

# Parish Newsletter

## First Sunday of Advent

3rd December 2017.

No 1629

Matthew 13:33-37



### THE DEEP END: KEEP AWAKE.



We are surrounded these days by the commercial 'circus' of Christmas shopping and 'getting ready'. It might seem far removed from the story that we are celebrating; the story of a poor refugee family 2,000 years ago who had a very special delivery. The story of God choosing to intervene in human history in such an intimate and shocking way; God choosing to be born into a situation of poverty and danger.

It is good to ask ourselves at this time of year, what are we getting ready for?

Advent is a wonderful season which invites us to use our waiting to grow spiritually. We are invited to make space for ourselves and for God in the midst of the rushing. Can we stop and be still and ask ourselves:

'Where do I see God being born around me today?' In those I meet? In kind words and gestures? In my community? In my own heart?

Have a more 'aware' Advent. Be mindful in all you do. Be aware in your rushing, be aware as you stand in that queue, be aware as you eat, be aware of your feelings, be aware of your thoughts. By watching all of this we become more awake, more able to recognise our true selves and more able to see God being born continuously each day within us and around us.

Our awe and wonder grows and we can be prepared for the coming of the Gift himself. How we prepare determines what will be.

**Prayer Service** for the safe return of Trevor Deely and all missing persons takes place on Friday coming 8th December at 8.15pm (immediately after the 7.30pm Mass) in the Church of the Irish Martyr's, Ballycane. *"You are welcome to stay and pray with us."*

**Advent Station Collection in support of the Priests of the Parish will take place at all Masses this weekend, Saturday 2nd and Sunday 3rd December.** We thank you and greatly appreciate your continued support and kindness to us.

### Mass Times for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, Holy Day of Obligation, Friday coming 8th December.

**Irish Martyr's, Ballycane:** 12noon and 7.30pm.

**Our Lady and St David:** 7.30am and 10am.

**Sallins:** 10am.

**Two Mile House:** 7pm.

## 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** [office@naasparish.net](mailto:office@naasparish.net)

**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. LIAM MORGAN** Sallins Road 087 1337879

**FR. JOE O'NEILL** Sundays Well 045 876197

**FR MICHAEL FLATTERY** SALLINS ROAD 045 897703

**FR ALEX KOCHATT** LAKELANDS 045 898684

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

**Hilda Campbell** Pastoral Adm Assistant 089 4037570

### SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN PARISH REPRESENTATIVES

**Naas:** Andrew Fagan and Geraldine Faherty

**Sallins:** Keith Murphy

**Two Mile House:** Mary Valentine

They can be contacted through the Parish Office, Sallins Road, Naas. Phone 045 879730.

## 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:** Tuesday and FRIDAY 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 from 9.30am to 10am.

Every Saturday after the 10am Mass.

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

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

Wednesday 6th December: St Nicholas, bishop

Friday 8th December: The Immaculate Conception

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

### Naas:

Adam Merai, Osberstown.

### Sallins:

Dane Loakman, Castlefen.

**MAY THEY REST IN PEACE**



### RECENT BAPTISMS

### Naas:

Freya Michell Daly, Roselawn

Ryan Jake Flanagan, Mountain View

Seán Anthony McCann, Monread Court

Maximus Steff, Millbridge Way

Jay Seán Lindsay, Mountain View

Joseph Pdraig McArdle, Cluain Aoibhinn



Jake Flanagan, Mountain View

Gavin David Saunders, Gleann na Riogh Way

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).

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

### NAAS PARISH NEWS

**PARISH MISSION STATEMENT** - 'Naas Catholic Parish 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.'

**Advent Preparation for Christmas:** You are invited to pray and study the Advent Sunday Readings on each Tuesday during Advent, continuing on Tuesday coming 5th December after 10am Mass in the Parochial House. **(note new venue)**



**Bake Sale** St Marys College are holding a Bake Sale to-day Sunday 3rd December after the 11am and 6pm Masses in the room at rear of church.

**Christmas Mass Bouquet Cards are now available from the Parish Offices.**

**The St Vincent de Paul Society's Annual Collection** takes place at all Masses on Saturday /Sunday coming 9th and 10th December. Donations can also be sent to St Vincent de Paul, PO Box 1, Naas. All donations will be greatly appreciated. Thank you for your continued support. **St Vincent de Paul Helpline, Naas 045 897306.**

**Little Blessings Children's Liturgy Group** will be celebrating Advent. Children who are not in a Sacramental year are invited to join us on Sunday next 10th December at the 10.30am Mass in Ballycane. Lessons will be on the Family Tree and the Nativity. Children are encouraged to bring a small photograph of their family (which will be cut, placed and left on the Tree).

**Naas Local History Group** Illustrated History talk 'Chairs to Mayors' the History of Naas Town Council by group members, takes place Monday 4th December 8pm in Naas Town Hall. All Welcome.

**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. Our first meeting will take place on Wednesday coming 6th December at 4.30pm in McAuley Place. Come along and find out more about this exiting new group. For more information contact Hilda Campbell, Pastoral Assistant on 089 403 7570. All are welcome.

**Naas Active Retirement Association** Members only meeting on Wednesday coming 6th December at 2pm in Naas Community Centre.

**Clothes Collection supporting Friends of Calcutta** (CHY 13218) Thursday coming 7th December at Ballycane Church at 4pm. Bags can be left earlier that day **but Not after 4pm.** All items of clothing, footwear bed sheets, curtains etc in any condition most welcome. Your support will help us fund the construction of two new kitchens in Calcutta. Enquiries to Michael Hopkins at 087 9073074.

**A Reminder to be cautious with your personal belongings when in and around the Church.**

### **SALLINS NOTICE**

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** continues Tuesday coming, 6th Dec from 10.30am—11am.

**Sallins Senior Citizens** Christmas Party takes place to-day Sunday 3rd December.

**Clothes Collection supporting Friends of Calcutta** on Thursday coming 7th December at 3pm outside Sallins Church. Bags can be left earlier that day, **but Not after 3pm.**

**Sallins Parish Envelope Boxes** for the coming year are now available for collection from the Church Porch. Your support is and as always very much appreciated. It would greatly facilitate accurate record-keeping for tax relief purposes if you could write your name and address on the first few envelopes you return.

### **TWO MILE HOUSE**

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

**Clothes Collection supporting Friends of Calcutta** on Thursday coming 7th December at 2pm at St Peters Church. Bags can be left earlier that day, **but Not after 2pm.**

### **GENERAL NOTICES**

#### **Parish Finances:**

Sallins: Baskets: € 825 Envelopes: € 470  
Naas: Offertory: €3,350 Development €3,270  
Two Mile House: € 743

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

Naas: 23 /11 (1-8-10-18) No winner, Jackpot €5,950  
Sallins: 27/11 (1-3-21)) No winner, Jackpot €2,950

**Bus to Knock for All-Night Vigil,** Thursday 7th December. Phone 045-525432 to book.

**St Brigid's Hospice and Home Care Services:** The Friends of St. Brigid's Hospice and Home Care Team wish to invite you and all those who have fundraised and supported them in the renovation of St. Brigid's Hospice on the Curragh, to a viewing of the new building on Saturday next 9th December between 11am and 4pm. All are welcome.

**Naas Art Group** is a group of local Amateur Artists and this will be their 36th Annual Exhibition. The Exhibition will run from Thursday 7th to Sunday 17th December in Unit 5, Town Centre, Dublin Road (*beside Dealz*). Open 10am to 6pm daily.

**Christmas Craft Fair** St David's School are holding their Annual Christmas Craft Fair on Saturday coming 9th December from 10am to 4pm the Town Hall. Crafts, Cakes, Bottles, Raffle, Books Crepes, Mulled Wine and lots more. All welcome.

**Youth 2000 Christmas Retreat** from 8th to 10th December in Newbridge College. Contact National office at 01 675 3690 or email office@youth2000.ie

# You Could Win €10,000

**on Wednesday coming, 6th December in Naas Parish Lotto Draw  
Simply Buy A €2 Ticket And It Could Be You.**

**There was no winner of the Jackpot on Wednesday last, 29th November.**

**Numbers Drawn were 4- 23 -26 -18. Four Lucky dip winners of €100 each:** Mary Harte,  
Margaret Reynolds, Mary Hiney, Patricia Higgins.

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 .

**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.**

Tickets are also available from the Parish Office on the Sallins Road, or in the Office at The Church of the Irish Martyrs Ballycane.

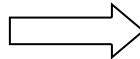
**Remember you can join the Lotto anytime. *If you're not in you can't win!***

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

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**Christmas Gala Concert** featuring the Baldonnell Singers with Paul Linehan, Tenor and Ruby Boland Soprano on Saturday coming 9th December at 8pm in St Coca's Church Kilcock. Tickets €15 from Parish Office, Kilcock on 01 6287406.

**Irish Dancing:** Non competitive Irish Dancing classes take place every Tuesday evening from 6.15 pm to 7.15pm in McAuley Place Arts and Culture Centre. No experience required. Age group 4+. For booking/more information contact Emma on 087 205 9128.

**Carlow Choral Society Christmas Concert** takes place on Sunday next 10th December at 8.15pm in the Cathedral of the Assumption, Carlow. This special concert includes a performance of the very festive 'Missa Carolae' by James Whitbourne, favourites from Handels Messiah including the Hallelujah chorus and sing-along carols. Tickets on eventbrite.ie, carlowchoralsociety.net

**Peter McVerry Trust** (Opening doors for homeless people). Annual Christmas Carol Concert takes place on Saturday coming 9th December in St Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin 8. Performing will be The Palestrina Choir, Soprano Eileen Coyle and the Island of Ireland Peace Choir. Tickets are available from the fundraising office at 01 823 0776 or at [www.pmvtrust.ie/shop/](http://www.pmvtrust.ie/shop/)

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

**Thought for the Week:**



The sign of maturity is not when we start speaking big things, but actually it is when we start understanding small things.