



NAAS SALLINS TWO MILE HOUSE NEWSLETTER



Mass Times: First Sunday of Advent (Year A)

<u>Church</u>	<u>Weekdays</u>		<u>Sundays</u>
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

* The 7.30 pm Mass on Wednesday is celebrated in the Church of Our Lady and St David, Naas

Stuck in a rut?

It's amazing how easy it is to get stuck in a rut. We fall into a regular routine: we get up at the same time, eat the same breakfast, do household tasks according to a particular schedule; watch the same soaps; observe the same bedtime rituals. Sometimes it's almost like we are functioning on automatic pilot.

The busy-ness of life today is one reason for this. There is so much to do! We have so many commitments and obligations that we don't have the time to do new things or to do things differently, or even think of doing things differently. We have so many things we need to do each day and we do them.

The season of Advent offers us an opportunity to stand back from the regular routine of life to reflect on our relationship with God and with each other. In this season we look forward to the coming of Christ at Christmas. But Christ comes among us every day. He is present in those we meet and in the events of our life. Often, though, we can be too busy to notice. Perhaps we could use this season of Advent as a time to be more conscious of Christ's presence, so that when he does come he will find us ready and waiting. It is a great time to commit ourselves to taking on some positive challenge, such as trying to pray that bit more in preparation for the Lord's coming at Christmas.

Advent – A suggestion...

Each day during Advent we will publish a "Thought for the Day" on our parish website www.naasparish.ie. We invite you to log in and take a minute or two to read/reflect upon this thought. It might help to keep us focussed in the midst of all the rush over the coming weeks!

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Opening Hours; Tuesday & Thursday
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PARISH DESIGNATED PERSONS:

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They can be contacted through the Parish
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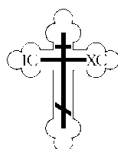
FEAST AND MEMORIAL DAYS DURING THE COMING WEEK:

Tuesday 30th: St Andrew, Apostle
Friday 3rd: St Francis Xavier, priest

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

Brian Mason, Lakeside Park
Andy Flood, St Michael's Terrace

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE



THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY WELCOMES
YOU WITH GREAT JOY!

Naas:

Summer Mary Nolan, Kerdiff Close
Cillian John McNamara, Oldtown View
Abbi Luisa Burke, St Corbans Place
Kashieca Sophia Aunzo Zaragoza,
Dun na Ríogh Green
Grace Norah Kelly, Ashgrove Park
Louise Mary Benedita Kehoe, Chestnut Hill

Sallins:

James Matthew McCarthy, Killeenmore
Megan Patricia Finnerty, Sallins Pier

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

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



Parish Finances:

Sallins: Baskets: € 846
Envelopes: € 322
Naas: Development Fund: €3,987
Offertory: €3,726
Two Mile House: € 746

Grateful thanks to all who support our collections.

GAA Lotto:

Sallins: 22/11 Jackpot €1,150: No winner : Numbers 15-
23-26: Venue 29/11: Bridgewater: Jackpot €1,300

Naas: 18/11 Jackpot €3,950 : No winner: Numbers:
1-5-21-20 : Next weeks' Jackpot €4,100

Splotto /Ballycane Celtic: 21/11: No Winner: Numbers:
1-4-10-18. Next weeks' Jackpot €2,200

All Masses and Services in Naas Parish
can be heard on the Radio at 107.3FM

Sallins Parish News

Advent Dues in support of the priests of the Parish will take place at all masses this weekend (orange envelope).

First Friday this coming Friday 3rd December. The housebound will be visited on Thursday 2nd.

The Rosary will be recited immediately after the 10am Mass each Tuesday during the month of November.

Advent Retreat for Readers, Homilists, Liturgy Groups etc at Mount St Anne's Retreat Centre, Killenard on Wednesday coming, 1st December. Meet at Fr Jimmy's house at 6.30pm.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction on Friday coming, 3rd December at 7.30pm.

Mother and Toddler Group recommences on Monday 6th December in the Community Centre from 10am to 12pm. For further details phone Tamara at 086 1008451.

Sallins Conference of St Vincent de Paul may be contacted at 085 7052294.

Naas Parish News

Advent Collection for the Priests of the Parish will take place at all Masses this weekend, 27th and 28th November. Please place your (blue) envelope with your contribution into the basket for the Offertory collection (2nd collection at Mass). Alternatively, you can make your contribution along with the Offertory collection.

Preparation for Christmas. You are invited to pray and study the Advent Sunday readings each Tuesday during Advent from 10.45am –11.30am in the Naas Parish Centre, Sallins Road (behind Veritas Shop). Sr Peggy Cleary will lead the sessions. All very welcome.

St Vincent de Paul Society Annual Christmas Collection will take place at all Masses Saturday and Sunday, 4th and 5th December in Naas, Two Mile House and Kill. Donations may also be sent to P.O. Box No1, Naas. "A BIG Thank you to the

boys of St Corbans Primary School who packed all the leaflets for us". Helpline: 045 897306

Concern Christmas Street Collection takes place this Thursday & Friday, 2nd & 3rd December.

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Thursday coming, 2nd Dec at 8pm in Parish Meeting Rooms, Sallins Road.

Ballycane Liturgy Group; Meeting on Wednesday coming, 1st December at 8pm in Church of Irish Martyrs.

Thank You from the Naas Community Centre to all who supported their recent Christmas Hamper Draw with a special thanks to all who sold tickets or helped in any way.

'**French Xmas Market**' was such a great success in Naas last Saturday we are now delighted to announce that its coming back for Saturday Dec 4th, 11th, and 18th, from 10am to 6pm and will be bigger than the last. There will be street entertainment for the kids so come and soak up the Christmas atmosphere outside Naas Courthouse.

Gaelscoil Parents' Night on Friday 3rd December at 8pm in Naas GAA Club. No cover charge. For more Details phone 086 8757616

FIRST FRIDAY 3rd December 2010

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:

Penitential Service will be incorporated in the 7.30pm Mass on Friday 3rd.

Communion to the Housebound

Fr Jimmy Doyle, Fr Brickley, Fr Paul Dempsey, Fr Bogdan and Fr Lennon will visit the housebound as usual.

Two Mile House Parish News

Confirmation; Next Sunday, 5th December we will welcome the Confirmation candidates from Killashee and Two Mile House schools for their "Enrolment Ceremony" beginning their "official" journey towards Confirmation.

Two Mile House Continued:

Christmas Cards: This weekend cards will be for sale in support of the charity "Almas." Your support is very much appreciated.

Carol Service; Our annual Carol Service takes place on Tuesday, 21st December at 7.30pm in St. Peter's Church. We look forward to a special night of festive song and reflection. All welcome.

T.M.H. GAA; Congratulations to all who received awards at the recent "Awards Night." Well done to all who have put in a huge effort at all levels in our club during the year.

General Notices

All Night Vigil at Knock Shrine in honour of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception on Tuesday 7th December . Bus from Naas. For Bookings phone 876117 or 866233.

Christmas Concert with the Nás na Rí Singers on Sunday 5th December at the Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane....donation to St Vincent de Paul. Tickets available from Choir Members and Barker & Jones, Naas.

Bumper Table Quiz organised by Mill Lane Manor Nursing Home Residents Assoc takes place on Thursday 9th December at 8pm in the Harbour House Hotel, Naas. For bookings phone Mary at 879145.

Christmas Carols and Seasonal Inspiration with Baldonnell Singers and guests at St David's Church of Ireland, Naas on Saturday 11th December at 8pm. Tickets from Top Twenty and Parish Office, Sallins Road.

Living Links provide practical help, information and support to persons and families bereaved by suicide. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer or would like to know more about Living Links why not come along to an information meeting at the Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane on Monday, December 6th at 8pm. For more information phone Liz at 087 2717129 or visit their web site at www.livinglinks.ie

Information Meeting: Are you an expectant mother, have a newborn or a toddler and would like to know what activities you can do and share with them why not come along to an information meeting on Wednesday, 1st December 11am to 12.30pm at the Community Centre, Sallins Rd., Naas.

Set Dancing Classes 'Rinceóiró Dara' on Mondays in the Town Hall, Naas from 8.30pm -10.30pm. All Welcome including beginners. **Christmas Party/Céilí** on Monday 6th December (same time and venue) with 'Triscell' Raffle on the night towards St Vincent de Paul Fund.

The Pope John Paul II National Awards are now entering their second year in the diocese for young people aged 16-18. Through the award young people from various schools/parishes are enabled to play an active part in the life of their parish and local community. Participants choose which level of the award to sign up for: gold, silver or bronze and what activities they would like to volunteer for. There are two aspects to their work, parish involvement and social awareness. Application Forms from: www.thepopejohnpauliiaward.com

Seasonal Craft Fair and Cooking Demo in aid of The National Children's Hospital Sunshine Home takes place at the Institute of Technology, Tallaght on Wed 1st Dec. at 7pm. Food demonstration at 8pm. Enquires to: Vourneen, 086 813 8821.

The origins of the Advent Wreath go back to ancient pre-Christian Germanic peoples of Northern Europe. When these people became Christianised the practice died out. Within the last 200 years historians rediscovered this practice through their research. 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 candles are lit with a short prayer.....one candle for the first week and then another for each succeeding week until December 25th. The meaning of the advent wreath is:
"There is light in the darkness of the world".

