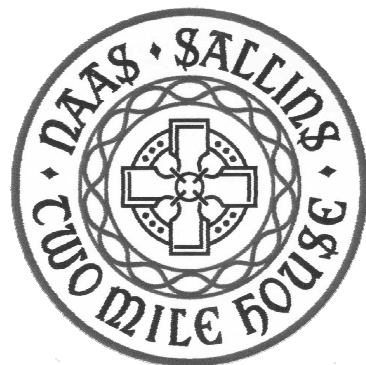


# Parish Newsletter

Fourth Sunday of Advent  
21st December 2014

No 1481

Luke: 1: 26-38



Look  
your God is coming  
ISAIAH 35:4

Christ in a new way. In light of the horrible slaughter of innocent children a few days ago in Pakistan, and other wanton violent acts in our world, we need Christ and his message more than ever.

Pray the Christmas Novena prayer (below), earnestly, that Christmas PEACE will take hold in the hearts of world leaders and bring all violence to an end.

## **"Hail, full of Grace, the Lord is with you"**

Today we hear the beautiful Gospel of the Annunciation, and witness Mary's conversation with the angel Gabriel.

In a few days time we will share her joy as Christ, her Son and our Saviour's Birthday is celebrated worldwide! And, if we have prayed for his coming during our Advent journey, we too will be full of grace, even as we are full of food, on Christmas Day.

In the remaining few days let us try to focus on the event which is at the heart of Christmas, and open our hearts and homes to welcome

***Hail and blessed be the hour and moment in which the Son of God was born of the most pure Virgin Mary at midnight, in Bethlehem, in piercing cold. In that hour, vouchsafe, O my God, to hear my prayer and grant my desire, through the merits of our Saviour Jesus Christ, and of His blessed Mother, Mary, Amen.***

## **Reflection:**

Yes!

When Mary said 'yes' to the Incarnation  
she said yes to God and promised  
that she would centre her life  
On God's invitation to be the mother of his Son.

She said 'yes' to new life  
She said 'yes' to faith that God would look after her,  
She said 'yes' to trust that God would not let her down,  
She said 'yes' to hope that her son would find his way  
in life; and isn't all this like any mother or father,  
As they await new life?

She said 'yes' to her questions about pregnancy  
and about marriage,  
and did not expect easy answers;  
she would be patient with life and with God.

Did she not think of this 'yes' to her trust in God  
When she heard of her cousin's pregnancy,  
When she found no room at the Inn  
When she watched Jesus being rejected  
And when she stood at the foot of the Cross?

If we say 'yes' to faith, to hope and to love,  
If we say 'yes' with thanks and with trust,  
If we say 'yes' to God's grace in our lives,  
We will never be alone.

## 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

Thursday 25th: The Nativity Of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Friday 26th: St Stephen, martyr

Saturday 27th: St John, apostle and evangelist

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

Martin Walsh, Mountain view.

***May he rest in peace***



### RECENT BAPTISMS

#### **Naas:**

Lucy Ann Brennan, Lakelands  
Sienna Jayne Burke, Monread Crescent  
Sadhbh Evie Nolan, Hazelmere  
Darragh Edward O'Connell, The Waterways  
Olivia Grace Butler, Hollywood Park  
Martin Christopher Mongan, St Michaels Tce.



#### **Two Mile House:**

Isabelle Grace Cahill, Old Caragh Court  
Charlee Grace Fahey, College Wood

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/)

## 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

**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.'**

### NAAS PARISH NEWS

**Christmas Collection in support of the Priests of the Parish will take place at all Masses on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.**

**Naas Parish Envelope Collection 2015** Boxes of Envelopes for Naas Parish Development Fund collection are being distributed in the church porches at all masses this weekend. Your support for this collection is vital and as always very much appreciated. It would greatly facilitate accurate record-keeping for tax relief purposes if you could please write your name and address on the first few envelopes you return. **Thank you! Naas Parish Pastoral Council.**

**Blood Donors Needed** The Irish Blood Transfusion mobile unit team will be at Scoil Bhride, Oldtown, Naas, to-day Sunday 21st and tomorrow Monday 22nd from 5pm to 8.30pm. Blood donors are especially needed at this time.

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

**Marian Movement Cencale** meets every month in the Church of Our Lady and St David at 10.30am. Next meeting will be Saturday 3rd January. All welcome.

**Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord** Sunday 11th January. If you would like to have your child baptised during any of the morning Masses on this day please contact the Parish Office.

**The Naas Chase** a charity treasure hunt with a twist, on Monday 29th December. Registration at the Moat Theatre at 12.30pm. All money raised to Barretstown. Phone 087 2653640 for more details.

**Gaol Mile Naas** The Goal Mile will take place as usual on Christmas morning, meeting at the GAA Club. Mile Circuit is Monread Park. Registration/Donations at the Club from 11am to 12noon. Sponsorship Cards available. For more Information phone Morgan 086 8448530.

**Parish Lotto** There was no winner of the Jackpot on Wednesday last 17th, the numbers drawn were 23- 20 -10 -13. Please note there will be No Lotto Draws on Christmas Eve or New Year's Eve. The next draw will be on Wednesday 7th January 2015 when the Jackpot will be €3,750. The Lotto Committee would like to thank all the ticket sellers and all the people who continue to support our draw and wish you and all your families and very Happy and Holy Christmas and every good wish for 2015. Remember you can join the Lotto anytime.

**The Parish Offices** will close on Wednesday 24th at 1pm and re-open at 10am on Friday 2nd January.

### **SALLINS PARISH NEWS**

**Christmas Collection in support of the Priests of the Parish will take place at all Masses this weekend.**

**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, and for new contributors please remember to write your name and address on the first few envelopes you return. Thank you.

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** will resume on Tuesday 6th January.

**Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord** Sunday 11th January. If you would like to have your child baptised during any of the morning Masses on this day please contact the Parish Office.

**Santa is Arriving** by barge into Sallins to-day Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December at 1.30pm. Santa will meet the

children at the tented area in Supervalu. There will be face painting and Craft Market run by the 23<sup>rd</sup> Sallins Scouts and The Millicent Singers.

**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.

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

### **GENERAL NOTICES**

#### **Parish Finances**

Sallins: Baskets: €718 Envelopes: €320

Naas: Offertory: €4,501 Development Fund: €3,819

Two Mile House: €572

#### **Sports Lottery Results**

Naas 11/12 (10-11-21-26) No Winner Jackpot €2,500.

Sallins 15/12 (18-23-26) No Winner, Jackpot €3,400.

Naas United FC 15/12 (5 -8-10-18) No Winner; €3,000

Splotto: Ballycane Celtic: No Results.

**Owen Lynch and Choir 'O Holy Night'** Concert takes place tonight Sunday 21st December at 8.30pm in Newbridge Parish Church. For tickets phone at Veronica 087 794 0850.

**6th Annual Curragh Dog Walk** The walk is organised by volunteers and raises funds for Kildare Animal Foundation and LittleHill Animal Sanctuary. The walk takes place on Sunday 4th January at 12noon. Walkers meet at the TRI car park opposite the racecourse entrance. Donations will be collected on the day. All welcome, with or without dog. Enquiries to Aine Corcoran 085 7117271.

**Trócaire Christmas Gifts** are now on sale and can make a life-changing difference to families in some of our poorest countries. Log on to [trocaire.org/gifts](http://trocaire.org/gifts).

**Smash and Grab and the Seven Dwarfs** extra show, due to demand, on Friday 2nd January 2015 at 3pm. Booking from Moat Box Office at 883030.

**The Carers** Association are providing QQI (Fetac) Level 5 Healthcare Support training in the Naas area in January 2015, for information contact the training unit on 057 9322920.

**Found** An Engagement Ring was found in a Christmas 'Shoe Box' by the organisers of Team Hope. Owner please text a short description to 085 1907763.

**Lost** set of keys on Main street two weeks ago. If found phone 085 7373573.

# Christmas 2014

## Penance Service:

Naas: Our Lady and St David's 8pm Monday 22nd December

Sallins: Our Lady and The Guardian Angel's 7pm Tuesday 23rd December

## Confessions .....Christmas Eve:

Naas: Our Lady and St David's Church: 10.30am—1pm.

## Masses Christmas Eve and Christmas Day:

### Our Lady and St David's Church:

Christmas Eve	5pm	7pm	9pm	12 Midnight
Christmas Day	8am	9.30am	11am	12.30pm

### Irish Martyrs Church:

Christmas Eve	5pm	7pm	9pm
Christmas Day	10.30am	12 noon	

### Our Lady and Guardian Angels Church, Sallins:

Christmas Eve	6.30pm	9pm
Christmas Day	10am	12 noon

### St Peter's Church, Two Mile House:

Christmas Eve	9pm
Christmas Day	11am

## Weekday Masses:

### From Friday 26th To Thursday 1st January (inclusive):

10am Mass only in Our Lady and St David' Church.

No other weekday Mass in Ballycane or Sallins.

### First Friday, 2nd January:

Our Lady and St David: 7.30am and 10am

Irish Martyrs: 7.30pm

Sallins: 10am

Two Mile House: 7pm

*(Normal Mass schedule resumes on Monday 5th January)*

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