



NAAS SALLINS TWO MILE HOUSE NEWSLETTER



Mass Times: First Sunday of Advent (Year B)

Church	Weekdays		Sundays
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

Advent expectation...

Advent is a time of new beginning, a time of expectation. What does the Lord expect from us? Are we ready to meet his expectations? In the Gospel Jesus tells a story that would have been familiar to his followers -- the necessity for labourers to be ready for action and ready to give their best when the master returned from his journey. Were these servants excited or anxious about their master's return? The watchful servants looked forward to the future because they knew their master would be pleased and would reward them for their vigilance and hard work. Disaster and reprisal, however, awaited those who were unprepared because of carelessness or laziness.

Our Master, the Lord Jesus, entrusts us with his gifts and grace and he expects us to be ready for action and be prepared for the future. Our call is not only to believe, but to watch; not only to love, but to watch; not only to obey, but to watch! What are we to watch for? The greatest event to come -- the return of our Master and Lord. We must also be watchful of his coming into our hearts and lives in a new way every day.

The kind of watching our Lord has in mind is not a passive "wait and see what happens" approach to life. The Lord urges us to be vigilant and to be active in prayer that his "kingdom may come" and his "will be done on earth as it is in heaven". We are not only to watch *for* Christ, but to watch *with* Christ. The Lord wants us to have our hearts and minds fixed on him and his word. He wants us to be ready for his action and grace in our lives and in our world. Those who "wait" for the Lord will not be disappointed. He will surely come with his grace and saving help.

Do you watch for the Lord's action in your life with expectant faith and with joyful hope?

Naas-Sallins-Two Mile House-Parish Team

Fr. Tom McDonnell	Parochial House, Naas	Ph: 045 897703
Fr Declan Thompson	Sallins	Ph: 045 897150
Fr. John Brickley	Curate's House	Ph: 045 897260
Fr. Paul Dempsey	Two Mile House	Ph: 045 876160
Fr. Bogdan Wawrzaszek	142 Hazelmere	Ph: 045 879792

Priest on Duty:
Fr Declan Thompson: Ph 897150

PARISH OFFICE, NAAS

(Sallins Road): Ph 879730; Fax 894287
Opening Hours: Mon-Fri 10am-5pm
Wed: 10am-1pm: Lunch 1-2pm

BALLYCANE OFFICE: Ph 895629

Opening Hours: Mon-Fri 10am-1pm

SALLINS OFFICE: Ph 897150

Opening Hours; Tuesday & Thursday
10am to 1pm

SACRISTY, Church of Our Lady and St David:
(during Mass times) Ph: 856925

SACRISTY, Church of the Irish Martyrs:
Ph: 895629

Confessions:

Every Saturday after the 10am Mass in the Church of
Our Lady and St David, Sallins Road.
Every Saturday after the 11am Mass in the Church of
The Irish Martyrs, Ballycane.

Parish Website: www.naasparish.ie

Naas Parish Email: naasparishoffice@gmail.com

Sallins Parish Email: sallinsparishoffice@gmail.com

Diocesan Website: kandle.ie

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN; PARISH DESIGNATED PERSONS:

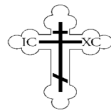
Caroline Quinn (Naas); Sheila Pyke (Sallins)
Mary Valentine (Two-Mile-House). They can be contacted
through the Parish Office, Sallins Road, Naas. Phone 045 879730.

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

Sallins:

Paddy Mooney, Sherlockstown

MAY HE REST IN PEACE



**THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY WELCOMES
YOU WITH GREAT JOY!**

Naas:

Greta Gabrielle Baronaite, New Caragh Court
Millie Sarah Moriarty, Oakglade Close
Finn Peter Ryan, Dun na Riogh Green
Danny Alex Coughlan, Alder Grove
Erin Philomena Carroll, Aylmer Park



Sallins:

Lucy Hartnett, Old Caragh Court

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

For those requesting the Sacrament of Baptism two
weeks notice is required. For further details of
Baptisms in Naas, Sallins and Two Mile House see
Parish website www.naasparish.ie

Parish Finances:

<u>Sallins:</u>	Baskets:	€ 780
	Envelopes:	€ 420
<u>Naas:</u>	Offertory:	€3,995
	Development Fund:	€3,880
<u>Two Mile House:</u>		€ 689

Grateful thanks to all who support our collections.

GAA Lotto:

Sallins: 21/11 Jackpot €3,400: Numbers 22-25-33; No
winner; Venue 28/11 Bridgewater; Jackpot €3,550

Naas 17/11 Jackpot €5,650: Numbers 4-5-9-25:

No winner: Next weeks' Jackpot €5,800

Splotto/Ballycane Celtic:

20/11 (4-5-6-11) No Winner: Jackpot 27/11 €6,000

Naas United FC: 20/11: Numbers: (9-18-21-22)

No winner. Jackpot on 27/11: €1,100.

COME AND SEE – Sunday 27th November
Are you interested or curious about the
priesthood in Kildare & Leighlin? An after-
noon of prayer and information takes place in
The Holy Family Convent, Newbridge, (beside
St. Conleth's Church) from 2.30pm to 5.30pm
for anyone who would like to explore the
question of a call to priesthood. More info
available from Fr. Ruairi O'Domhnaill at 045/
434069 or ruairiodomhnaill@gmail.com

**FEAST AND MEMORIAL DAYS
DURING THE COMING WEEK:**

Wednesday 30th: St Andrew
Saturday 3rd: St Francis Xavier, priest

DIVINE MERCY PRAYER GROUP
takes place immediately after the
7.30pm Mass in Church of The Irish
Martyrs, Ballycane on Wednesday
coming, 30th November.



Sallins Parish News

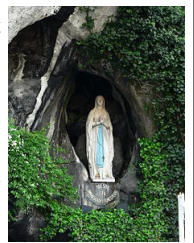
Advent Dues: in support of the priests of the Parish will take place at all Masses this weekend. A sincere thanks to all who support our collections.

First Friday: The housebound will be visited as usual.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction on Friday coming, 9th December at 7.45pm.

Sallins Conference of Saint Vincent De Paul will be selling their Christmas Cards before and after all Masses this weekend. The conference may be contacted at 085 7052294.

Sallins Grotto Many of you have been wondering about the Grotto, so let me say that we hope to put the Statue of Our Lady into it on 8th December at a simple blessing ceremony. We have been given a small Stone from the Grotto in Lourdes, which we have buried into our own Grotto; we are very grateful to the donor. We owe a huge thanks to Brendan and Gary, Richard and Paddy for their wonderful labour of love. May their work be a blessing on all of us.



Naas Parish News

Advent Dues in support of the priests of the Parish will take place at all Masses this weekend. A sincere thanks to all who support our collections.

Advent Preparation for Christmas: You are invited to pray and study the Advent Sunday readings each Tuesday, after 10am Mass, in the Parish Meeting Rooms, Sallins Road (behind Veritas Shop). Sr Peggy Cleary will lead the sessions. All are very welcome.

Marian Movement Cenacle meets every month in the Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane at 10.20am. Next meeting, Saturday, 3rd December. All welcome.

Eucharistic All Night Vigil at Knock on the 7th/8th December. Bus leaving Naas at 6.25pm. To book phone 045 876117 or phone Fosters at 045 525432.

Prayer Service for the safe return of Trevor Deeley will take place in the Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane on Thursday 8th December at 8.30pm. All are welcome.

Naas Concern Group will be holding their Christmas Street Collection on Thursday 1st December at Euro Spar, and Friday and Saturday, 2nd and 3rd December at Tesco. Due to the severe weather last year they had to cancel their collection. Your support would be gratefully appreciated and if you can give an hour of your time please phone 087/2570442 or 087/7528465.

Friends of Naas Hospital: A draw for a Renault Clio, donated by Mallon Motors, will take place on Friday, 9th December. Tickets at €20 each and can be purchased at Naas Hospital, from Mallon Motors or from any committee member. Please support 'The End Of Life Project' in Naas Hospital.

FIRST FRIDAY 2nd December 2011

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

As usual on First Fridays there will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Church of Our Lady and St. David, Sallins Road, after 10.00am Mass until 4pm.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Church of Our Lady and St David:

Thursday after 10am Mass; Friday 9.30am-10am and after 10am Mass.

Church of the Irish Martyrs:

There will be **No** Penitential Service

Communion to the Housebound

Fr Thompson, Fr. Brickley, Fr. Dempsey, Fr. Bogdan and Fr. Lennon will visit the housebound as usual.

Naas Continued:

St Vincent de Paul Society, Naas: Our annual Christmas collection will take place at all masses in Naas and Two Mile House next weekend, 3rd and 4th December. Please give generously, *the need is great*. Anyone wishing to do so, may post a donation to SVP., P O Box 1, Naas. Helpline phone number: 045 897306.

New Parish Pastoral Council: A meeting of those nominated for the New Parish Pastoral Council has been deferred to Tuesday, 6th December in the Parish Meeting Rooms, Sallins Road at 8.15pm.

Naas Tidy Town: The annual Naas Tidy Towns Awards Night will be held in Naas Town Hall on Thursday, coming, 1st December at 8pm. Light refreshments will be served. All are welcome.

Two Mile House Parish News

Collections: It has been observed that having the second collection after Communion is somewhat distracting as people are trying to pray and reflect after receiving the Lord. In order to help with this, we are introducing a change in the timings of the collections during Mass. The first collection will be taken up after the Homily. The celebrant will pause to allow the collection to be taken up. The second collection will be at the normal time; the Offertory. The second collection is there to help with the extra needs that emerge in the parish and is also used for the special collection appeals that are held during the year such as Peter's Pence, the Missions etc. We hope that this change in the timings of the collections, to be introduced from this weekend, will enhance the dignity of our celebration of the Eucharist.

New Eucharistic Ministers: Thank you to those who have volunteered to become new Eucharistic Ministers. The new ministers are invited to a meeting in St. Peter's Church on Monday evening coming, (28th) at 7.30pm. We wish them every blessing in their new ministry.

Confirmation: The *Confirmation Registration* evening takes place in Killashee School Hall on this coming Tuesday evening (29th), at 8pm. This is for parents of 6th class children in Killashee and Two Mile House schools who wish that their child would receive the Sacrament of Confirmation next March.

General Notices

Friends of Naas Hospital 'Carols by Candle Light' on Wed 14th December in Ballycane Church at 7.30pm. Tickets from the Parish Offices. Come and enjoy this wonderful Seasonal Night, in support of 'End Of Life Care'.

Annual Christmas Concert The Nas na Ri Singers have a wonderful selection of Christmas music for their Annual Christmas Concert in St. David's Church, Naas on Saturday 10th December at 8pm. Tickets from Barker & Jones Naas, from choir members, or at the door on the night. Donation to the Care of the Aged.

Christmas Craft Fairs/Boot Sales:

KARE Christmas Car Boot Sale on Saturday 3rd December in Kare Central Services Car Park, Newbridge Industrial Estate (next to Newbridge Silverware) from 10am - 3pm

Naas General Hospital (with the kind permission of the management) have a Gift Sale in the main concourse of the hospital on Tuesday 6th December from 8.30am to 3pm in aid of the Mental Health Association.

Naas Library Annual Craft Fair on Friday and Saturday, 2nd and 3rd December during opening hours.

The Advent Wreath:

The origins of the Advent Wreath go back to ancient pre-Christmas Germanic peoples of Northern Europe. Many found it an attractive way to support their Advent prayer and devotion, so the practice was Christianised. The use of the wreath with candles representing the four weeks of Advent was especially good for family devotions, for children could light the candles, one by one, to symbolize the growing anticipation as Christmas grew near. Traditionally the wreath is made of four candles in a circle of evergreen. Three candles are violet and the fourth is rose. Each day the candle is lit with a short prayer.....one candle for the first week and then another for each succeeding week until Christmas Day. The meaning of the advent wreath is;



'There is light in the darkness of the world'.