

Parish Newsletter

First Sunday of Lent
22nd February 2015

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Mark 2: 1-12



the practice of family prayer even one evening a week (a simple grace before meals is powerful!)? Likewise, there are so many easy ways to cut down on visits to the fridge or fast food outlets. Just decide NOT to eat or drink certain things for a week at a time and it becomes much easier! And then give the money saved to TROCAIRE, through the box you can bring home from the church and place in your kitchen.

"OPERATION TRANSFORMATION OF THE SOUL"

For weeks now we have seen and heard on radio and tv about the crowds who have signed on for a period of serious exercise and dieting, aimed at getting the body back in shape! Put simply, LENT offers a similar opportunity to get the soul back in shape too! How, you may ask. Well it is a simple and easy to use formula: PRAYER, FASTING, ALMSGIVING. Can you commit to an extra rosary decade, a visit to a church, a time before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, reading a chapter of a spiritual book, especially with a child? Can you renew

Now you are already almsgiving and reminding yourself of those who have no food this day, who are our brothers and sisters in Christ. TROCAIRE helps them, in Jesus name and yours, to have at least some dignity in their inhuman conditions. In doing all these things in LENT, for Christ and our own good, we grow more aware that we are all one human family, sharing the earth and it's goodness, which reflects God's goodness in all of us. From this flows reverence and respect for each other and all God's creation. Now we are truly into OPERATION TRANSFORMATION OF THE SOUL! Happy LENT to you all!



Dear Brothers and Sisters:

In our continuing catechesis on the family, we now reflect on the importance and role on children.

The prophecy of Isaiah which we listened to at the beginning of this Audience speaks of the joy and hope which children bring to their parents. Children are the fruit of their parents' love and a gift of God, whose own infinite love bestows inviolable dignity and worth upon each person who comes into the world.

The Fourth Commandment, which enjoins respect for parents, invites us to see in the relationship between the generations a sacred

bond which affects every other relationship and ensures a sound future for society as a whole.

The Church's concern for the responsible and generous transmission of God's gift of life is thus linked to the health of society, which is strengthened, renewed and enriched by the presence of the young.

May Jesus, Son of God and son of a human family, help us, and society as a whole, to value the gift of life, the dignity of the family, and our responsibility to help young people look to the future with joy, hope and courage.

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SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN PARISH REPRESENTATIVES

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

"THOSE WHO DIE IN GRACE GO BUT TO GOD

AND GOD IS VERY NEAR"

Naas:

John Fitzgerald, St Joseph's Road

Sallins:

John McDonagh, Sallins Wharf



MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

RECENT BAPTISMS

Naas:

Cillaian Patrick Breen, Roseville

Two Mile House:

Tadhg Brett, Mullacash



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.'

Audio Reflections Starting today Sunday and over the next five 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 11; continuing tomorrow, Monday night 23rd February, Fr PJ Madden and Deacon Fergal O'Neill will present a series of classes on the story of Vatican 11. Classes will be held as usual in the main foyer of Ballycane Church from 8pm until 9.15pm. Tea and coffee will be served afterwards. All welcome.

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 24th February 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.

Fr Liam Lawton's Eternal workshop takes place on Wednesday coming 25th February in Ballycane Church, at 8.30pm. €10 covers Workshop costs.

Lenten Station collection will take place at all Masses next weekend 28th February/1st March.

The Parish Office is now open Saturday morning's from 10am to 11am for Mass Cards only.

Divine Mercy Prayer Group takes place on Wednesday coming 25th February after the 7.30pm Mass in the church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane. It will include the usual prayers and also a special prayer for our Country. Blessing with Relic of St Faustina will also be available. All welcome.

Cake Sale parents council of the Gael Scoil are having a cake sale today Sunday 22nd February from 9 am to 12 pm in the Community Centre, beside the Parish Church. Please support.

Free Digital Photography Workshop as part of the Aontas Adult Learners Festival, this workshop will take place on Tuesday coming 24th February in the Library from 10am to 11am. Booking is required, phone 879111 to reserve your place.

Naas Active Retirement Assoc Members only meeting on Wednesday coming 25th Feb at 2pm.

The Alzheimer Café continues in McAuley Place, next meeting is on Wednesday coming 25th February from 7pm, the speaker is Dr Brendan O Shea, presenting 'Think Ahead', the guide for discussing and recording peoples preferences in the event of emergency, serious illness or death.

Naas Flower and Garden Club next meeting on Thursday coming 26th February at 7.45pm in the Care of The Aged Centre. Visitors Welcome

Table Quiz for Scoil an Linbh Íosa, Ballycane, will take place in Naas GAA on Friday coming 27th February at 8pm. Tickets from school reception or at the door on the night. Please support.

Naas Local History Group 'St David's Day Welsh Flag Hoisting' at Naas Town Hall Steps on Saturday coming 28th February at 3pm. All welcome.

St Mary's College annual Transition Year Musical 'Bugsy Malone' runs from Wednesday 4th to Saturday 7th March. Tickets on sale in the school from Monday 23rd February at lunchtimes only, or on the door each night.

Trócaire's Lenten campaign 2015 highlights the injustice faced by many in the developing world who have to cope with drought and increasing

temperatures because of climate change. The very people who have done least to cause this situation are the ones suffering most. To find out more visit trocaire.org/lent. **Trocaire Boxes** are now available in the Church Porches or the Parish Offices. Please take one for you home or workplace.

Naas Get Active Again Walk and Talk at your own pace, every Tuesday and Thursday at 7.45pm from the GAA Clubhouse, 30 minutes total activity. Everybody welcome, just turn up.

St Vincent de Paul helpline number 045 897306.

SALLINS PARISH NEWS

Lenten Station collection will take place at all Masses next weekend 28th February/1st March.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Tuesday coming 24th 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 Friday 12th June for 7 nights. Anyone intending to travel should contact Rita at 087 6535112 as seats are limited, €200 booking deposit now due, as seats are not guaranteed. 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 can contact Rita directly.

GENERAL NOTICES

Parish Finances

Sallins: Baskets: €744 Envelopes: €470
Naas: Offertory €3,470 Development Fund €3,834
Two Mile House: €550

Sports Lottery Results

Naas: 12/2 (7-18-21-24) No winner Jackpot €3,700
Sallins: 16/2 (5- 26 -31) No Winner Jackpot €4,450
Naas United: 16/2 (11-12-23-29) No Winner €3,000

Medjugorje Annual Parish Pilgrimage takes place this year from Wednesday 27th May for 7 nights. Cost of Pilgrimage €609. Booking deposit €100. Phone John or Catherine at 086 8563773.

Found Bankers Card on Wednesday 18th February at the 7.30pm Mass in Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane. Phone Parish office 879730.

Naas Parish Lotto Draw

€5,500 that's the Jackpot in the Next Draw on Wednesday coming 25th February.

There was no winner of the Jackpot on Wednesday 18th February, numbers drawn were 22 –20 -21 -12.

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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Thank You from the Parent Teacher association of Scoil an Linbh Íosa, Ballycane for supporting their recent flag day collection which raised €3,958.50.

St John of God Hospital will open the Kildare County Stress Clinic on 24th March, for the purpose of providing quality treatment programmes to help people manage pressure and to prevent detrimental effects. The Clinic will be located at the Vista Primary Care Centre, Ballymore Road, Naas. In advance of the opening of the clinic two public lectures will take place on Monday 2nd and 9th March from 8pm to 9.30pm at the Osprey Hotel, admission free.

Irish Cancer Society Daffodil Centres in Dublin are currently recruiting new volunteers to add to their team in the Hermitage Medical Centre Lucan, St Luke's Hospital, Rathgar and Tallaght. If you would like more information on becoming a

trained volunteer phone 01/2316635 or email cmcguinness@irishcancer.ie. Closing date for receipt of applications is Sunday 1st March.

The Big C Choir a group of cancer survivors and friends, will be in concert on Friday 24th April in The Church of Our Lady, Blessington. The Choir has resumed rehearsals in Naas and welcome new members, especially men. We are a friendly group and there are no auditions, just come along and sing. If you are a cancer survivor or have a special interest in raising funds for cancer charities. Call Christine on 087 0547213.

Thought For The Week:

Instruction does much,
but encouragement does more.
Therefore, encourage one another,
and build one another up, just as you are doing.

