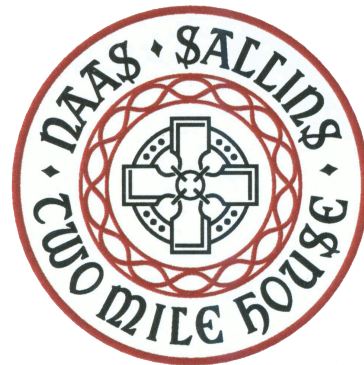


Parish Newsletter

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
28th January 2018.



No: 1636

Luke 1: 26-38

We have endured a long, dark and cold winter but longer, brighter evenings are finally on the way as - February 1st - marks the first day of spring, and is also known as Lá Fhéile Bhríde, Saint Brigid's Feast Day.

Here are a few facts you may or may not know about St. Brigid's Day and the saint herself:

1. St. Brigid's Day, on February 1st, officially marks the start of the pagan Festival of Spring.
2. It is also known as 'Imbolc', or the Feast of Brigid. It celebrates the arrival of longer warmer days and the early signs of Spring.
3. 'Imbolc' literally means "in the belly" in the old Irish Neolithic language.
4. It is one of the four major "fire" festivals, referred to in Irish mythology. The other three festivals are Beltane, Lughnasadh, and Samhain.
5. Brigid is one of Ireland's Patron Saints and was known also as a fertility goddess in Celtic mythology.
6. She is often referred to as 'Brigit of Kildare', and was said to be the founder of several monasteries of nuns, including that of Kildare. She is also associated with perpetual, sacred flames, and there is also a holy well dedicated to her in Kildare.
7. According to tradition, Saint Brigid was born at Fochart (or Fothairt), near Dundalk in Co. Louth.
8. One of the most common traditions of the day is to make a Saint Brigid's Cross.



These crosses are relatively simple to make and traditionally, Brigid's Crosses are made on Brigid's Eve, January 31st. They are usually made from fresh rushes, but you can also use straws if you don't have them. They are made in a cross shape with a square shape in the middle and then four arms coming along each side.

Naas, Sallins and Two Mile House Parishes

Parish Social Evening

on Friday next 2nd February in Killashee House Hotel

Music by 'Helter Skelter'

Tickets €25 includes 3 Course Meal.

Tickets will be on sale all after all Masses this weekend Also Tickets will be on sale up until Wednesday coming 31st, at 5pm from the Parish Office Sallins Road or from Grace Keavans on 087 9838343. (Final Numbers need to be with the Hotel by Wednesday).



St. Valentines Day Celebrations: We extend an Invitation to all Engaged couples planning to get married this year, those who were recently married and couples celebrating a significant Wedding Anniversary to join us on Tuesday 13th February at 7.30pm in the Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane. The Ceremony will be composed of Music, Prayer of Blessing and Lighting of Candles. Please contact the Parish Office on 045 879730 or email office@naasparish.net with your details, of your interest to take part in this Ceremony. All welcome.



PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION

PRIEST ON DUTY: 085 708 8407

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NAAS & SALLINS PARISH OFFICE Tel 879730

Opening Hours: Monday to Friday 10am to 5pm

Naas eMail office@naasparish.net

Sallins eMail 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 Curates House **087 133 7879**

FR. JOE O'NEILL Sunday's Well **045 876197**

FR. MICHAEL FLATTERY Sallins Road **045 897703**

FR. ALEX KOCHATT Lakelands **045 898684**

DN. FERGA O'NEILL Parish Deacon **086 3816 133**

MS. HILDA CAMPBELL Pastoral Admin Ass. **089 4037570**

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

FEAST AND MEMORIAL DAYS FOR COMING WEEK:

Tuesday 30th: St Aidan, bishop

Wednesday 31st: St John Bosco, priest

Thursday 1st February: St Brigid, Abbess

Friday 2nd: The Presentation of the Lord

Saturday 3rd: St. Blaise, bishop and martyr

Prayer to Saint Brigid

You were a woman of peace.

You brought harmony where there was conflict

You brought light to the darkness.

You brought hope to the downcast.

*May the mantle of your peace cover those who
are troubled and anxious,*

*and may peace be firmly rooted in our hearts and
in our world.*

*Inspire us to act justly and to reverence all God
has made.*

*Brigid you were a voice for the wounded and the
weary.*

Strengthen what is weak within us.

Calm us into a quietness that heals and listens.

*May we grow each day into greater wholeness in
mind, body and spirit.*

Amen

MASS TIMES

CHURCH OF OUR LADY AND ST. DAVID , SALLINS ROAD

WEEKDAYS: Mon-Fri 7:30am 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 GUARDIAN ANGELS, SALLINS

WEEKDAYS: Tues and Fri 10am

SUNDAYS: Sat Vigil 6:30pm Sun 10am 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

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN PARISH REPRESENTATIVES

Naas: Andrew Fagan and Geraldine Faherty

Sallins: Keith Murphy

Two Mile House: Mary Valentine, Paula Clancy and
Suzanne Powell.

**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"***

Naas:

Beatrice Drewitt, Patrician Crescent.

Ann McLoughlin, Kilcullen Road.

Jim Morrin, Mill Lane

Nollaig O'Cainain, (Noel Keenan) Late of Rathasker Rd

Sallins:

Catherine Cotter, Sallins Bridge.

Two Mile House:

Gerald Browne, Drumcondra, late of Two Mile House

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.

**Feast of St Blaise Saturday 3rd February:
Blessing of Throats will take place on
Friday 2nd February, after the 7.30am
and 10am Masses in the Church of
Our Lady and St. David, Sallins Road.**



RECENT BAPTISMS

Two Mile House:

Charlie Patrick Maguire, Pipers Hill
Iseult Mary MacHale, The Gas Works

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.'*

February Collection in support of the Priests of the Parish will take place at all Masses next weekend 3rd and 4th February. We thank you for your continued support and kindness to us.

St Brigid's Crosses will be on sale in the Parish Offices from tomorrow, Monday 29th with all proceeds going directly to the Kildare Suicide Bereavement Support Group.



Divine Mercy Prayer Group takes place immediately after 7.30pm Mass in the Irish Martyrs Church, Ballycane, on Wednesday coming 31st January, Blessing with 1st class Relic of St. Faustina will also take place on the night. All welcome.

Marian Movement Cenacle meets every month in the Church of Our Lady and St David, Sallins Road, after 10am Mass. Next meeting is on Saturday coming, 3rd February. All welcome.

Novena in Honour of the Holy Face; starting on Monday 5th February, taking place before the 7.30am and 10am Masses in OLSD Church and concluding on Tuesday 13th February (Shrove Tuesday), which is the Feast Day of the Holy Face.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: The Rotas covering January to March have been emailed to all who furnished an email address at the recent ministry registration. Copies of the various rotas are also available from the Sacristy in the Church of Our Lady and Saint David or from the Parish Office Sallins Road. They can be downloaded from the Parish Website at www.naasparish.ie.

Naas Tidy Towns AGM you are invited to attend the AGM on Thursday coming 1st February at 8pm in the Town House Hotel. All are welcome.

Coffee Morning on Wednesday coming 31st January after the 10am Mass in the Parochial House....*come and join us for a cuppa a and a chat.*

Mothers Prayers continue each Wednesday at the Church of the Irish Martyr's, Ballycane, at 8.15pm.

New Youth Group The Parishes of Naas, Sallins and

Two Mile House would like to invite all young people between 16 and 18 to join our new group. This youth group is aimed at all who would like to explore their faith on a deeper level as well as make new friends and have fun. Next meeting takes place on Wednesday coming 31st from 4.30pm to 6pm in McAuley Place. For more information contact Hilda Campbell, Pastoral Admin Assistant 089 403 7570. All are welcome.

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SALLINS PARISH NEWS

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Tuesday coming, 31st January from 10.30am -11am.

Confessions available in Sallins Church every Thursday afternoon from 2pm-4pm.

Blessing of Throats will take place on Friday coming 2nd February after the 10am Mass in the Church of Our Lady and The Guardian Angels, Sallins.



Vincent de Paul Shop at the Waterways are urgently looking for donations of clothes, bric a brc, curtains, bed linen and small pieces of furniture. Just drop items into the shop at no 3 the Waterways

Sallins Conference of St Vincent de Paul contact phone number is 085 7052294.

TWO MILE HOUSE NEWS

Weekday Morning Mass is celebrated from Monday to Thursday at 9.15am. Friday evening Mass as usual at 7pm.

Blessing of Throats will take place on Friday coming 2nd February after the 7pm Mass in St. Peter's Church.



GENERAL NOTICES

Parish Finances

Sallins: Baskets: €820 Envelopes: €390
Naas: Offertory: €3,160 Development Fund: €3,540
Two Mile House: €627

Sports Lottery Results

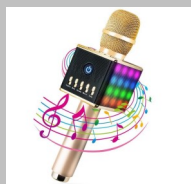
Naas 18/1 (9-17-18-25) No Winner Jackpot €7,150
Sallins 22/1 (7-13-20) No Winner Jackpot €3,850

Confirmation

The month of March is fast approaching and all our 6th Class children, who are making their Confirmation in this month, are busy preparing for the event. As part of their preparations they will partake in the Ceremony of Light which reminds us, along with the Sacrament of Confirmation, how we as Christians are called to live our lives in the Light of Christ.

The following dates and venues are for the Ceremonies of Light taking part in our Parish.

Thursday 1st February.	7pm	Two Mile House N.S and Killashee MDNS	TMH
	8pm	Convent Mercy	OLSD
Tuesday 6th February.	6.30pm	Gaelscoil	C.I.M
	8.00pm	St Corbans and Naas CNS	C.I.M
Wednesday 7th February.	7.30pm	Sallins	Our Lady and The Guardian Angels, Sallins
Thursday 8th February.	7.30pm	Scoil Bhríde	OLSD



‘Sing For Jack’ on Friday 9th February. A group of Staff in Naas General Hospital have come together to organise a **Benefit Concert** on Friday 9th February at 7.30pm at Cill Mhuire Church, Newbridge. This Benefit Concert will feature the ‘Kilcullen Gospel Choir and the ‘Dublin Gospel Choir’. Tickets are €15 and are available from Newbridge Parish Centre at 045 431121 or text Anne on 087 6507973.

“Jack Ryan is the Son of one of our colleagues and he was born in August 2016 with a major Exomphalos, which is a stomach wall defect where his organs grew outside of his body, because of this Jacks lungs did not develop which resulted in him having a tracheostomy and curvature of the spine. Jack spent 15 months in Temple Street and was discharged home just before Christmas. This has been a very difficult time for Jack and for his family. We are raising funds to help keep Jack in his family home. Your kind support is much appreciated.

“A Big Thanks” to all who turned out for the ‘*Goal Mile*’ again on Christmas morning and to all who collected and donated, raising a total of €2,578.96 which has been forwarded onto Goal.

Naas Parish Weekly Lotto Draw.

You Could Win €10,000

on Wednesday coming, 31st January in Naas Parish Lotto Draw

Simply Buy A €2 Ticket And It Could Be You.

There was no winner of the Jackpot on Wednesday 24th January.

Numbers Drawn were 26—19— 5—12: Four Lucky dip winners of €100 each:

Tim McEvoy; Angela and Paul Kavanagh; Tamara O’Connor and Suzie Delaney.

Tickets can be purchased from:- Menswear, Nolans Butchers, Barker & Jones, Stationery Store, Veritas, The Soda Bread Shop, Gouldings Hardware, Swans on the Green. Tickets are available from the Parish Office on the Sallins Road, or in The Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane .

If you’re not in you can’t win!!



Parish Bingo continues every Tuesday night at 8.30pm sharp, in the Care of the Aged Centre, Newbridge Road, with Bigger Prizes and Jackpot. Parish Lotto Tickets on Sale at Bingo.