



NAAS SALLINS TWO MILE HOUSE NEWSLETTER



Mass Times: Third 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

“Follow Me..” – How do I respond?

A great deal has been happening on the political scene this week, with leadership challenges and resignations. Many are calling out for real leadership in these difficult times. But what does that mean? Some people are natural leaders, they have extraordinary charisma. They go into a room and immediately become the centre of attention. They open their mouths and others stop to listen. They start a campaign, or run for office, or found a movement, and people naturally follow. In terms of looks or appearance or rhetorical skill, they may be no great shakes, but there is something about them, an aura, a force that has the power to attract others, that almost compels people to follow.

Jesus had such a personality. In today’s Gospel, at the start of his ministry, as he walks by the Sea of Galilee, he encounters some fishermen working on their nets and he invites them to follow him - and they follow him. They literally drop what they are doing and follow him; they leave everything – families, homes, livelihoods, friends - and follow him. They abandon all to become his followers – not knowing where it will lead, not knowing what the future holds in store. Still, they follow him. Their loved ones must have thought they were mad.

Of course, Simon Peter and the other apostles mentioned in today’s Gospel were not the only ones to give up everything to follow Jesus; countless others down through the centuries have done so too. They also were so attracted by the personality and message of Jesus, and felt the power of his love so strongly, that they were willing to give up everything to be his disciples. In many cases, that meant not only giving up house and home and family, like those in today’s Gospel, but giving up their lives as well.

As baptised Christians, Jesus asks us to follow him. It may not mean literally giving up everything, as the apostles did. It may not mean risking our lives or abandoning our family, but it does mean imitating Jesus and modelling our lives and our values on his. It means making his way of living our way of living.

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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 24th: St Francis de Sales, bishop and doctor of the Church
Tuesday 25th: The Conversion of St Paul, Apostle
Wednesday 26th: Ss Timothy and Titus, bishops
Friday 28th: St Thomas Aquinas, priest and doctor of the Church

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

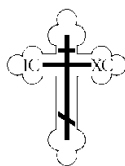
NAAS:

Derek McGrath, Dún na Ríogh Ave

TWO MILE HOUSE:

Willie Comerford, Swordlestown

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE



THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY WELCOMES
YOU WITH GREAT JOY!

Sallins:

Rúairí Tomás O'Shea, Castlesize Drive



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

Parish Finances:

Sallins: Baskets: € 861
Envelopes: € 364
Naas: Development Fund: €3,962
Offertory: €4,094
Two Mile House: € 808

Grateful thanks to all who support our collections.

GAA Lotto:

Sallins: 17/01 Jackpot €1,300: No winner: Numbers
8-19-33: Venue 24/01: The Mill: Jackpot €1,450
Naas: 13/01 Jackpot €5,150: No winner: Numbers:
1-4-17-27 Next weeks' Jackpot €5,300
Splotto /Ballycane Celtic: No Draw

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."

Sallins Parish News

Candlemas Dues Collection takes place at all Masses next weekend, 29th/30th January.

Confirmation: On Wednesday coming, 26th January at 8pm in the Church there will be a Prayer/Reconciliation Service for the Parents/Guardians and pupils of the three confirmation classes. John Lonergan, ex Governor of Mountjoy Prison, will speak on the night.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction as usual on Friday coming, 28th January at 7.30pm.

Catholic Schools Week commences on Sunday next, 30th January 2011. Ms Elaine Mahon, who lectures in St Patrick's Training College for Teachers will speak at the 10am and 12noon Masses on that day. All parents/guardians and teachers are invited.

Organist Required for Sallins Parish on two Saturdays per month for the 6.30pm Mass. If you can help please phone Mary in the Parish Office at 897150.

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

Tuesday Club on Tuesday coming, 25th January from 2pm to 4pm in the Community Centre.

Naas Parish News

St Marie's Conference of St Vincent de Paul, Naas are a visitation group who visit the elderly in their home. If you would like a short visit you can contact the conference at 087 2166779 between 6pm and 8pm

DIVINE MERCY PRAYER GROUP immediately after 7.30pm Mass on Wednesday 26th January in Church of Our Lady and St David, Sallins Rd.

Week of prayer for Christian Unity concludes this coming Thursday, 27th January, in the Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane at 8.30 pm. This service will also include prayers of remembrance for those on the Tree of Remembrance in Tesco's store before Christmas. All are welcome

St Brigid's Crosses will be available in the Parish Office from Thursday coming, 27th January.

Naas Local History Group - Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday coming, January 25th at 7.45 pm in Naas Library. New members welcome. www.kildare.ie/local-history

Naas Active Retirement Assoc are holding their next meeting Monday 24th January at 1.30pm in the Naas Community Centre, Sallins Road.

Thank You Naas. On behalf of St Raphael's Centre, Celbridge we wish to thank you for your very generous support to our Annual Church Gate collection in Naas on the 15th/16th January, with a special thanks to our loyal group of volunteers.

Naas Flower Garden Club next meeting Monday 31st January at 7.45pm in the Teagasc Centre, Friary Road.

Flag Day in aid of St Mary's College, on Fri/Sat, 28th/29th January; your support would be appreciated.

Lost: Lady's prescription glasses between Lakelands-Millbrook-Church Lane during the past week. Phone parish office. **Found:** Nokia mobile phone in Veritas Shop on Sallins Road.

Two Mile House Parish News

Two Mile House G.A.A.: As a mark of respect to the late Willie Comerford RIP, a former chairman of the club, the A.G.M. was postponed this week. The annual Car Draw has been launched. Tickets are €100. Your support is much appreciated. More information from Paddy Casey at 086 8108822.

Faith Friends Programme for Confirmation takes place this Tuesday, the 25th in Killashee School Hall, at 8pm, sharp. All Confirmation candidates are to attend. We thank all the leaders who have given of their time to run this programme.

Do This in Memory Programme takes place today at the 11am Mass.

Liturgy Group meeting this Wednesday, 26th January at 8.15pm in Fr. Paul's.

Development Group meeting this Thursday, 27th January at 8.15pm in Fr. Paul's.

Finance Committee meeting this Thursday, 27th January at 9.30am in Fr. Paul's.

Church Gate Collections

From time to time we receive complaints from parishioners about collections outside the churches.

At Our Lady and St. David's Church collectors often stand in the church grounds in order to 'catch' those who are coming from the car park. At Ballycane Church collectors stand very near the church doors; last weekend one collector stood in the middle of the main door.

I wish to remind all those who receive permits from the Garda for church gate collections that, that is what they are, *church gate collections*. The permits do not allow collectors to trespass on church property.

Accordingly, all collectors at Our Lady and St David's Church must stand outside the gates on the public pathway and must not obstruct Mass goers in any way. Because of the lay out of Ballycane Church grounds and because there are no gates as such I have discussed a compromise with the other members of the parish team. Three collector points, within the church grounds, but well away from the church doors, are being marked on the ground. I ask that all church gate permit holders stand at these points. If collectors at Ballycane do not comply with this arrangement they will be asked to move to the public pathway outside the church grounds.

Tom McDonnell, P.P.

General Notices

Ecumenical Service - Rotary Tree of Remembrance... Remembering loved ones at Christmas. Naas Rotary Club displayed a Remembrance Tree at Tesco Extra Naas in December last. For a small donation people were given the opportunity to remember a loved one by writing their name on a Yellow Ribbon which was then placed on the tree. These ribbons will now be presented at a special Ecumenical Remembrance Service in Ballycane Church on Thursday 27th January 2011 @ 8:30pm. The main beneficiary of the proceeds was Enable Ireland. Other charities both local and international will also benefit. All are welcome. Many thanks to all who donated - every little helped and Naas Rotary Club raised a Total of €6,523

ASIST (Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training) . A two day work shop has been organised by ASIST to take place in Naas on the 5th and 6th March 2011 to provide people in our community with " first aid skills" in preventing suicide. This course is run by ASIST trainers and is an internationally recognized training programme which helps people to become more comfortable and confident in dealing with the immediate risk of suicide. The course is open to anyone over 18 who is interested. This course is provided free of charge to participants, but attendance on both days is essential. For bookings contact Miriam on 087 696 2787 or Mairead Darcy at 045-897134 between 7-9 pm. Places are limited.

Invitation: To 'Poetry Reading' by Mary O'Donnell (Aosdana) on Tuesday coming, 25th January at 7pm in the Boardroom at Naas General Hospital.

Vote For Care of the Aged: 'Naas Care of the Aged' has been short listed in the EBS Building Society National Community Fund Competition. The overall prize is €10,000 and the group that receives the most votes will win. To help their chances can you please vote by clicking on to **www.ebs.ie** From there you can click on the 'National Community Fund Award' box and then select the blue writing which states 'click here...'. You can then pick Naas Care of the Aged from the list of nominees. Naas Care of the Aged provide invaluable services to many people in the locality and it would be great to see this prize going to such a worthy cause. So log on and vote! **The competition is open until the 31st January 2011.**

Kildare LENS Jobs Club new course starting Monday 31st January. Interviews on Tuesday coming, 25th January . Further details from the Naas Office at 045/89555.

Night Classes at Pipers Hill College, Naas (Spring Term 2011). Bookings to the Adult Education Office between 10am and 3pm at 045/898923 or on line www.kildarevec.ie

Annual Memorial Mass for deceased Civilian Employees of the Defence Forces take place on Friday, 4th February at 10am in St Brigid's Church, Curragh Camp.