

# Parish Newsletter

Fourth Sunday of Advent

24th December 2017

No 1632

Luke 1: 25-27

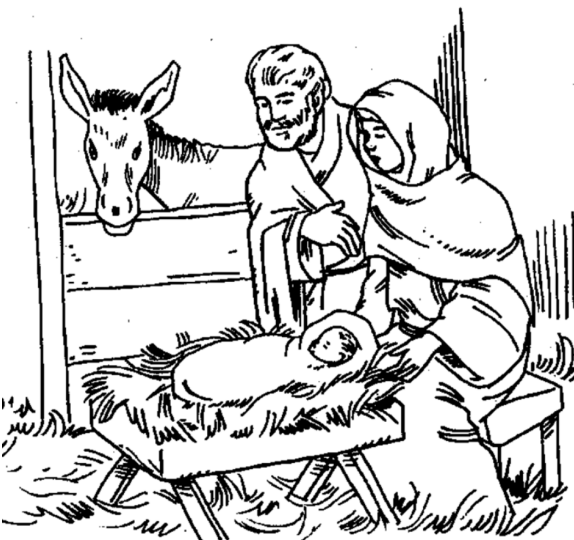


## ***PUT THE KETTLE ON!!***

I love the 'Barry's Tea' ad on radio, that paints memories of: warmth, of family, of Santa. The Dad brings home the train set, to which his wife reacts, "Sure Martin, that's not what they want at all". Santa can bring them what he wants, but this is from me! Put the kettle on and we'll have a cup of tea.

Really it is the simple things that matter most, a Christmas Card made by a child expressing love to Mum, Dad or Nana, a visit to a neighbour costs nothing, relaxing and sharing a box of chocolates and the stable in Bethlehem is a reminder of just how simple it all was at the very beginning.

If only there was such simplicity today, I think we are all blue in the face with Brexit, please God it will all work out in the end. Nationally, the plight of families who are homeless still remains unresolved, as a parish council we have been reflecting on the issue at a local level and hopefully along with others we can make a practical response in 2018. As a Church we continue to build towards the 'World Meeting of Families' in Dublin next year and the visit of Pope Francis, we pray that it will be a blessed time for our Church and country.



On the more personal side of life, families and individuals have experienced the grief and loss of a loved one, other families cope with difficult illness, some with isolation, loneliness, addiction, tension. All this happens to families who are real and hard working and make their best effort in life.

Where do we find our hope? We find it by putting Jesus at the centre of our lives, by trusting the gospel promise that his name is 'Emmanuel, a name which means God is with us'. Indeed, with us in the struggle, the strain and the stresses of life, may we trust that we are never on our own! It is very important that we support one another, the Novena was a very good example of how we find consolation and encouragement when we come together in prayer. Building a sense of belonging, of community and togetherness. The Parish Social in February will be another opportunity for creating that sense of being together as three parishes.

To conclude, as a Parish Team we are continually inspired by the active participation of so many, thank you for your deep faith, for the words of support and encouragement. Thank you for the many times you 'roll up the sleeves' to help out, it is appreciated! Our thanks for the way in which you so generously support the Parish each and every Sunday through the collections and on those designated times in the year when you support us the priests' of the Parish.

The decorations are up, we have now placed the figure of the infant Jesus in the crib, and we will sing the beautiful Christmas Hymns of love and praise. On behalf of myself, Joe, Fergal, Michael, Hilda and Alex, have a blessed Christmas where faith, hope and the love of Jesus truly abides in your heart and among your family. *Put the kettle on and we'll have a cup of tea!!*

***Fr Liam***

## 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** [office@naasparish.net](mailto:office@naasparish.net)

**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. LIAM MORGAN** Sallins Road 087 1337879

**FR. JOE O'NEILL** Sundays Well 045 876197

**FR MICHAEL FLATTERY** SALLINS ROAD 045 897703

**FR ALEX KOCHATT** LAKELANDS 045 898684

**DN. FERGA O'NEILL** Parish Deacon 086 3816133

**Hilda Campbell** Pastoral Adm Assistant 089 4037570

### SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN PARISH REPRESENTATIVES

**Naas:** Andrew Fagan and Geraldine Faherty

**Sallins:** Keith Murphy

**Two Mile House:** Mary Valentine

They can be contacted through the Parish Office, Sallins Road, Naas. Phone 045 879730.

**New Safeguarding Policy recently updated is now displayed in all our Church Porches.**

### FEAST AND MEMORIAL DAYS FOR THE COMING WEEK:

Tuesday 26th: St Stephen, First Martyr

Wednesday 27th: St John, Apostle/Evangelist

Thursday 28th: The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

Monday 1st: Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Saturday 6th: The Epiphany of the Lord —  
Holy Day of Obligation.

### RECENT BAPTISMS

#### Naas:

Ava Catherine McGrath, Alder Grove

Jamie Carey, Sallins Wood

Fionn James Bracken Conway, Warriewood

Cian Alan Kennedy Smith, Narraghmore



For those requesting the Sacrament of Baptism two weeks notice is required. Further details of Baptisms in Naas, Sallins and Two Mile House Parish [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:** Tuesday and FRIDAY 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.

## NAAS PARISH NEWS

**PARISH MISSION STATEMENT** - *'Naas Catholic Parish 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.'*

**Christmas Collection in support of the Priests of the Parish** takes place at all Masses on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. You may make your contribution by using the Envelope in your Box or alternatively you may make your contribution along with the Offertory Collection.

We thank you and greatly appreciate your continued support and kindness to us.

**Marian Movement Cenacle** meets every month in the Church of Our Lady and St David, Sallins Road after the 10am Mass. Their next meeting takes place on Saturday 6th January. All welcome.

The Parish Office Sallins Road will be open on 28th, 29th, and 30th December from 10am to 1pm to facilitate for Mass Cards, only. The Main Office will re-open on Tuesday 2nd January 2018 at 10am.

The St Vincent de Paul Society's Helpline, Naas 045 897306.

**Winter Closing Time** at the Church of Our Lady and St David will close at 4pm during the winter months.

## **Adoration in the Church of the Irish Martyrs.**

Adoration will resume on

Wednesday 27th December to Friday 29th December  
from 11am to 4pm in the Main Church of the  
Irish Martyrs, Church.

The normal schedule resumes on Tuesday,  
2nd January 2018.

**Goal Mile** on Christmas Day between 11am and  
12noon at Naas GAA, Sallins Road. Your support is  
appreciated and thank you. Info 086 844 8530.

**Naas Parish Development Envelop Boxes** for the  
coming year are still available for collection from the  
Church Porches or the Parish Office.

Your support for this collection is and as always very  
much appreciated. It would greatly facilitate  
accurate record-keeping for tax relief purposes if you  
could write your name and address on the first few  
envelopes you return.

**"A sincere Thank You to all who contribute to our  
collections."**

### **SALLINS NOTICE**

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** suspended  
until Tuesday, 9th January from 10.30am—11am.

**Sallins Parish Envelope Boxes** for the coming year  
are still available for collection from the Church  
Porch. Your support is and as always very much  
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record-keeping for tax relief purposes if you could  
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### **GENERAL NOTICES**

#### **Parish Finances:**

Sallins: Baskets: € 727 Envelopes: € 480  
Naas: Offertory: €4, 080 Development €3,540  
Two Mile House: € 835

#### **Sports Lottery Results:**

Naas: 14/12 (17-19-27-28) No winner, Jackpot €6,400  
Sallins: 18/12 (9-16-25) No winner, Jackpot €3,400

**New Year Musical Evening, in support of the  
Franciscan Lourdes Fund**, with Paul Linehan,  
Tenor, Sam Allan (Violin) and the Kilcullen Gospel  
Choir accompanied on piano by Anne Cullen on  
Friday, 5th January 2018 at 8pm in McAuley Place.  
Tickets from McAuley Place or Kay Delaney on  
087 2146387.

## **AA Meetings during the Christmas Period**

Saturday 23rd:	7.30pm
Monday 25th:	1pm and 8.30pm
Tuesday 26th:	1pm
Thursday 28th:	8.30pm
Friday 29th:	1pm
Saturday 30th:	7pm
Monday 1st January :	1pm and 8.30pm

**All of the above meetings will take place in the  
Portocabin at St David's Church, Main Street,  
Naas.**

**Christmas with Friends 2017.** This year Christmas  
with Friends takes place in Judge Roy Beans  
Newbridge on December 25th from 12noon to 4pm,  
**To reserve a place or to have dinner delivered to  
your home call Anne at 086 8042724.** We can  
also organise transport if required. **This is a free  
event kindly sponsored and supported by Judge  
Roy Beans, patrons and staff.** We are also  
looking for drivers on the day to deliver dinner to  
people in their homes and to take people to and  
from the event.

**Introductory Psychology Evening Course at**  
St. Patrick's College, Carlow from 1st February  
2018 – to 8th March 2018, every Thursday, from  
7pm—9pm. For more information please contact:  
Alison Brennan email [AHayden@CarlowCollege.ie](mailto:AHayden@CarlowCollege.ie),  
ph 059 91 53200, or see [www.CarlowCollege.ie.run](http://www.CarlowCollege.ie.run)

**Also** St. Patrick's College is running an Irish Local  
History Evening Course from 18th January 2018 -  
8th March 2018, every Thursday, from 7-9pm. For  
more information please contact: Alison Brennan,  
email [AHayden@CarlowCollege.ie](mailto:AHayden@CarlowCollege.ie), or phone  
059 91 53200, or see [www.CarlowCollege.ie](http://www.CarlowCollege.ie).

**Kildare Suicide Bereavement Support Group**  
(K.S.B.S.G.) is a Voluntary Group, founded in  
1997. We offer a free, one to one, confidential  
counselling service for people bereaved by or  
contemplating suicide.

- \* No waiting lists; \* No referrals are necessary;
- \* No donations required; \* No one is turned away

**There is a walk-in service every Thursday night in  
the Parish Centre in Ballycane from 8pm to  
9.30pm or appointments can be made by  
phoning 045 895629 or 086 8554852**

**Bereaved?**

**Need to Talk?**

**Want to talk?**

# Naas, Sallins and Two Mile House Christmas Timetable 2017

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## CONFESSIONS

Please note **No** Confessions on Christmas Eve (owing to Sunday morning schedule of Masses).

## CHRISTMAS EVE MASS TIMES

Our Lady and St David's Church:	5pm, 7pm, 9pm and 12midnight
Church of the Irish Martyrs:	4pm, 6pm and 8pm
Our Lady & Guardian Angels Church:	5pm, 6.30pm and 9pm
St Peter's Church:	9pm

## CHRISTMAS DAY MASS TIMES

Our Lady and St David's Church:	9am, 11am and 12.30pm
Church of the Irish Martyrs:	10.30am and 12pm
Our Lady & Guardian Angels Church:	10am and 12pm
St Peter's Church Two Mile House:	11am

## FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY SATURDAY 6th JANUARY MASS TIMES

Our Lady and St David's Church:	10am
Church of the Irish Martyrs:	<b>Vigil</b> Friday 7.30pm; 12noon Saturday
Our Lady & Guardian Angels Church:	10am
St Peter's Church:	11am

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## *Weekday Masses*

**From Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> December to Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January (inclusive)**

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

**No** other weekday Masses in Ballycane, Sallins or Two Mile House.

(Normal Mass schedule resumes on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January)

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### **Naas Parish Lotto:**

There was **No Winner** of this week's Parish Lotto. The numbers drawn were: **27-2-5-15**.

Four Lucky Dip winners of €100 each were: C & Ev Casey, Ann O'Sullivan, Hugh and May Crawford, John Harte.

**€10,000 is the Jackpot on Wednesday 10th January 2018; draw at 7pm .**

Please note there will be **NO** Lotto Draws on Wednesday 27th December or Wednesday 3rd January.

The Lotto Committee would like to thank all Ticket Sellers and all the People who continue to support our draw and we wish you all and your families a very Happy and Holy Christmas and every good wish throughout 2018.

**Naas Parish new email address: [office@naasparish.net](mailto:office@naasparish.net)**