



# NAAS SALLINS TWO MILE HOUSE NEWSLETTER



**Mass Times: The Ascension of the Lord ( Year B)**

**Gospel: Mark 16:15-20**

<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

## Fr. Tom McDonnell RIP

Born in Coolinarrig, Baltinglass, Co. Wicklow, Fr. Tom McDonnell was educated at the local primary school, at Knockbeg College, at Maynooth,(1967-1974) and at Mt Oliver, Dundalk (1976-77) where he did post-graduate study in catechetics.

After Ordination in 1974 he was appointed Curate in Tullow. From 1978-1987 he was Chaplain at Tullow Community School. In 1987 he was appointed Director of Formation at Carlow College and was Vice-President of the College from 1994 to 1996. He was Chancellor of the Diocese of Kildare and Leighlin, assisting Bishop Laurence Ryan, from 1987 until 1998. From 1996 to 2001 he was Curate in Prosperous until he was appointed Parish Priest of Paulstown. Three years later he became Parish Priest of Sallins and in 2006 he was appointed Parish Priest of the combined parishes of Naas, Sallins and Two-Mile-House.

As school-chaplain, catechist, seminary staff-member, diocesan administrator and priest, Fr. Tom exercised his diverse ministries with dedication and competence. He sat on national and regional committees to do with ecclesiastical heritage, church architecture and conservation. He was the driving force behind the Delany Archive project. He was a Trustee of Carlow College and was most supportive of its work.

He will be remembered as a man of considerable intellectual ability, with wide ranging interests, who served Church and Society conscientiously and well for nearly forty years. He was a man of enormous integrity, a dutiful priest and a faithful friend who was held in the highest esteem by his family, his fellow priests and those whom he served across the Diocese of Kildare and Leighlin.

*Requiescat in Pace.*

# Naas-Sallins-Two Mile House-Parish Team

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Fr. Bogdan Wawrzaszek 142 Hazelmere Ph: 045 879792

**Priest on Duty:**  
**Fr Bogdan: Ph 897150**

## 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

## Confessions:

Every Saturday after the 10am Mass in the Church of  
Our Lady and St David, Sallins Road.

Every Saturday after the 11am Mass in the Church of  
The Irish Martyrs, Ballycane.

Parish Website: [www.naasparish.ie](http://www.naasparish.ie)

Naas Parish Email: [naasparishoffice@gmail.com](mailto:naasparishoffice@gmail.com)

Sallins Parish Email: [sallinsparishoffice@gmail.com](mailto:sallinsparishoffice@gmail.com)

Diocesan Website: [kandle.ie](http://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.

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

## NAAS:

Rev Tom McDonnell, Parish Priest  
Colette Cagney, Mill Lane  
Eddie Quinn, Forenaghts  
Padraig Lennon, Borris, brother of Fr Moling



## Sallins:

Con Keane, Kerdiffstown  
Tommy Byrne, Castlifen

Baby Ruadhán Vincent O'Dowd, Rahadoon  
and Baby Emily O'Regan Morell Dale who were  
reborn into heaven during the past week.

*MAY THEY REST IN PEACE*

THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY WELCOMES  
YOU WITH GREAT JOY!

## Naas:

Abbie Elizabeth Sheridan Dunne, Oakfield Pk  
Samuel Patrick Costello Tyrrell, Castlifen  
Kaci Amelia Curtis, Athy  
Nataniel Szmyt Giedrowicz, Aylmer Pk  
Anna Ita Mullins, Aldergrove

## Two Mile House:

Sam David Ivers, Killashee  
Robert George Kennedy, Sundays Well



## 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](http://www.naasparish.ie)

## Parish Finances:

Sallins: Baskets: € 568  
Envelopes: € 437  
Naas: Offertory: €3,653  
Development Fund: €3,665  
Two Mile House: € 582  
Grateful thanks to all who support  
our collections.

## GAA Lotto:

Sallins: 14/05 Jackpot €2,350: Numbers 1-12-19;  
No winner; Venue 21/05: Jackpot €2,500

Naas 10/05 Jackpot €1,600: Numbers 3-18-27-28;  
No winner: Next weeks' Jackpot €1,750.

Splotto/Ballycane Celtic: 13/05 Numbers: 1-10-15-22;  
No Winner: Jackpot 20/05; €6,000

Naas United FC: 13/05 Jackpot €2,700; Number 5-20  
-21-26; No winner; Jackpot 20/05 €2,800

**With Gratitude:**

**As we try to come to terms with the loss of Fr. Tom it is important to share a few thoughts.**

**When trouble hits we often discover what we are made of. We wish to express our gratitude for your sensitivity, offers of help, daily prayer and un-intrusive support during his illness. It meant a lot. With the help and support of many over the week-end we could bid our farewell to our friend, colleague and pastor with fitting Liturgies in Our Lady and St. David's and hospitality next door at McAuley Place.**

**The gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit have blessed our community through human kindness.**

**As the team called to serve you in our three parishes we humbly express our deep gratitude.**

**FEAST AND MEMORIAL DAYS DURING THE COMING WEEK:**

Tuesday 22nd:	St Rita of Cascia, religious
Friday 25th:	St Bede the Venerable, priest and doctor of the Church.
Saturday 26th:	St Philip Neri, priest

## Sallins Parish News

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place on Friday coming, 25th May at 7.30pm.**

**Sallins Conference of Saint Vincent de Paul may be contacted at 085 7052294.**

**Bodenstown Cemetery Mass takes place on Sunday, 1st July at 12noon. There will be no 12noon Mass in Sallins Church on this day.**

## Naas Parish News

**Parish Pastoral Council meeting on Wednesday coming, 23rd May at 8.15pm in the Parish Meeting Rooms on the Sallins Road.**

**Naas Community Library:**

1) **Information Evening** on 'Helping Children and Teens With Aspergers To Make Friends' for parents, teachers and individuals who work with young people with aspergers is taking place in Naas Library on Tuesday coming, 22nd May at 7pm. Issues that will be covered include: exploring the obstacles that can be faced by these children/teens when making friends and methods for enabling friendship development. No reservation required for this free information evening.

2) **Felt Workshop** on Wednesday coming, 23rd May from 10am to 1pm. Workshop in which participants use felt to decorate craft materials such as photo albums or notebooks. Phone 879111.

**Community Games:** Anyone interested in competing for Naas West in the Kildare Athletics Competition in June should contact Larry Dunne at 087 2508015. Age groups U/8 to U/16. You do not have to be a member of an athletics club to compete.

**Naas and Two Mile House Pilgrimage to Lourdes:** From 28th August for 5 nights at Hotel Jeanne D'Arc. **Cost €735** includes full board sharing twin room; return coach from Naas to Dublin Airport, religious programme. Priest Leader, Fr John Brickley. Bookings Abbey Travel, 1b Friary Business Park, Friary Road, Naas. Phone 897756.

**Naas, Sallins and Two Mile House Pilgrimage to the Holy Land** from Tues 16th October to Wed 24th October. Cost €1,440 includes full board hotel accommodation, direct flight including bus to and from airport. Newbridge Travel request anyone interested in going to the Holy land next October to contact them immediately to pay a deposit (**refundable**) to determine their provision of a direct (charter) flight. The tour operator will then make a decision re direct flight, depending on numbers interested. Contact May Lee on 045 449522 Newbridge Travel.

# Two Mile House Parish News

**Parish Pastoral Council**; Meeting Tuesday coming, 22nd May at 8.15pm in the School Staff Room.  
**First Holy Communion** Congratulations to all the children who made their First Holy Communion last weekend. Thanks to all those who helped in their preparation for this special occasion.

**Two Mile House G.A.A. Race Night** in the Brown Bear on Saturday night coming, 26th May at 8pm. Horses and sponsorship available from all members. All support would be appreciated.

**Cemetery Mass**: Our annual Cemetery Mass will take place on Sunday, 8th of July at 11am.

## General Notices

**Vocations**: Do you think you may have a calling to priesthood? Would you like to hear the stories of some who are already in formation? The Vocations Team in Kildare and Leighlin are holding a **COME & SEE** afternoon for those who would like to explore a priestly calling in: **Portlaoise Parish Centre** today, Sunday 20th May from 2.30pm - 5.00pm. For more information contact:  
**Fr. Ruairi O'Domhnaill, 045 434069, ruairiodomhnaill@gmail.com . All are welcome.**

**Youth Space at the IEC** ..... Inviting all 16-25 yr olds..... Would you like to be part of the Kildare & Leighlin pilgrimage to the Youth Space of the International Eucharistic Congress in the RDS Dublin on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> June. The dynamic programme young people will include music from Elation Ministries, powerful speakers and a range of workshops and other fun activities including drama and a concert. There will be transport available locally and the cost for the day if booking with the Diocesan Youth Group will be €10. If you would like more information or to download a booking form check out [www.kandle.ie](http://www.kandle.ie) or call Yvonne 0877788007.

**Naas Lions Club Gala Summer Concert** will take place on Sunday 27th May at 8pm in the Killashee House Hotel, featuring the Baldonnell Singers with special guests Celine Byrne, Paul Linehan and the Army No. 1 Band. Main beneficiary from the proceeds of the concert will be The Moat Theatre, Naas. Tickets from the Moat Theatre, Veritas Shop, Killashee House Hotel and Lawlors Hotel.

**Thank You from the Kildare Branch of Diabetes Federation of Ireland** to all who contributed so generously to, collected for, count or help in any way for the recent church gate collection. The amount collected was €1,175.64c . DFI Kildare Branch appreciate your continued support and you are most welcome to join.

**Hope(D) Helping other people endure depression.** Hope(d) Counselling Service, 3 Limerick Lane, Newbridge has been providing counselling services in the Kildare area for the past 9 years to a broad range of people, particularly those who cannot afford to pay for private counselling. Their qualified Counsellors offer support in numerous areas; depression, suicidal thoughts, anxiety, bereavement, low self esteem, addiction and many more. For appointments ph 087 1513535. "Confidentiality is paramount to our services" Do not allow your financial position to deter you from utilising our counselling services. Just simply donate what you can, if you can.

**Third Age - Senior Help Line** 'Do you need someone to talk to? Senior Help Line is a national confidential listening service for older people provided by trained older volunteers who offer a friendly, listening and non-judgmental ear to all callers, for the price of a local call anywhere in Ireland, **LoCall 1850 440 444**. 'Senior Help Line is open every day and every evening, 365 days a year. For more information see [www.thirdageireland.ie/what-we-do/14/senior-helpline/](http://www.thirdageireland.ie/what-we-do/14/senior-helpline/).

**Car Boot Sale & Flea Market** will be held at Kildare Steiner Waldorf School Rathargid, Gormanstown, Dunlavin, Co. Kildare on Sunday 27th May from 2-5pm (vendor charge of €10 per car). There will also be tea/cakes stand, a children's play area and a HB Ice Cream Party in aid of Down Syndrome Ireland . All welcome.

**Wider Options September 2012**.....An Information meeting will be held on Tuesday 29th May at 10am in St Conleth's Community College, Station Road, Newbridge. Wider Options is a one year programme (morning classes, Mon-Fri) for people who have been unemployed or in the home for a number of years. Limited places.

**Application Forms from the School Secretary, at 431417 or email [stconlethsc@eircom.net](mailto:stconlethsc@eircom.net)**

**Naas Toastmasters** next meeting, Wednesday coming, 23rd May at 8.15pm in the Town House Hotel.