



Mass Times: Fourth Sunday of Lent (Year A) Gospel: John 9:1-41

<u>Church</u>	<u>Weekdays</u>		<u>Sundays</u>
Our Lady and St David, Naas	Mon - Fri 7.30am, 10am	Saturday 10am.	Saturday Vigil: 6pm Sunday 8.30am, 10am, 12noon, 6pm.
Irish Martyrs, Ballycane, Naas	Mon - Fri 7.30pm	Saturday 11am	Saturday Vigil: 7.30pm 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

# Counting Our Blessings

Keeping a Holy Lent

'One of the most tragic things I know about human nature is that all of us tend to put off living. We are all dreaming of some magical rose garden over the horizon - instead of enjoying the roses that are blooming outside our windows today.'  $\sim$ Dale Carnegie

A young man went to a Rabbi and asked, "How can I love God with my whole heart, since I see that there are bad parts in my heart." The Rabbi replied, "Well it seems you will have to love God with the bad parts too!" We are often our own worst critics. We put ourselves down easily. We seldom give ourselves enough credit for all the roses blooming in our own lives. We tend to see the bad parts first and we almost magnify them. We allow them to choke out the roses. It's time to throw away the magnifying glass. Yes we all have faults, weaknesses and limitations.

The Gospel invitation is to love God even with the bad parts too. Jesus saw the good in the blind man, his blindness wasn't caused by anything he or his family did. This invites us to put the spotlight onto the blessings and good things in our lives. They are not in some magical place beyond the horizon but right within our reach waiting to be celebrated.

**The Trócaire Campaign** helps those in greater need than ourselves. Trócaire Boxes are now available in all our churches.



Thought for the Week: A winner says "It may be difficult but it's possible."

A loser says "It may be possible but it's too difficult.' Author Unknown

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<u>Confessions</u>: 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 Irish Martyrs, Ballycane.

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN; PARISH SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVES:

Caroline Quinn (Naas); Ann Moran (Sallins) Anita Comer Julian (Two-Mile-House). They can be contacted through the Parish Office, Sallins Road, Naas. Ph 045 879730.

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

#### Naas:

Frank O'Reilly, Kilcullen Road
Mary Butler, St Corbans Place
Chrissie Gibbons, Patrician Avenue
Tom Benson, Dublin Road
David O'Brien, Dublin
Charles James Crumey, England and Naas

<u>SALLINS</u>:
Margaret Madge Butler, Lanesboro and Sallins

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

# Afternoon Reflection

On Sunday 6th April at 2.30pm in the Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane. Including Holy Hour, Stations of the Cross, Anointing of the Sick and Holy Mass. Conducted by Fr PJ Madden. All welcome. Refreshments during break.



# THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY WELCOMES YOU WITH GREAT JOY!

#### Naas:

Rose Evlalia Phelan, Hazelmere
Sam Cathal McKenna, Oldtown Villas
Nathan Sean Kane, The Park
Isabella Eve Blume, Kerdiffstown
Dylan Patrick Vickers, Morell Dale
Neala Mai Kelly, New Caragh Court
Finn Gerard Kavanagh Woods, Ashgrove Ave

#### Sallins:

Jorja Christina Herbert Lackey, Osberstown Ct Niall Jack Golden, Sallins Pier

#### **Two Mile House:**

Lainey Sheila Bolger, Athgarvan

#### **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

Did you know that you can now read the current parish newsletter as well as back issues online??? Log on to <a href="www.naasparish.ie">www.naasparish.ie</a> click on "current parish newsletter" or "parish newsletter past issues."

Feast & Memorial Days for the coming week:

Tuesday 1st: St Ceallach (Celsus), bishop Friday 4th: St Isidore, bishop and doctor

# **Sallins Parish News**

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament | Confirmation: Tuesday coming, 1st April from 10.30am- 11am

**Thank You** from Disabled Drivers Association to all who contributed to their recent collection which raised €294.58

On Wednesday, Thursday and Friday coming at 11am the boys and girls from Sallins School will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

There will be NO 10am Mass on these days.

# **Naas Parish News**

Best Wishes: For over 20 years Jim Sullivan organised the Eucharistic Ministers in Naas Parish. This is a hugely challenging task of organising rotas, house visitation, the hospital etc.

After all these years of service, Jim has now decided to retire. We thank him most sincerely for generous service of the Parish all his effort and down through the years and wish him every blessing and good wish for the future.

John Brickley and the Parish Team.

#### FIRST FRIDAY 4th April 2014

#### **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**

There will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Church of Our Lady and St. David, Sallins Road, after 10am Mass until 6pm.

#### Sacrament of Reconciliation

#### Church of Our Lady and St David:

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

#### Communion to the Housebound

Fr John, Fr PJ., Fr Bogdan will visit the housebound as usual.

### <u>Preparation for Easter:</u>

**Lenten Sunday Reading** preparation continues on

Tuesday morning coming 2nd April in the Parish Meeting Rooms, Sallins Road after 10am Mass and will be led by Sr Peggy Cleary.

Reflection on the Stations of the Cross takes place each Friday evening during Lent after the 7.30pm Mass in the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane.

Apostolic Exhortation Evangelii Gaudium: The 3rd and final information / discussion session on the Pope's recent Apostolic Exhortation Evangelii Gaudium takes place tomorrow, Monday 31st March in the main hall of Ballycane Church from 8.15pm to 9.30pm. Tea / coffee will be served afterwards. All welcome.

<u>Marian</u> <u>Movement</u> <u>Cenacle</u> meets every month in the Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane at 10.20am. Next meeting Saturday coming, 5th April. All welcome.

**Funeral Ministry**; A "Funeral Ministry" Team has been developed in the Parish. The Funeral Ministers will help in planning the funeral along with the priest and minister in different ways to the bereaved during the funeral. The Funeral Ministers will provide an extra layer of support to bereaved families at the time of a funeral. On **Sunday 6th April** the Funeral Ministers will be commissioned at the 10am Mass in Our Lady and St. David's Church.

**<u>Ballycane Liturgy Group</u>** meeting on Saturday coming, 5th of April at 11am in Ballycane meeting room.

<u>Naas Active Retirement Assoc</u> members only meeting this Wed, 2nd Apr at 2pm in Naas Community Centre.

Naas Local History Group Tuesday coming, 1st April at 7.45pm in Naas Community Library. All welcome.

<u>Naas Flower and Garden Club</u> 'Spring Gala Night 2014' supporting St Brigid's Hospice, The Curragh, takes place on Thursday coming, 3rd April at 7.45pm in St Mary's College, Sallins Road, Naas. "The Beauty of Flowers". Tickets at the door.

**Special Olympics** National Collection Day takes place on Friday, 11th April. Collectors required in Naas. If you can spare 1-2 hours please call Sheila O Connor at 0861099311.

#### NAAS PARISH LOTTO

## €4,500 that's the Jackpot in Naas Parish Lotto on Wednesday coming, 2nd April. Have you got your ticket?

There was no winner of the Jackpot on Wednesday last, 26th March. The numbers drawn were 11-18-15-8.

This week's Lucky Dip winners were: Mary Finan, Darragh Coy, Catherine O'Rourke and Lisa Quinn

For anybody who might prefer to purchase an Annual Ticket in the Lotto, please complete the form below and return it to the Draw Office, Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane, Naas, Co Kildare. The cost of an Annual Ticket is 690. Annual tickets will be entered in the Lotto Draw every week for one year from date of purchase. Or, you can also join the Lotto by Standing Order of €8 per month. On receipt of completed form and cheque, an Annual Ticket will be posted to you. Standing Order Forms can also be posted out. For further information please contact 086 1635994.

Remember, you can join the Parish Lotto at any time, it is only €2 per week and can be bought from a promoter, or from the Parish Offices on the Sallins Road or the Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane. Lotto Envelopes are now available from the Parish Offices on the Sallins Road or Ballycane and from the Church porches. They can be dropped into the Parish Offices or into the post box beside the office in the Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane.

# **Two Mile House Parish News**

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Rosary each Friday evenings during Lent in St. Peter's Church, Two Mile House, after the 7pm Mass. All welcome to join in.

<u>Development Group PPC</u> next meeting on Monday, 7th April at 7pm in the Presbytery.

<u>Liturgy Group</u> next meeting on Monday, 7th April at 8.30pm (please note slightly later time).

Parish Pastoral Council next meeting on Tuesday, 15th April at 8pm.

### **General Notices**

<u>Iohn Paul II</u>; 'Talk and Discussion on the life and works of - soon to be Saint - John Paul II in the Dominicans, Newbridge College on Sunday April 6th, at 4pm. All welcome. Admission free

Naas Arch Club is a social/friendship club for adults with special needs. Save the Date for 10th Anniversary Celebration Dance in Killashee House Hotel on Wednesday 30th April. Tickets available up to 8th April at Club Night on Tuesday's from 8pm to 10.30pm in St Mary's College. We look forward to meeting past members, volunteers and family members, not forgetting our present energetic Members, Volunteers and Gaisce Students. We continue to welcome new members and volunteers. Contact: sheelahwatson@eircom.net

<u>Co.Kildare Branch</u> of <u>Diabetes Ireland</u> are holding an Information Meeting and AGM on Thursday coming, 3rd April in The Maudlins House Hotel, Dublin Road, Naas at 7pm. Speakers Dr. Kevin Moore (Question & Answer Session ) and Catherine Kerin (Footcare). All Welcome.

Brian Brady Youth Theatre presents Les Miserables' in the Moat Theatre from 9th-12th April. Tickets from Moat Box Office at 883030.

**Found:** a) Small Sum of Money outside Veritas Shop, Sallin Road. Phone Parish Office at 879730. b) Set of Keys in the Church/School Car Park, Sallins Road on Sunday 16th March. Phone Parish Office at 879730.

a) Mobile Phone on Monday last within the vicinity of the Convent Primary School. Phone Parish Office at 879730. b) Gents Glasses on Friday 21st in the Maudlin's Avenue/Dublin Road area. Phone 087 6672882.

<u>Stars</u> <u>in</u> <u>their</u> <u>Eyes</u> on 4th April in West Grove

Hotel, Clane. Proceeds to Little Way Cancer Support Lotto Results: Clane. Phone Evelyn McKee 087 2983140

#### **Parish Finances:**

Sallins: Baskets: € 567: Envelopes: € 520

Naas: Offertory: € 3,214 **Development Fund:** € 3,721

Two Mile House: €590

Sallins GAA: 24/3 Jackpot €1,000 Numbers 2-9-15; No winner; Venue 31/4 Railway Inn; Jackpot €1,150 Naas GAA: 20/3 Jackpot €4,750: Numbers 12-21-25-27;

No winner: Next week's Jackpot €4,900

Splotto / Ballycane Celtic: No results

Naas United FC: 23/3 Numbers 2-4-15-2-; No winner;

Jackpot 30/3 €2,800