

Parish Newsletter



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Christmas Day
25th December 2016

MESSAGE FROM FR. LIAM



As we look back on the year 2016, a historic one! We rightly remembered those who paid the ultimate sacrifice, thus bequeathing to our generation a land of hope and promise. These celebrations gave to our younger generation an appreciation of our past and the realisation of how blessed we are to live in peace.

The year just ending allowed us to express heartfelt thanks to Fr. John for his nineteen years of generous ministry among us, John we wish you every blessing in this your first Christmas in Kilcock. Our young people were exemplary as they represented us at the World Youth Day in Krakow, we were very proud of them, and I know they deeply appreciated your support with their fundraising efforts.

Over recent months works continued with the Church Steeple and Organ, it is our dearest hope that it will keep most of the rain out! Organ works were delayed owing to difficulties with moisture, it being a sensitive instrument and valuable, we addressed these issues in early December.

On 30th November we had a lovely evening in the Church of the Irish Martyrs, in Ballycane, when we were joined by Bishop Denis and it was an opportunity to acknowledge and celebrate the ministry and participation of so many people in our parish, almost 700 people actively involved in so many ways. During this celebration we also expressed gratitude to Mairead for her years of dedicated ministry in the parish. Compliments also to the many groups and organisations in our Town who make great efforts towards making Naas a pleasant place to live, most especially the Tidy Towns. Also a small group of people who worked on improving the Christmas lights, they look wonderful, well done!

As a Parish Team we are continually encouraged and inspired by the support we receive and we are truly grateful for it. The people of Naas, Sallins and Two Mile House take enormous pride in their local communities, seeing the churches, where we worship as the heart beat of each community. I want to acknowledge the generosity of so many, each and every Sunday, in the various collections that ensures our parishes are maintained and indeed thrive, thank you!

The decorations are up, the cards are posted, the choirs are rehearsed, and the baby Jesus is almost ready to go in to the Crib. Just as the Crib will not be complete without the infant neither will our Christmas without the same Jesus being at the heart of it. For this is the celebration of a love story retold again and again. God has come among us, His name is Emmanuel, a name which means God is with us. I pray you feel the closeness and love of God in your family, and most especially if you are coping with grief or illness. Christmas is the promise that we are not alone, we are not abandoned, God has visited his people.

On behalf of myself, Joe, Michael, Alex, and Deacon Fergal..... May we wish you all a happy, safe and Holy Christmas. And finally our prayer that "Jesus the Prince of Peace will bring Peace to our troubled world and as the Holy Family struggled to find a place to call home, we pray that all who experience homelessness may find a place in 2017 to call their home".

Fr. Liam.

THANK YOU In this season of Christmas, the Parish Team serving Naas, Sallins and Two Mile House wish to extend a warm and heartfelt 'Thank You' to all our Parishioners. We mention today those who enrich our Parishes: the Pastoral Councils, To the Ministers of the Word and Eucharist; Musicians, Cantors and Choirs. To the Church Stewards, Altar Servers, Sacristans, Florists, Cleaners; To all the Office Staff; To those who co-ordinate and deliver the Sacramental Preparation Programmes; To the Lotto Team; To the Director of Nursing and the Staff of Naas Hospital; To the various Religious Communities resident in our Parishes; To the Management and Staff of our Schools; To those who count and collect money and to all those who contribute; To all the various Parish Pastoral groups; To all who add to the life of our Parishes in the social, residential, sporting and caring areas.

*"He gave power to become children of God."
If you think you may be called to share the Father's love
as a priest, contact: Fr. Ruairi O' Domhnaill. Email
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FEASTS / MEMORIALS FOR COMING WEEK

Wednesday 28th December: The Holy Innocents, martyrs.

Friday 30th December: The most Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph.

Friday 5th Jan: The Epiphany of the Lord.

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

Naas:

Maura Delmer, St. Patrick's Terrace



MAY SHE REST IN PEACE

MASS TIMES AFTER CHRISTMAS

Weekday Masses:

From Monday 26th December to Thursday 5th January (inclusive) 10am Mass **only** in Our Lady and St David's Church. No other weekday Mass in Ballycane, Sallins, or Two Mile House. (Normal Mass schedule resumes on Monday 9th January)

Friday 6th January:

Feast of the Epiphany: Holy Day of Obligation.

Our Lady and St David: 7.30am and 10am
Irish Marytrs: 12noon and 7.30pm
Sallins: 10am
Two Mile House: 7pm

Divine Mercy Prayers will take place immediately after 10am Mass on Wednesday coming 28th December in the Church of Our Lady and St David. All welcome.

Marian Movement Cenacle next meeting will takes place on Saturday 7th January after 10am Mass in the Church of Our Lady and St David. All welcome.

NAAS PARISH NEWS

Parish Office will open on Wednesday/Thursday/ Friday and Saturday 28th,29th,30th and 31st of December from 10am to 12noon to facilitate with mass cards only. The Main Office will reopen Tuesday 3rd January at 10am.

Eucharistic Adoration is suspended until after Christmas, resumes Tuesday 3rd January at 10am.

Naas Parish Lotto:

There was **No Winner** in this week's Parish Lotto. The numbers drawn were **16- 6- 2- 28**. Please note there will be **no** Lotto Draws on Wednesday 28th December or 4th January. Jackpot €1,500. Next draw takes place on Wednesday 11th January at 7pm.

Gaol Mile in Naas takes place this morning, meeting at the GAA Club (Mile Circuit is in Monread Pk). Registration/Donations at Club from 11am- 12noon.

St Vincent de Paul helpline number 045 897306.

SALLINS PARISH NEWS

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will resume on Tuesday 3rd January.

GENERAL NOTICES

Parish Finances:

Sallins: Baskets: €685 Envelopes: € 485
Naas: Offertory: €4,225 Dev Fund: €4,460
Two Mile House: €581

Alcoholics Anonymous;

All meetings are held in the Portacabin, St David's Church, Main Street as follows:
Monday and Thursday at 8.30pm;
Tuesday and Friday at 1pm;
Saturday 7.30pm.

An additional meeting will be held on Christmas Day at 12noon.