



NAAS SALLINS TWO MILE HOUSE NEWSLETTER



Mass Times: **Fourth Sunday of Lent (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

The Gift of Sight!!

In today's Gospel Jesus gives the gift of sight to a blind man. But since we are not blind, we might think that the Gospel story has no relevance for us. It is precisely because we can see that it has relevance for us. *The question is: how well do we see?*

The blind man saw more than the religious leaders, in the sense that he had more faith in Jesus than they had. The Pharisees had perfect eyesight, yet they had no faith in Jesus. To see well, good eyesight alone is not sufficient, as we also 'see' with the mind, the heart and the imagination. A narrow mind, a small heart, an impoverished imagination — all of these lead to loss of vision, darken our lives, and shrink our world.

It has been said that the greatest tragedy is not to be born blind, but to have eyes and yet fail to see. But there is an even worse situation: to have eyes and refuse to see. The latter was the situation with the Pharisees.

The most important eyes of all are the eyes of faith, for faith helps us to find our way through the chaos, confusion and darkness of the modern world.. The gospel story is essentially a faith story.....the story of a man who came to faith in Jesus. The climax of the story is where the man makes a profession of faith: *"Lord, I believe"*.

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Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction as usual on Friday coming, 8th April at 7.30pm.

Parish Pastoral Council Members; Pastoral Area meeting takes place on Monday, 11th April at 8.15pm at the Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane. This is to look at the proposed Pastoral Area model and how we can work more closely as parishes in the area (the parishes being; Naas, Sallins, Two Mile House, Kill and Ardclough).

Sallins Lourdes Fund: Committee members will be selling tickets for their annual raffle before and after Saturday evening and Sunday masses this weekend, 2nd and 3rd April.

Confirmation: in Sallins takes place on 12th, 13th, and 14th April.

Will all parents and sponsors bring your children, who are preparing for Confirmation, to the church on Tuesday coming, 5th April at 8pm, where we will have a Penitential Service together. Please lead by example.

Parking for Confirmation; Monday 11th to Friday 15th April:

Many people park around the Community Centre all day for many reasons. However, that facility will not be available to them on the above dates. This may put some people out, for which I am truly sorry, but we need the parking facilities for the families of the Confirmation children. You will find that the Centre will be locked off — literally with a chain and lock. Please co-operate with us in this.

Trocaire Boxes are still available in the Church Porches.

Sallins Annual Pilgrimage to Lourdes takes place from 26th June to 3rd July....7 nights full board. Spiritual Directors: Fr Tom McDonnell and Fr Colum Swan. Further details/bookings contact Rita at 045-861070.

Each year Sallins Lourdes Pilgrimage invite a number of sick people from the Parish to join them on their pilgrimage. If you or a member of your family would like to be considered, you may contact a committee member (names and phone numbers available at back of Sallins Church).

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Preparation for Easter: The study of the Lenten Sunday readings, lead by Sr Peggy Cleary, continues on Tuesday mornings (during Lent) in the Parish Meeting Rooms, Sallins Road immediately after the 10am Mass.

Ballycane Liturgy Group – Meeting next Wednesday at 8pm in Ballycane.

Confirmation; We congratulate the boys from St Corbans school, girls and boys from Scoil Bhríde and the girls from the Convent school who received the Sacrament of Confirmation during the past week and we wish the girls from the Convent school every blessing as they receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday coming. May the Lord continue to bless each one of them with love and joy as they are sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Legion of Mary Consecration (Acies): on Sunday 10th April in Cill Mhuire, Newbridge at 2.30pm concluding with Holy Mass. All welcome with a special invitation to all Auxiliary Members.

Parish Pastoral Council next meeting takes place on Thursday coming, 7th April at 8.15pm in the Parish Meeting Rooms, Sallins Road.

Naas Active Retirement Association next meeting tomorrow, Monday 4th April at 1.30pm in the Naas Community Centre, Sallins Road.

Naas Local History Group. "Naas and the Spanish Civil War" an illustrated talk by James Durney on Tuesday coming, 5th April at 7.45pm in Naas Community Library. All welcome.

Naas Easter Parade will take place on Easter Sunday, 24th April. Business, Community Organisations, Clubs are welcome to enter the parade. For further information please contact Willie Callaghan at 045/875565 or 086 2341009 or wcallaghan@eircom.net

Naas Notices Continued:

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Two Mile House Parish News

Idea for Lent? On Friday evenings during Lent, following the 7pm Mass, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed and the rosary will be recited. All are welcome to come along.

“Do This in Memory” - Meeting of Parents’ Committee on Tuesday coming, 5th April at 7.30pm in the school staff room.

Liturgy Group – Meeting on Thursday coming, 7th April at 7pm in Fr. Paul’s.

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Two Mile House ICA Guild is celebrating it's 60th Anniversary this year and are holding a celebration dinner in June. If you are a past member and would like to be included please contact either Monica Sheehan 086 3991706 or Helen Weir 087 7850982 with your name address and telephone number."

General Notices

Afternoon Retreat today at 2.30pm in Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane conducted by Fr Moling Lennon concluding with Holy Mass. All welcome

The Moat Theatre presents ‘The Loves of Cass McGuire’ by Brian Friel from Tuesday 12th to Saturday 16th April. Tickets from the Moat Theatre box office, phone 883030

Share A Break Project: KARE and Sisters of Charity of Jesus & Mary/Muiriosa Foundation Share A Break Project for Children & Adults. We need people like you to become a Share a Break Carer....our Share a Break Carers are ordinary people. Have you the time to offer short breaks to a child or adult with an intellectual disability?. For more information phone Ann Callanan (Children & Adults) SCJMS/Muiriosa Foundation at 045 876500 or Rosemary Dunning (Adults) KARE at 045 480200.

Arthritis Ireland Walking Group Indoor/outdoor programme of Walking, developed for people with arthritis, every Saturday afternoon 2pm - 3.30pm. Venue: Naas Health & Fitness, Monread, Naas and walk in Monread Park after warm up, weather permitting. Tea & chat afterwards!

No Name Club National Youth Organisation the No Name Club is holding a meeting/information night in Naas on Wednesday, April 13th and wants to meet with adults who would be interested in providing the town’s young people with healthy recreational activities. The event is being held in the Community Centre, Sallins Road, and will take place at 8.30pm. It will afford local people an opportunity to find out about the range of activities that No Name Clubs run to bring young people together and offer them very valuable options to enjoy themselves. Anyone looking for more information can contact Anthony at 087 2865073.

Cystic Fibrosis Fundraiser: It’s Afternoon Tea!! On Saturday coming, 9th April from 2.30pm-4.30pm at 34 Craddockstown Way, Craddockstown Park. There will be a kids Art Competition and Raffle.



Mother's Day...

a time for warm thoughts and fond memories,
for expressing the feelings and words that often go unspoken,
for letting those special people in our lives know
that they are loved and appreciated -
always.