

# Parish Newsletter

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time  
25th January 2015

No 1484

Mark 1:14-20



*Repent & Believe*  
*Mark 1:15*

year above 50, to join us for the 7.30pm Vigil Mass in the Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane, on that Saturday.

Together we will pray in thanksgiving for the love that joined us and also for the graces needed to face the struggles and challenges of life as families. We will also pray for those presently going

through a difficult time and those suffering the pain of separation or divorce.

Please feel free to extend this invitation to family or friends living outside our parishes.

Meanwhile, let us keep in prayer all those preparing for marriage, that they will appreciate the enormous blessing which comes with the special sacrament, and stays with them through life together, if they keep Christ at the heart of their love for each other.

## Celebrating The Gift of Love

On Saturday, February 14th, St Valentine's Day, we will celebrate and recognise the grace and gift of love as lived in the Sacrament of Marriage. It is important to remember that a sacramental marriage results in the couple inviting Christ to be at the heart of that marriage.

We invite all couples who were married in our churches in the past year or so, and those who will marry in the coming year, together with those celebrating special anniversaries, 10, 25, 50 or any

## The Meaning of Marriage - An Invitation

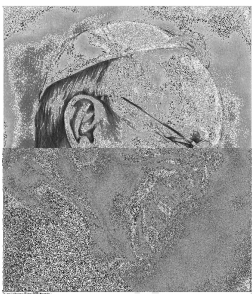
On 3rd December 2014 at the Columba Centre, Saint Patrick's College, Maynooth, Bishop Liam MacDaid, chairman of the Council for Marriage and Family, along

with Bishop Kevin Doran, Bishop of Elphin, officially launched the pastoral statement 'The Meaning of Marriage' on behalf of the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference.

The pastoral statement advises the faithful that "to redefine the nature of marriage would be to undermine it as the fundamental building

block of our society. The Church seeks with others to reaffirm ... that marriage should be reserved for the unique and complementary relationship between a woman and a man from which the generation and upbringing of children is uniquely possible."

The document was distributed through all our Churches over the Christmas period. In response to the issuing of this important document and in light of the upcoming referendum on Marriage, Fr PJ Madden and Deacon Fergal O'Neill will facilitate an open forum on the theme of Marriage **tomorrow, Monday the 26<sup>th</sup> January at 8.15pm** in the main hall of the Church of the Irish Martyrs, in Ballycane. Questions / discussion will be an integral part of this meeting. All most welcome to attend.



## **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** [naasparishoffice@gmail.com](mailto:naasparishoffice@gmail.com)

**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. JOHN BRICKLEY** Parochial House 897703

**FR. LIAM MORGAN** Curates House 949576

**FR. KEVIN WALSH** Sallins 879730

**FR. PJ MADDEN** Two Mile House 876160

**DN. FERGAL O'NEILL** Parish Office 879730

**MS. MAIREAD D'ARCY** Pastoral Assistant 897134

### **SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN PARISH REPRESENTATIVES**

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

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

## **FEASTS / MEMORIALS FOR COMING WEEK**

**Monday 26th:** Ss Timothy and Titus, bishops

**Tuesday 27th:** St Angela Merici, virgin

**Wed 28th:** St Thomas Aquinas, priest

**Saturday 31st:** St John Bosco, priest

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

**Mary Pender, Our Lady's Place and Caragh**

**Tim Healy, Woodlands**

**Jimmy Kelly, Patrician Avenue**

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

***May they rest in peace***



## **RECENT BAPTISMS**

**Naas:**

**Claire Anne McGrath, Morell Crescent**

For those requesting the Sacrament of Baptism two weeks notice is required. For further details of



## **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

Baptisms in Naas, Sallins and Two Mile House Parish website at [www.naasparish.ie/sacraments/baptism/](http://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.'**

**The February Collection in support of the Priests of the Parish will take place at all Masses next weekend, 31st Jan/1st February.**

**Naas Parish Envelope Collection 2015** Boxes of Envelopes for Naas Parish Development Fund collection are still available in the church porches and from the Parish Offices. Your support for this collection is vital and as always very much appreciated.

**St Brigid's Crosses** will be available in the Parish Office from Thursday coming at €3 each. Proceeds to the Kildare Suicide Bereavement Support Group.

**Mass Cards and Intentions** have changed from Veritas to the Parish Office. As always we appreciate your patience and understanding which helps a lot during a time of change.

**The History of the Catholic Church** continues on Monday 2nd and 9th February when local historians will present a history of the historic churches and sites in the area of Naas, which will be both enlightening and enjoyable! All are welcome to these talks. The History of the Catholic Church Sessions will continue up to and including Monday, 23rd March 2015.

**Divine Mercy Prayer Group** takes place immediately after the 7.30pm Mass in the Irish Martyrs Church, Ballycane on Wednesday coming, 28th January and will include the usual prayers and also a special prayer for our country. Blessing with Relic of Saint Faustina will also be available. All welcome.

**Naas Twinning Group** AGM takes place on Monday coming, 26th Jan in the Town Hall (upstairs) at 8pm.

**Naas Active Retirement Association** Annual General Meeting, members only, takes place on Wednesday coming 28th Jan at 2pm in Naas Community Centre.

**Alzheimer Café** continues in McAuley Place on Wednesday coming, 28th January from 7pm and the speaker is James Doyle from Emergency Response who will talk about safety in the home.

**Naas Toastmasters** are looking for new members. Next meeting, Wednesday coming, 28th January, Town House Hotel at 8pm.

**Naas Flower and Garden Club** next meeting on Thursday coming, 29th January at 7.45pm in the Care of the Aged Centre. Visitors welcome.

**St Brigid's Cross Making**, organised by the Naas Local History Group, take place on Friday coming, 30th January at 3pm in the Naas Community Library. Everyone welcome.

**Annual Divine Mercy Conference** will take place on 21st and 22nd February in the RDS, Ballsbridge with speakers Sr Briege McKenna, Fr Kevin Scallan and Fr Michael Ross. To book phone/text 086 0669203.

**Medjugorje Annual Parish Pilgrimage** takes place this year from Wednesday 27th May for 7 nights. Cost of Pilgrimage €609, €100 deposit secures €609, after 17th February price of €659 applies. To book phone John or Catherine at 086 8563773.

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

**St Vincent de Paul helpline number 045 897306.**

## **SALLINS PARISH NEWS**

**Candlemas Dues Collection takes place at all Masses this weekend, 24th/25th January.**

**Thanks** to all who support our weekly envelope collections. 2015 boxes have now been distributed. New contributor boxes are available for collection in the Sacristy, and for new contributors please remember to write your name and address on the first few envelopes you return. Thank you.

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** on Tuesday coming 27th 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 12th June for 7 nights. Anyone intending to travel should contact Rita at 087 6535112 as seats are limited, €200 booking deposit required by 1st February.

## **TWO MILE HOUSE PARISH NEWS**

**Two Mile House National School** is now accepting Enrolments for Junior Infants 2015. Contact the school secretary at 045 871200.

## **GENERAL NOTICES**

### **Parish Finances**

Sallins: Baskets: € 837 Envelopes: €385

Naas: Offertory €4,022 Development Fund €4,199

Two Mile House: €565

### **Sports Lottery Results**

Naas: 15/01 (4-20-21-25) No Winner Jackpot €3,100.

Sallins: 19/01 (7-26-31) No Winner Jackpot €3,850

Naas United FC No Results

**Part-Time Sales Assistant** required for Veritas, Naas. Good Communication and IT Skills required; flexible working hours (retail experience an advantage). Apply in writing enclosing C.V. to The Manager, Veritas, Naas or email [naasshop@veritas.ie](mailto:naasshop@veritas.ie)

**Christmas Day Goal Mile:** Many thanks to all who participated and donated to this annual event. The total raised was €3,400.94

# Naas Parish Lotto Draw

**€4,500 that's the Jackpot in the Next Draw on Wednesday coming 28th January.**

**There was no winner of the Jackpot on Wednesday 21st January, numbers drawn were 3-1-9-11**

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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**‘Migrations: Ireland, Europe and beyond’** This year Trinity College and Carlow College are running a new Slattery Lecture Series entitled ‘Migrations: Ireland, Europe and beyond’. Offered by members of the Departments of History and Sociology at TCD and Carlow College, the programme consists of six evening lectures taking place in Carlow College on Tuesdays, from 5-7pm from 27th January to 3rd March inclusive. Lectures are free to the public. All enquiries to Carlow College at 059-9153200

**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](http://www.diabetes.ie).

**Thank You** on behalf of St Raphaels Parents & Friends to the people of Naas for their kindness and generous support to their recent Church Gate collection. The total collection was €1452.

**Workshops For Choirs/Folk Groups** with Fr Liam Lawton on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> February in Ballycane Church, at 8.30pm (Note time) Or Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February in St. Clare's Church, Graiguecullen, Carlow at 8pm (Cost of workshop €10 which covers Book and Workshop costs). Booking essential by phoning Christine at FDS Office 059 9164084 or email [fds@kandle.ie](mailto:fds@kandle.ie)

## Thought For The Week:

“Challenges are what make life interesting and over coming them is what makes life meaningful.” - *Joshua J. Marine*

