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

Katie Monica O'Halloran, Jigginstown Green

Padraig Michael Flynn, Oakglade Hall

Aaron David Corcoran, Kilmeague



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/](http://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.'**

**The February Collection in support of the Priests of the Parish will take place at all Masses this weekend, 31st Jan/1st February.**

**St Pio Prayer Group** next meeting on **Wednesday coming, 4th February** at 7.10pm in the Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane. All welcome.

**Marian Movement Cenacle** next meeting Saturday coming, 7th February in the Church of Our Lady and St David after the 10am Mass. All welcome.

## **On St Valentine's Day, Saturday 14th February**

we will celebrate and recognise the grace and gift of love as lived in the Sacrament of Marriage. We invite all couples who were married in our churches in the past year or so, those who will marry in the coming year, together with those celebrating special anniversaries, 10,25,50 or any year above 50 to join us for the 7.30pm Mass in the Church of the Irish Martyrs. Please feel free to extend this invitation to family and friends living outside our parishes.

**Mass Cards and Intentions** have changed from Veritas to the Parish Office. As always we appreciate your patience and understanding which helps a lot during a time of change.

**The History of the Catholic Church** continues tomorrow Monday 2nd and on Monday 9th February at 8pm when local historians will present a history of the historic churches and sites in the area of Naas, which will be both enlightening and enjoyable! All are welcome to these talks. The History of the Catholic Church Sessions will continue up to and including Monday, 23rd March 2015.

**Naas Local History Group;** 'Ger Kinchella Memorial Talk/Presentation of Heritage Cup to Hayden's "The Cyclists Rest"' in Naas Community Library, Tuesday coming 3rd February at 7.45pm. All welcome.

**Annual Divine Mercy Conference** will take place on 21st and 22nd February in the RDS, Ballsbridge with speakers Sr Briege McKenna, Fr Kevin Scallan and Fr Michael Ross. To book phone/text 086 0669203.

**Medjugorje Annual Parish Pilgrimage** takes place this year from Wednesday 27th May for 7 nights. Cost of Pilgrimage €609, €100 deposit secures €609, after 17th February price of €659 applies. To book phone John or Catherine at 086 8563773.

**St Vincent de Paul helpline number 045 897306.**

## **SALLINS PARISH NEWS**

**Thanks** to all who support our weekly envelope collections. 2015 boxes have now been distributed. New contributor boxes are available for collection in the Sacristy. For new contributors please remember to write your name and address on the first few envelopes you return as it would greatly facilitate accurate record-keeping for tax relief purposes.

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** on Tuesday coming 3rd February from 10.30am to 11am.

**Confessions** available in Sallins Church every Thursday afternoon from 2pm-4pm.

**Sallins Conference of St Vincent de Paul** contact phone number is 085 7052294.

**Lourdes 2015 40th Anniversary** travelling on 12th June for 7 nights. Anyone intending to travel should contact Rita at 087 6535112 as seats are limited, €200 booking deposit required by 1st February.

**Found:** Grey/White Tabby Kitten found on Tipper Road on Sunday last. Owner/ new home 085 7316898.

## **TWO MILE HOUSE PARISH NEWS**

**Two Mile House National School** is now accepting Enrolments for Junior Infants 2015. Contact the school secretary at 045 871200.

## **GENERAL NOTICES**

### **Parish Finances**

Sallins: Baskets: € 753 Envelopes: €125

Naas: Offertory €3,253 Development Fund €3,662

Two Mile House: €585

### **Sports Lottery Results**

Naas: 22/01 (1-8-13-21) No Winner Jackpot €3,250

Sallins: 26/01 (7-25-33) No Winner Jackpot €4,000

Naas United: 26/1 (1-6-15-20) No Winner €3,000

**Blessing of the Throats:** The Carmelite Friary, Kildare Town, will host the annual Blessing of the Throats, on the Feast of St Balise, Tuesday coming 3rd February from after the 8am Mass until after the 7.30pm evening Mass.

**Naas Care of the Aged** (located on the Newbridge Road, Naas) would like to express their sincere thanks to all who helped them in anyway throughout 2014. To those who helped with their annual Flag Day, Christmas Raffle, those who attended the Christmas Party and all those who support their weekly Tuesday night Bingo (8.30pm—10pm). Your continued support is gratefully appreciated.

**Part-Time Sales Assistant** required for Veritas, Naas. Good Communication and IT Skills required; flexible working hours (retail experience an advantage). Apply in writing enclosing C.V. to The Manager, Veritas, Naas or email [naasshop@veritas.ie](mailto:naasshop@veritas.ie)

**Newsletter:** You can log on to [www.naasparish.ie](http://www.naasparish.ie) click on "current parish newsletter" or "parish newsletter past issues" for past or current issues

# Naas Parish Lotto Draw

**€4,750 that's the Jackpot in the Next Draw on Wednesday coming 4th February.**

**There was no winner of the Jackpot on Wednesday 28th January, numbers drawn were 23 - 6 - 22 - 10.**

The Parish would like to sincerely thank all those who worked so hard to sell tickets in these very difficult economic times and we hope people will continue to support us into the future.

There are many areas in the town where we still need ticket sellers and if you think you could even sell a couple of tickets, on a weekly basis, to your friends, family or neighbour please contact the Parish Offices on the Sallins Road, or in The Church of the Irish Martyrs Ballycane or phone 086 1635994.

Tickets cost €2 each: or an Annual Membership costing €90. You can also pay by Standing Order where €8 per month will be deducted from your bank account. For information contact either of the Parish Offices.

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!!***

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please choose four numbers between 1 and 28 (inclusive) and write them in the boxes** ➡

**Your chosen numbers will be included in all weekly draws for one year.**

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**Self Care For Carers Course:** We are offering this course to those who care for an older or younger family member or relative in a care giving role. The focus of this course is on self care of the Carer and on their emotional health and well-being. The underlying idea is that if a Carer can recognise and acknowledge their own needs and manage their own well-being, it follows that the person they care for will benefit. The course will take place in the Further Education & Training Centre Jigginstown. For further information phone 045 881863/881106.

**National Pancake Annual Party** in support of the National Children's Hospital, Tallaght takes place between 13th-17th February. If you would like to host a Pancake Party simply register online at [www.pancakeparty.ie](http://www.pancakeparty.ie) or phone 01 4142375.

**Annual Memorial Mass for deceased Civilian Employees of the Defence Forces,** including the Curragh Camp, Devoy Barraacks Naas, Magee Barracks Kildare and Coolmoney Camp will take place on Friday, 6th February 2015 at 10am in St Brigid's Church, the Curragh Camp. Relatives and friends of the deceased are invited to attend. Refreshments will be available after Mass in McDonagh Catering Centre until 12 noon.

**Theology Matters!** Why not join our enthusiastic student community and study theology from home or in class. Application deadline 23rd February 2015 by email: [enquiries@prioryinstitute.com](mailto:enquiries@prioryinstitute.com) or phone the Priory Institute at 01 4048124.

**Thought For The Week:**

*Don't put off for tomorrow what you can do today; Because if you enjoy it today, you can do it again tomorrow.*

