Parish Newslett

Second Sunday of Lent 1st March 2015

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of your breathing; one minute to thank God that you are aware of his breath of life in you; one minute to say sorry for something you said or did (probably in the heat of the moment) which you now regret; one minute to pray for another person; and finally, one minute to pray for yourself! That's it! Repeat daily and you will be truly transfigured by Good Friday!

Operation Transfiguration"

As we settle into our Lenten journey of prayer, fasting and almsgiving, all aimed at getting closer to the heart and mind of Christ, I offer a few simple exercises to help us transform and transfigure ourselves! And they are not at all demanding, but will help us to get in touch with ourselves and step back from the noise and constant activity which is our modern world.

Find a comfortable place in your home and just sit quietly for 5 minutes, that's all, 5 minutes. Then take one minute to quieten down by becoming aware

Meanwhile we begin our Confirmation celebrations at this time. Please pray for our children as they open their young hearts to the Gifts of The Holy Spirit. This beautiful Sacrament gives them the necessary tools to face the complex challenges of teenage life in a positive frame of mind, knowing they are never alone. For them, and for ourselves too, we pray,

Mark 9: 2-10

"Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful".

Happy Lent.



Dear Brothers and Sisters:

In our continuing catechesis on the family, we now reflect on the importance o brothers and sisters. Growing up in a family with other children is a profound human experience which is fulfilled in Christ,

who became our brother and made us children of God our Father.

The story of Cain and Abel shows that we are indeed our brothers' keeper (cf Gen 4:9) within the human family. In families, we learn how to be good brothers and sisters; what we

learn at home then becomes a source of enrichment for society as a whole. The grace of Christ leads us to see others as our brothers and sisters, reconciles differences and divisions, and offers the promise of a society of true freedom and equality.

The experience of fraternal love in families is seen especially in the care shown to our children with special needs. Jesus teaches us that this same love must be shown to all our brothers and sisters, especially those in greatest need.

May our often impersonal societies learn to foster a spirit of brotherhood, and may families everywhere come to appreciate the great blessing of God found in our young who love, and are loved, as brothers and sisters.

PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION

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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: 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

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

Naas:

Julia Keenaghan, Roselawn Dermot McNamara, Sallins Road Margaret Moran, Caragh Meadows



Sallins:

Pat Whelan, Castlesize Park Road Lynda Hendy nee Johnson, Kilmeague

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

RECENT BAPTISMS

Naas:

Liam Daniel Conor Ó Baoill, Jigginstown Kate Mary Warren, Aylmer Park Ruby Eve O'Keeffe, Osberstown Park Louie James Quigley, Oakfield Park Keira Noelle McMahon, Morell Avenue Jake William John Murphy, Sallins Bridge Mikolaj Piotr, Punchestown Gate Lucy Anne Fleming, Dun na Riogh Glade Cillian Stephen Butler Cox, Hazelmere

Two Mile House:

Heather Eve Conroy, Ashgrove Crescent

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

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.'

Live Streaming of Services Please note that all services in the Church of Our Lady and St. David are broadcast live to the internet

Audio Reflections continue today Sunday and over the next four Sundays of Lent, members of the Parish communications committee will present an audio reflection on the theme of the Sunday Gospel. These short reflections are provided as an aid to your own personal reflection and prayer and can be found on our parish website at www.naasparish.ie

Lenten Talks: The Story of Vatican II continues tomorrow, Monday night 2nd March, Fr PJ Madden and Deacon Fergal O'Neill will present a series of classes on the story of Vatican II. Classes will be held as usual in the main foyer of Ballycane Church from 8pm until 9.15pm. All welcome.

- Lenten Station collection will take place at all Masses this weekend 28th February/1st March
- Preparation for Easter you are invited to pray the Lenten Reflection sessions each Tuesday morning during Lent. The sessions will take place in the Parish Meeting Rooms, Sallins Road continuing on Tuesday coming 3rd March after 10am Mass and will be led by Sr Peggy Cleary.
- Reflections on the Stations of the Cross will take place during Lent on Friday evenings after 7.30pm Mass in the Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane.
- Marian Movement Cenacle next meeting on Saturday coming, 7th March in the Church of Our Lady and St David after the 10am Mass. All welcome.
- Months Mind Mass for the late Paddy Murphy, Bawnogues, Ballymore Eustace, will take place on Saturday coming 7th March in the Church of Our Lady and St David at 6pm.
- Naas Local History Group Illustrated talk 'In Search of Mausolea Hibernic' by Ger McCarthy in Naas Community Library on Tuesday coming 3rd March at 7pm (please note change of time). All welcome.
- Free Information Evening for those interested in Dementia will take place in Craddock House Nursing Home on Wednesday coming 4th March at 7pm. To register phone Bernie at 087 6594860
- Clothes Collection supporting the Friends of Calcutta will be held on Friday coming 6th March at Ballycane Church Car Park from 1.45pm to 2.30pm.
- **Holy Ghost Missions** as part of our Diocesan Mission appeal the Holy Ghost Fathers will be with us next weekend 7th and 8th March in our four churches.
- **Lenten Triduum** In preparation for Holy Week, Naas Parish Pastoral Council is hosting three evenings of celebration from Wednesday 25th to Friday 27th March in Church of Irish Martyrs, Ballycane at 7.30pm. More details will follow.
- Mass of the Sick will be celebrated on Saturday 28th March at 11am at in the Church of The Irish Martyrs, Ballycane. The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will take place during the Mass. Everyone welcome to come along.
- The Parish Office is now open Saturday morning's from 10am to 11am for Mass Cards only.
- **Cooking Demonstration** in association with Pieta House will be held at Nolan's High Class Butchers

- Poplar Square on Friday 6th Saturday 7th March, with Celebrity Chef Martin. Spot prizes and tastings on both days. Call in and enjoy, you will be supporting a worthy charity.
- Naas Musical Society presents the hilarious Gershwin show 'Crazy For You' at the Moat Theatre from Saturday 7th to Friday 13th March at 8pm. Sunday 8th March is family night with a performance 6.30pm. There will be concessions for Senior Citizens Tuesday night. Phone 883030 for bookings.
- Naas CBS and St Mary's College Fundraiser A
 Celebration of Music and Song: Featuring Soprano
 Celine Byrne, Tenor Patrick Hyland and Baldonnell
 Singers Saturday 14th March at 8pm in the Church
 of Our Lady and St David. Tickets from Parish
 Office, Barker/Jones, CBS and St Mary's College.
- St Vincent de Paul helpline number 045 897306.

SALLINS PARISH NEWS

- Lenten Station collection will take place at all Masses this weekend 28th February/1st March.
- **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** on Tuesday coming 3rd March from 10.30am to 11am.
- Clothes Collection supporting the Friends of Calcutta will be held on Friday coming 6th March at Sallins Church car park from 12.30pm to 1.30pm.
- **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 Each year Sallins Lourdes Pilgrimage invite a number of sick people from the Parish to join them on their Pilgrimage. If you or a member of your family would like to be considered contact Rita directly at 087 6535112.

TWO MILE HOUSE PARISH NEWS

- Two Mile House I.C.A next meeting tomorrow Monday 2nd March 8pm in The Brown Bear. Our guest this month will deliver a talk and slideshow on his recent expedition to Everest Basecamp. The talk begins at 9pm and is open to anyone, non members and members of other guilds. New members most welcome.
- Clothes Collection supporting the Friends of Calcutta will be held on Friday coming 6th March at the Church car park from 12.30pm to 1.30pm.

Naas Parish Lotto Draw

€5,750 that's the Jackpot in the Next Draw on Wednesday coming 4th March.

There was no winner of the Jackpot on Wednesday 25th February, numbers drawn were 5-18-17-28.

- 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.		

GENERAL NOTICES

Parish Finances

Sallins: Baskets: €655 Envelopes: €405

Naas: Offertory €3,264 Development Fund €3,815

Two Mile House: €590 Sports Lottery Results

Naas: 12/2 (7-18-21-24) No winner Jackpot €3,700 Sallins: 23/2 (11-15-23) No Winner Jackpot €4,600 Naas United: 23/2 (6-27-28-30) No Winner €3,000

Coeliac Parishioners We would like to remind you that low gluten hosts are available for distribution at every Mass in all Churches. If you wish to receive come forward to the Sanctuary at Communion time where a minister will gladly distribute the appropriate host.

Many Congratulations We congratulate Naas General Hospital on their recent achievement.

They received a National Award in End of Life Care. This recognises their wonderful Solas and related services, which resulted from enormous effort by Sr Mary Lawlor, Hospital Chaplain and her dedicated team of staff and volunteers. It also reflects the generosity of the people of Naas and surrounding areas. They also received National Awards in Project Search, Cardiology Nurse, and Pharmacy. Well done everybody!

Road Safety Authority Child Car seat Checking Service will take place on Thursday 12th March at Naas Supervalu Car Park from 10am to 5.30pm

Maynooth Bethany Bereavement Support Group are holding a talk on Bereavement on Wednesday 11th March at 8pm in the Glenroyal Hotel, Maynooth admission is free. Maynooth Bethany Contact MobileNo: 086 2700740.