



NAAS SALLINS TWO MILE HOUSE NEWSLETTER



Mass Times: Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (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

Hi There,

This is supposed to be an introduction, but can I tell you right at the start that no matter what I tell you, it'll only be partly true. You'll learn more of the truth about me from your own observations as we go along. So, here we go. My name is Declan and I was ordained in Kiltegan in 1973 and went to Kenya. I lived in various parts of it, in the desert, up the mountains and in a shanty town. In the late eighties I was asked to work in Armagh and stayed there for about seven years. I then went to Zimbabwe for a few years but was asked to take over a parish outside London, which I did. I spent some time at home as a chaplain in Vincent's in Dublin, while my mother was dying. After that I was invited to go and work in Newfoundland, in Canada, which I did for another seven years. Various surgeons have been chopping pieces off my back over the years - more so in recent years - so, I am not as agile as I used to be. I say that I suffer from what my mother and her side of the family gave me on my first birthday - arthritis! I'm sure many of you know what I am talking about.

I have experienced the Church in many forms and in some ways we are all the same, however in other ways we are very different. To a great extent the Church I have served has been a Church made up of people, not buildings. Often in Africa, when I went to say Mass, it didn't happen in a building. Often it would take place under a tree - if you were lucky. Sometimes the people got the shade and I had to stand out under the sun! But even that taught me a thing or two. As my mother would have said: it was good for me, in case I got notions of myself! I learnt to adapt and others had to adapt as well - people had to get used to me saying Mass in a floppy hat or under an umbrella. I don't think I'll have to do that around here.

Let me just say to you all, how touched I am at your welcome. You really are great and generous to a fault. Please, don't be too generous, because as you will see, doctors are trying to tell me to cut down on things. As you will see, I don't always do what I am told!! I am looking forward to getting my feet in under the table, for a few years and getting to know you.

God bless you all.

Declan.

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Priest on Call:
Parish Cover: Fr John Brickley

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

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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 21st: St Peter Damian, bishop and doctor of the Church
Tuesday 22nd: The Chair of Peter, Apostle
Wednesday 23rd: St Polycarp, bishop and martyr

Parish Finances:

Sallins:	Baskets:	€ 778
	Envelopes:	€ 402
Naas:	Offertory:	€4,205
	Development Fund:	€3,780
	Two Mile House:	€ 790

Grateful thanks to all who support our collections.

GAA Lotto:

Sallins: 14/02 Jackpot €1,000: No winner: Numbers
3-20-25 : Venue 21/02: Railway Inn: Jackpot €1,150

Naas: 10/02 Jackpot €5,750: No winner: Numbers:
1-13-14-15: Next weeks' Jackpot €5,900

Splotto / Ballycane Celtic: 13/02 No Winner:
Numbers 9-14-16-24 : Next weeks' Jackpot €3,200

Did you know that you can now read the current
parish newsletter as well as back issues online???
Just log on to www.naasparish.ie click on "current
parish newsletter" or "parish newsletter past issues."

THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY WELCOMES
YOU WITH GREAT JOY!

Naas:

Oisín C O'Rourke Barrett Radharc an Chaisláin
Conor Jayden Black, Radharc an Chaislain
Lucy Ann O'Donoghue, Cois na Feadáin
Cormac James A Donegan, Hollywood Park
Isabela Gerbola, Navan
Aiden Troy Doyle, Sarto Park
Patrick Hubert Gordon, The Park

Sallins:

Ruairí Eibhlin Sherry, Oldtown Villas
Faye Amelia Jacob, Monread Meadows

Two Mile House:

Mark Michael Jolley, Sandymount

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



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

Sallins Parish News

Tuesday Club meets this coming Tuesday, 22nd February from 2pm to 4pm.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction as usual on Friday coming, 25th Feb at 7.30pm.

Church Gate Collection next weekend, 26th & 27th February which will go towards the ongoing running of 'The Community Centre', Sallins.

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

Sallins Annual Pilgrimage to Lourdes takes place from 26th June to 3rd July....7 nights full board. Spiritual Directors: Fr Tom McDonnell and Fr Colum Swan. Further details/bookings contact Rita at 045-861070.

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, you may contact a committee member (names and phone numbers available at back of Sallins church).

Parish Collection Envelopes

The new 'collection envelopes' boxes will be available in the church from this week-end, 19th/20th February. The boxes will be in alphabetical order. New contributors would be most welcome.

If you wish to become a contributor please take a box of envelopes, with a blank label, and write your name and address on the first few envelopes that you use.

Please note: The boxes of envelopes will remain in the Church during the coming few weeks/weekends and you may collect your box at any time during the day when the church is open.

Thank You to all who contribute to our collections.

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DIVINE MERCY PRAYER GROUP immediately after 7.30pm Mass on Wednesday coming, 23rd February in Church of Our Lady and St David, Sallins Road.

Annual Parish Pilgrimage to Medjugorje: 29th April 2011. Cost €599 fully inclusive for 8 nights. Spiritual Director: Fr O'Saorai. For bookings phone John or Catherine Murphy at 045/866233 or 0868563773 or Parish Office, Sallins Road.

Mothers Prayers at the Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane on Wednesdays at 8.15pm. All welcome

Naas Active Retirement Association next meeting Monday 21st February at 1.30pm in Naas Community Centre, Sallins Road.

Ladies and Girls Football: Registration takes place in the GAA Clubhouse today, Sunday 20th February from 10 o'clock to 12 noon. New members welcome.

World Youth Day Madrid 2011: A sincere **Thank You** to all who contributed to the recent collection, which raised €1,860, in support of the young people in our parish attending World Youth Day.

Two Mile House Parish News

Finance Committee Meeting takes place on Thursday 24th February at 9.30am in Fr Paul's.

Liturgy Meeting on Thursday 24th February at 8.15pm in Fr Paul's.

General Notices

Fundraising Dog Night at the Newbridge Stadium on Saturday 26th February in aid of the Kildare Branch of Down Syndrome Ireland. Tickets from Kildare office 045-487584 or Cora 086-0869897.

General continued:

Marriage Awareness Course: next course takes place on 15th 16th April 2011. Courses are held in the Meeting Rooms at the Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane. Application Forms from the Parish Office, Sallins Road. Phone 045 879730

Naas Musical Society's production of 'The Pirates of Penzance' running from Sunday 6th to Saturday 12th March. Bookings at The Moat Box Office, phone 883030. Concessions Monday & Tuesday nights.

Kildare Branch of Arthritis Ireland are holding a Support Group Meeting on Thursday 24th February at 8pm, sharp, in Lumville House, Curragh, Newbridge. This meeting is a chat only meeting and there will not be a guest speaker in attendance. Information leaflets available. Light refreshments will be served.

"Why bother with faith?" Dr Andrew O'Connell, regular columnist with the Irish Catholic newspaper, communications officer for the Presentation Brothers, will speak at Newbridge College on "Why bother with faith?" on Tuesday 1st March at 8pm. His talk is the third in a series of talks about the faith in 2011 organised by the Chaplaincy at Newbridge College. All are most welcome to attend.

Kildare LESN Jobs Club have a new course starting on Monday 28th February. Interview will be held on Tuesday coming, 22nd February. For more details phone the Naas office at 045 895555.

The Moses Foundation in Swaziland; Amy Young, a local girl, studying teaching in Limerick intends volunteering with the Moses Foundation this coming summer, working on an education project for street children in Swaziland, run by an Irish priest Fr Martin McCormack. In order to raise funds Amy is running the Great Limerick Run on 1st May. If you would like to sponsor Amy for this run, Sponsorship Cards are available from the Parish Office, Sallins Road.

Found on the Dublin Road, Naas fancy black purse containing keys and a small sum of money. Phone the Parish Office, Sallins Road at 879730.

Host a Pancake Party and raise money for the National Children's Hospital, Tallaght. Register today by phoning 01 4142375 or register on line at: www.pancakeparty.ie

Story of my Life.....write your own personal autobiography from birth! This booklet has been produced by a group of Transition Year students at the CBS, Naas. Available from the Parish Office, Sallins Road at €5 each. Remember, for every copy sold €1 will go straight to the Jack and Jill Foundation.

