

Parish Newsletter

Fifth Sunday of Lent
22nd March 2015

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John 12: 20-30



assurance that we too will be lifted up to Heaven as adopted children, free from sin by his redeeming grace.

In order to prepare for this, we are encouraged to enter this last phase of Lent in a spirit of thanksgiving and asking for the grace needed to live lives away from sin and close to Christ in every way.

"When I am Lifted Up I Will Draw all People to Myself"

In today's Gospel, Jesus clearly addresses us who have been journeying through Lent seeking, through prayer, fasting and almsgiving, to be better disciples.

Now, the emphasis turns to his impending journey to Calvary where he takes our sins and offers himself to God our Father as the eternal sacrifice in atonement for those sins. By his power, as God's Son, we are granted the

This requires sacrifice on our part, but look at the sacrifice he made to secure the graces necessary for us.

We can access these graces especially through participating in the Triduum next week in Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane, and in the Lenten Penitential service in Our Lady and St David on Wednesday 1st April.

As Easter approaches may your heart move from fear to hope in the Mercy of Christ and the unconditional love of Our Father.

Festival of Light and Hope: Lenten Triduum - Ready for Holy Week?

As the season of Lent draws to a close, the Pastoral Council for Naas Parish is delighted to host three significant events of celebration around our faith. These will take place each evening at 7.30pm in the Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane on:

Wednesday 25th March: Rob Clarke, CEO Spirit Radio, "Behold the Handmaid of the Lord"

Thursday 26th March: Julie Kavanagh, Pastoral Resource Person for K&L "Our journey through Holy Week"

Friday 27th March: Geraldine Faherty, Safeguarding Children Representative "Christ, our Light and our Hope"

The festival will incorporate Mass on Wednesday and Friday evenings and a special celebration of our faith on Thursday evening. Music will be provided by the Parish Choirs on each evening.

Mass of the Sick will be celebrated on Saturday coming, 28th March at 11am in the Church of The Irish Martyrs, Ballycane. The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will take place during the Mass. Refreshments will be served afterwards.

PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION

PRIEST ON DUTY: 085 708 8407

PARISH WEBSITE: www.naasparish.ie

NAAS AND SALLINS PARISH OFFICE Tel 879730 Fax 894287

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Opening Hours: Monday to Friday 10am to 1pm

PARISH TEAM

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FR. LIAM MORGAN Curates House 949576

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DN. FERGA 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

FEAST AND MEMORIAL DAYS FOR THE COMING WEEK:

Tuesday 24th : St Macartan, bishop

Wednesday 25th: The Annunciation of the Lord

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

Naas:

Michael Grehan, Dún na Riogh Drive,

Eilish Gleeson, Alymer Park

Jimmy O'Neill, formerly Caragh Road who died in England

Rosie Nicholson nee Higgins, formerly St Corbans Place who died in England

Anne McPherson, nee McGarr, formerly Jigginstown who died in Scotland

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

RECENT BAPTISMS

Naas:

Samuel David Clancy, Rathasker Heights

Shea Andrew Cummins, Aylmer Park

Grace Anne O'Riordan, Jigginstown Park

Cody Koa Broe, Oldbridge Station

Grace Amelia Seery, Oldbridge Station



For those requesting the Sacrament of Baptism two

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

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.'

Lenten Talks: The Story of Vatican II the last presentation in the present series will take place tomorrow Monday 23rd March in the main foyer of Ballycane Church from 8pm until 9:15pm. Deacon Fergal O'Neill will present an overview of 'Gaudium et Spes' one of the most important documents of Vatican II. Tea and Coffee will be served afterwards. All welcome.

Divine Mercy next meeting on **tomorrow Monday 23rd** at 7.10pm in the Church of The Irish Martyrs, Ballycane. **Note change in night.** All welcome.

Preparation for Easter The final session will take place on Tuesday coming 24th March in the Parish Meeting Rooms, Sallins Road, after 10am Mass.

Reflections on the Stations of the Cross will take place during Lent on Friday evenings after 7.30pm

Mass at the Church of The Irish Martyrs, ballycane

Chrism Mass You are warmly invited to join with Bishop Denis and the Priests of the diocese in the Cathedral, Carlow on Monday coming 30th March at 7.30pm. During this Mass the Holy Oils that will be used across the diocese for all Sacraments will be blessed and the priests of the diocese will renew their vows. It promises to be a very special occasion. All most welcome.

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

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

Annual Daffodil Day takes place on Friday coming 27th March in aid of the Irish Cancer Society. Please support.

Naas Toastmasters Club are calling all Toastmasters, past and present, to join in the 25th Anniversary celebrations on Friday coming 27th March at 7.30pm in Lawlors Hotel. For tickets and further information contact James Ferris at 086 3817877.

Naas Access Group are a new Voluntary Group who meet monthly to discuss and try to help people with serious illness's, disabilities, and the elderly, to live, shop and travel safely day to day in the local community. We work with in conjunction with Kildare County Council and local businesses and shops to try and let everybody have a safe journey. If you would like to join, meet new people and make new friends. The group will be holding a public meetings in Ballycane Church Parish Centre on Wednesday coming 25th March at 2pm and 8pm. All welcome.

Naas and Two Mile House Pilgrimage to Lourdes travelling on Wednesday 2nd September for 5 nights, staying at Hotel Padoue. Cost is €739 per person sharing. Deposit €100. Booking at the Parish Office, Sallins Road. Spiritual Director Fr. John Brickley.

St Vincent de Paul helpline number 045 897306.

Brian Brady Youth Theatre presents *West Side Story* from 26th to 29th March at 8pm at the Moat Theatre. For bookings phone 883030.

McAuley Bridge Club continues on Fridays at 1.15pm sharp. All welcome.

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

SALLINS PARISH NEWS

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Tuesday coming 24th March from 10.30am to 11am.

Confessions available in Sallins Church every Thursday afternoon from 2pm -4pm.

Monster Easter Egg Raffle and Cake Sale will take place on Sunday coming 29th March after 10am and 12pm Masses in the Community Centre Sallins. All proceeds will go towards the purchase of a new Organ for the Church. Tickets for the raffle will be on sale on that weekend after all Masses. Please give your support.

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

GENERAL NOTICES

Parish Finances

Sallins: Baskets: €902 Envelopes: €455

Naas: Offertory €3,068 Development Fund €4,075

Two Mile House: €666

Sports Lottery Results

Naas: 12/3 (1- 8-16-23) No winner Jackpot €4,300

Sallins: 16/3 (7-11- 23) No Winner Jackpot €1,300

Naas United: 16/3 (4 -6-19 -29) No Winner €3,000

Marriage Referendum See www.icatholic.ie or the iCatholic player app for new content in regard to the upcoming Marriage Referendum. This includes interview with Archbishop Eamon Martin following publication of statement from Irish Bishops Marriage is important, reflect before you change it.

Passion Play will be staged in Ballylinan, Co. Laois, from Friday 27th March to Good Friday, 3rd April, at 8pm sharp nightly. The cast will bring the story of the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus to life for the audiences. Booking is essential and can be made by phoning 059 86 25125 or email mary@npa.ie

St Pio's Glove will be at in Malone's home Shindella, Rathangan on Sunday coming 29th March from 11.30am to 5.30pm. All welcome.

Medjugorje Annual Parish Pilgrimage takes place from Wednesday 27th May for 7 nights. Cost of Pilgrimage €659. Booking deposit €100. Phone John or Catherine at 086 8563773.

You Could Win

€6,500

**On this Wednesday coming, 25th March in Naas Parish Lotto Draw
Simply Buy A €2 Ticket And It Could Be You**

There was no winner of the Jackpot on Wednesday 18th March, numbers drawn were 15 – 13 – 21 – 14.

Tickets are available from the Parish Office on the Sallins Road, or in The Church of the Irish Martyrs Ballycane .

Lotto Envelopes are also available in the Church Porches, simply complete and drop it into the Parish office before the weekly draw.

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** ➡

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Thank You The Parents' councils in both St Mary's College and Naas CBS wish to sincerely thank all the patrons who supported this joint fundraiser 'A Celebration of Music and Song' which took place in The Church of Our Lady and St David last Saturday 14th March. The audience were treated to a feast of music featuring the world renowned soprano Celine Dunne and the talented tenor Patrick Hyland supported by The popular Baldonnell Singers. Brenda Donohue as compere, also contributed greatly to a very entertaining evening enjoyed by all present.

Diabetes Ireland: Interested in walking the Camino de Santiago while fundraising for Diabetes Ireland this year or maybe you a more experienced hiker and are interested in tackling the Tour du Mont Blanc? If so please contact Diabetes Ireland on 018428118. Further information also available on www.diabetes.ie

Is someone's drinking affecting your life? Al-Anon can help. Meetings every Monday night at 8.15pm in Parish Centre, Ballycane (Tuesday on Bank Holiday Weekend). Also on Wednesdays at 8.30pm in Parish Centre, Newbridge, Thursdays in Áras Bríd, Parish Centre, Kildare.

Did you know that you can read the current parish newsletter as well as back issues online! Log on to www.naasparish.ie click on 'current parish newsletter' or 'parish newsletter past issues'.

Thought For The Week: Moses then raised his hand and struck the rock twice with the branch, water gushed out in abundance, and the community and their livestock drank. March 22nd is World Water Day and is a timely reminder of the millions of people in the world who do not have access to clean water for drinking, washing, sustaining livestock or growing food.



Trócaire continues to work with communities to ensure they have access to this most precious resource.