

# Parish Newsletter

Second Sunday of Easter  
3rd April 2016

No 1540

John 20: 19-31



## Sheep and Lambs

All in the April evening,  
April airs were abroad;  
The sheep with their little lambs  
Passed me by on the road.

The sheep with their little lambs  
Passed me by on the road;  
All in the April evening,  
I thought on the Lamb of God.

The lambs were weary, and crying  
With a weak, human cry.  
I thought on the Lamb of God  
Going meekly to die.

Up in the blue, blue mountains  
Dewy pastures are sweet;  
Rest for the little bodies,  
Rest for the little feet.

But for the Lamb of God,  
Up on the hill-top green,  
Only a cross of shame,  
Two stark crosses between.

All in the April evening,  
April airs were abroad;  
I saw the sheep with their lambs,  
And thought on the Lamb of God.

**On this Divine Mercy Sunday**, the mercy we find in Jesus is compared so beautifully to the meek and gentle nature of an innocent Lamb. The face of God; full of tenderness and warmth. The face of God is the face of a merciful parent who is always patient. Have you thought about God's patience, the patience He has with each one of us? That is His mercy. He always has patience, patience with us, He understands us, He waits for us, He does not tire of forgiving us, if we are able to return to Him with a heart that seeks his forgiveness and love. According to Pope Francis, 'a little mercy makes the world less cold and more just'.

In a world where some people seek to create fear through random acts of terrorism, in a world where people are displaced and driven from their home land. Wherever darkness abides let us never forget the young man who braved the darkness of Calvary. And in that journey from darkness into light, which we remember at Easter Time, 'Let the new tender light of the Resurrection touch our fears and overcome them.' The glorious light of Easter guides our steps in the knowledge that we are not on our own. That we walk with our gentle Saviour,  
And we think on the Lamb of God.

## Divine Mercy Sunday, To-day 3rd April 2016.

The Feast of Divine Mercy will be celebrated in the Church of Our Lady and St David, Sallins Road, to-day Sunday.  
Confessions at 1.30pm; Holy Hour at 2pm; followed by Mass at 3pm.

**Jubilee of Mercy:** "May the message of Mercy reach everyone" in these joy-filled days of Easter. This is the prayer of Pope Francis.

You are invited to a presentation/reflection/sharing on the theme "Mercy is the force that awakens us to new life and instills in us the courage to look to the future with hope", on Tuesday 19th April at 7.30pm at the Church of the Irish Marytrs, Ballycane. Presenter: Fr. Brian Kavanagh.

## **PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION**

**PRIEST ON DUTY: 085 708 8407**

**PARISH WEBSITE:** [www.naasparish.ie](http://www.naasparish.ie)

**NAAS AND SALLINS PARISH OFFICE** Tel 879730 Fax 894287

**Opening Hours:** Monday to Friday 10am to 5pm

**Naas eMail** [naasparishoffice@gmail.com](mailto:naasparishoffice@gmail.com)

**Sallins eMail** [sallinsparishoffice@gmail.com](mailto: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. JOHN BRICKLEY** Parochial House 897703

**FR. LIAM MORGAN** Curates House 949576

**FR. JOE O'NEILL** Sundays well 898866

**DN. FERGAL O'NEILL** Parish Deacon 086 3816133

**Ms. MAIREAD D'ARCY** Pastoral Assistant 897134

### **SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN PARISH REPRESENTATIVES**

**Naas:** Andrew Fagan and Geraldine Faherty

**Two Mile House:** Anita Comer Julian **Sallins:** Ann Moran.

They can be contacted through the Parish Office, Sallins Road, Naas. Phone 045 87973

## **MASS TIMES**

### **CHURCH OF OUR LADY AND ST. DAVID , SALLINS ROAD**

**WEEKDAYS:** Mon-Fri 7.30am and 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 THE GUARDIAN ANGELS, SALLINS**

**WEEKDAYS:** Tues and Fri 10am

**SUNDAYS:** Sat Vigil 6.30pm Sun 10am and 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

### **FEAST AND MEMORIAL DAYS FOR THE COMING WEEK:**

Monday 4th : The Annunciation of the Lord

Thursday 7th: St John The Baptist de la Salle, priest

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

### **Naas:**

Eamon Butler, Pacelli Road

Clare Lyons, Roseville



**MAY THEY REST IN PEACE**

### **RECENT BAPTISMS**

### **Naas:**

Sorcha Barbara Byrne, Monread Heights

Grayson James Hickey, Primrose Close

For those requesting the Sacrament of Baptism two weeks notice is required. Further details of Baptisms in Naas, Sallins and Two Mile House Parish at [www.naasparish.ie/sacraments/baptism](http://www.naasparish.ie/sacraments/baptism).



### **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.*

**Coeliac Hosts:** We would like to remind you that low gluten hosts are available for distribution at every Mass in all Churches. If you need to receive a low gluten host, come forward to the sanctuary at Communion time.

**Live Streaming of Services** Please note that all services in the Church of Our Lady and St. David are broadcast live to the internet.

**Booking Anniversary Masses;** In order to make sure names are included for Anniversary Masses we kindly ask that people would contact the Parish Office Sallins Road or the Ballycane Office at their earliest convenience (at least a week in advance). The Anniversary Mass list is completed on Friday for the following week's Masses.

**Thank You** to all who donated flowers for our Easter Altar. A special word of thanks to all those who did the beautiful arrangements.

**Naas Local History Group** will present an Illustrated Talk on the "**1916 Naas Connections**" Monday 4th April 8pm in The Town House Hotel. All Welcome

**Naas Active Retirement Assoc,** members only meeting, on Wednesday coming 6th April at 2pm in Naas Community Centre.

**Our Annual Golf Classic** for the Parish Church Restoration Fund will take place on **Friday, 20th May 2016**. If you would like to participate as a Team on the day, Sponsor a Tee Box or Prizes for the Golf Competition or Raffle, please contact the Parish Office on 045 879730.



**Wednesday Morning Cuppa** takes place in the room at the back of the Church (Old Mortuary) every Wednesday morning after 10am Mass. *All welcome for a cuppa and a chat.*

**Mothers Prayers** at the Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane, on Wednesdays at 8.15pm.

**Parish Office** is now open on Saturday's from **10am to 1pm** to facilitate with Mass Cards, **only**.

**Naas St Vincent de Paul helpline 045 897306.**

### **SALLINS NOTICE**

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament continues on** Tuesday coming 5th April from 10.30am to 11am.

**Tuesday Club** on Tuesday coming 5th April from 2pm to 4pm in the Sallins Community Centre.

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

**Date for your Diary.....Sallins Pilgrimage to Lourdes** will take place on 24th June 2016. Cooleragh/Staplestown Parish will join with Sallins this year for the Pilgrimage.

**Each year Sallins Lourdes Pilgrimage invite a number of sick people from Sallins and Naas Parishes on their Pilgrimage.** If you or a member of your family would like to be considered you can contact Rita directly on 861070 or 087 6536112. Spiritual Director, Fr. Jimmy Doyle.

### **TWO MILE HOUSE**

**St Peter's Church Two Mile House 225th Anniversary Book** are available from Parish Offices, Naas, or from Art at 875618.

### **GENERAL NOTICES**

#### **Sports Lottery Results:**

Naas: 24/3 (4-19-25-26) No winner, Jackpot €7,750

Sallins: 29/3 (23-26-29) No winner, Jackpot €1,450

Splotto: No Results available

**Trocaire Boxes** may be left into the Sacristy or Parish Offices. **Please do not leave them within the churches/porches.**

**Naas McAuley Place** will be hosting the fantastic Naas Musical Society on Saturday 9th April at 8pm. The group are joining us to raise funds for McAuley Place with a variety of songs, medleys and sketches. This event is to raise funds for our Luisne Gardens and to help maintain the running and upkeep of McAuley Place. To book tickets phone 045 897833.

**Kildare Down Syndrome** present 'The Dublin Welsh Male Voice Choir' for a Choral Evening with local guest choirs. It will take place on Friday 22nd April at 8pm at the Church of Our Lady and St David, Sallins Road. Tickets from the Parish Office at 879730; Kildare Down Syndrome Office at 045 487584; Cora at 086 0869897; Mary at 087 9772701; Kevin at 087 2540903. All proceeds to Kildare Down Syndrome.

**Naas Arch Club** is a social club which provides a secure social environment for people with special needs. We meet every Tuesday night, generally in St Mary's College, Naas from 8pm to 10pm. If interested contact Orla on 086 8070809 or Denis 085 7274796 or for more information.

**Kildare Suicide Bereavement Support Group Bereaved? Need to Talk? Want to Talk?** Qualified counsellors are available every Thursday in the Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane from 8pm to 10pm. For further information ph 045 895629 or 086 8554852. This is a free, confidential and non denominational.

**Is someone's drinking affecting your life?** Al-Anon can help. Meetings every Monday night at 8.15pm in Parish Centre, Ballycane (Tuesday on Bank Holiday Weekend). Also on Wednesdays at 8.30pm in Parish Centre, Newbridge, Thursdays in Áras Bríd, Parish Centre, Kildare.

**Eist Cancer Support Centre** is a registered charity affiliated to the Irish Cancer Society and provides practical help and emotional support to all those who have been affected by cancer and is opened Monday to Thursday, 10am to 4pm. The Centre is now offering a group support programme called **CLIMB** for children between 5 and 12years who are coping with cancer diagnosis within the family unit. CLIMB is run over 6 weeks (1hour per week) in the evenings so as not to disrupt school attendance. The Centre is located at the Waterfront, Mill Lane, Carlow. For more information phone 059 9139684 or info@eistcarlowcancersupport.ie

# You Could Win €5,500

## On this Wednesday coming, 6th April in Naas Parish Lotto Draw Simply Buy A €2 Ticket And It Could Be You

There was no winner of the Jackpot on Wednesday 30th March; numbers drawn were 12— 6 – 9 – 22.

Tickets are available from the Parish Office on the Sallins Road, or in The Church of the Irish Martyrs Ballycane .  
Lotto Envelopes are also available in the Church Porches, simply complete and drop it into the Parish office before the weekly draw. Tickets can also be purchased from various outlets throughout the town

**Remember you can join the Lotto anytime. If you would like to join the Parish Lotto Draw or renew your Annual Subscription please complete your details below and return it to any of the Priests;  
The Parish Office, Sallins Road: Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane.**

*If you're not in you can't win!!*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please choose four numbers between 1 and 28  
(inclusive) and write them in the boxes**



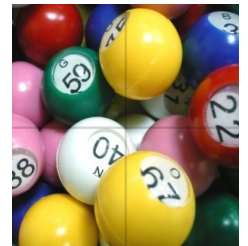
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**Peace Concert in Knock Basilica.** The Mayo International Choral Festival is hosting a Peace Concert with the RTÉ Concert Orchestra, in the beautiful surrounds of the fully refurbished Knock Basilica on Saturday 14th May. This Peace Concert will commemorate the 1916 Rising and World War One. The RTÉ Concert Orchestra will be conducted by David Brophy. The orchestra will perform with a 120 member choir and soloists  
Information/Tickets at [www.mayochoral.com](http://www.mayochoral.com)

**St Luke's Hospital** will be holding it's Annual Remembrance Ceremony for families who have been bereaved by the death of their child through miscarriage, still-birth or early infancy death. This ceremony will take place on Wednesday, April 13th in St Fiacre's Church, Loughboy, Kilkenny at 7.30pm. While we issue a special invitation to families who have been bereaved during the past year, this ceremony is for all families who have been bereaved, regardless of how long ago.

**1916 Commeration Concert** A Rebel's Heart. An evening of contemporary classical music to commemorate the events of The Rising. Concert takes place on Sunday 10th April in St. Mary's Church, Maynooth 8pm. For more information see [www.ElaineNolan.net](http://www.ElaineNolan.net)

**Naas Parish Bingo** continues on Tuesday nights at 8.30pm sharp in the Care of the Aged Centre, Newbridge Road with *bigger* Prizes and Jackpot.  
All welcome



**Parish Pilgrimage to Medjugorje** takes place from Thursday 1st to Friday 8th June for seven nights. Price €659 (fully inclusive). To book phone John or Catherine Murphy at 866233 or John 086 8563773.  
Spiritual Director: Fr. Liam Morgan

**Holy Land Pilgrimage** for Naas, Sallins, Two Mile House and Carlow Parishes takes place from 2nd to 10th September 2016. €1,495 per person sharing €200 booking deposit required. Spiritual director, Fr. Liam Morgan. Bookings through Parish Office, Naas or Tullys Travel, Carlow. Ph: 059 9136100.

### **Thought for the Week:**



The resurrection gives my life meaning and direction and the opportunity to start over no matter what my circumstances. *Robert Flatt*