



NAAS SALLINS TWO MILE HOUSE NEWSLETTER



Mass Times: Third Sunday of Lent: (Year C) Gospel: Luke 13: 1-9

Church	Weekdays		Sundays
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

Seeing Things in a New Light

Late one afternoon the composer Beethoven visited a shoemaker. Standing in the shop, waiting to have his shoes mended, Beethoven heard some music being played on a piano in the back room of the shop. Beethoven smiled, knowing that the music was one of his own compositions. "It's my daughter who's playing", said the shoemaker, "but she can't play very well because she is blind and has to play from memory."

"May I play the piano for your daughter? I am a musician myself," asked Beethoven. "Certainly", said the shoemaker, not knowing who his customer was. Beethoven slowly rehearsed the music with the girl and they began to practice other pieces he had written (although the girl was not aware that her teacher was, in fact, the composer). The time went quickly and Beethoven didn't realise that hours had passed. Then he noticed the way that the moonlight had begun to stream its gentle light through the window of the room. Beethoven returned home. He couldn't get to sleep, but thought of how the girl was disabled by blindness, struggling to do her best, whilst others took sight and talents for granted.

He thought of the great joy that music brought her and he remembered the room in which they had played the music and the way in which the moonlight streamed through the open window. He knew that whilst he could see the moonlight, she could not. Beethoven got out of bed and started to play the piano, expressing his feelings through music. What he produced is thought by many to be one of the most touching pieces of music. In memory of the girl, he called this new piece "The Moonlight Sonata". On this day (March 3rd) 1802, the music of Beethoven's "Moonlight Sonata" was published.

Jesus calls us to repentance in the Gospel today. It is a call to turn our lives around and see things in a new light. Beethoven, through the little girl saw things in a new light. May we be open to turning our lives around this Lent and see the wonderful gift of life given to us by the Lord, in a new light.

A Prayer;

*Lord, you have watched me grow in my mother's womb and I know that you love all that you have made.
Help me to transform my difficulties and disabilities into opportunities for growth.
Shine the light of your Spirit on me that I may grow as the person you are calling me to be.
Inspire me to develop the talents you have given me for the benefit and the service of those people you have placed in my life. May each of us become a blessing for others. Amen.*

Thought for the Week...

"Everything is a gift from God:

it is only by recognizing this crucial dependence on the Creator that we will find freedom and peace."

Tweet from Pope Benedict, 6th February, 2013.



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PARISH OFFICE, NAAS

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Opening Hours: Mon-Fri 10am-5pm
Wed: 10am-1pm: Lunch 1-2pm

BALLYCANE OFFICE: Ph 895629

Opening Hours: Mon-Fri 10am-1pm

SACRISTY, Church of Our Lady and St David:

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SACRISTY, Church of the Irish Martyrs:

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Confessions:

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
The Irish Martyrs, Ballycane.

Parish Website: www.naasparish.ie

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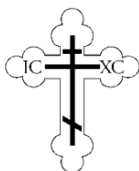
SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN: PARISH DESIGNATED PERSONS:

Caroline Quinn (Naas); Sheila Pyke (Sallins) Mary Valentine (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:

Martina Earley, Sarto Park
Nancy Clarke, St. Josephs Road
Deidre Keenan, Cois na Feadain



MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY WELCOMES
YOU WITH GREAT JOY!

Naas:

Matthew Hamilton Flynn, Morell Close
Thomas Arthur Lalor, Monread Heights
Jayden Lee McCormack, Lacken View
Thomas James Trench, Maple Walk
Catherine Patricia Byrne, Elmwood
Lorcan Dermott Ryan, Oak Glade
Amber Elizabeth Power, Dublin



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

FEAST AND MEMORIAL DAYS FOR THE COMING WEEK:

Tuesday 5th March: St. Kieran, bishop.

Trocaire Boxes are now available in the Church Porches.

Parish Finances:

<u>Sallins:</u>	Baskets:	€ 789
	Envelopes:	€ 270
<u>Naas:</u>	Offertory:	€3,131
	Development Fund:	€3,762
<u>Two Mile House:</u>		€ 558

GAA Lotto:

Sallins: 25/02 Jackpot €2,650; Numbers 3-19-33; No
winner; Venue 04/03 Railway Inn; Jackpot €2,800

Naas: 21/02 Jackpot €7,750; Numbers 6-10-11-19;
No winner: Next weeks' Jackpot €7,900.

Splotto/Ballycane Celtic: 17/02: Jackpot €4,150;
Numbers 10 -12-13 -19: No winner.

Naas United FC: 24/02 Jackpot €3,000; Numbers 13-17-
18-21; No Winner; Next weeks Jackpot €3,000 + A
restart Jackpot of €1,100.

**BEREAVED? NEED TO TALK? WANT TO TALK!
QUALIFIED COUNSELLORS ARE AVAILABLE
EVERY THURSDAY NIGHT IN:**

Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane
from 8pm to 10pm. For more information
Phone 045/895629 or 086 8554852.

This service is free confidential and
Non denominational.

Sallins Parish News

Eucharistic Devotion continues on Tuesday between 10.30am and 11.30am. Everyone welcome.

Stations of the Cross: During Lent we will have a weekly reflection on the Stations each Tuesday at 8pm.....(Note Time Change). All welcome.

Lourdes 38th Annual Pilgrimage from the 1st July for 7 nights, full board, staying in Hotel Paradis Spiritual Directors will be Fr Colum Swan and Fr Jimmy Doyle. For further details phone Rita Fanning at 045 861070.

Charity Cake Sale will be held in the Sallins Parish Community Centre on Sunday, 10th March (Mothers Day) from 10am to 1pm. All proceeds will go towards building a School in Kenya. Contact 086-3408286. All cake donations most welcome.

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

Naas Parish News

Parish Mission Statement:

“The Catholic Parish of Naas, in Communion with Christ and with one another and guided by the teachings of the Second Vatican Council, endeavours to welcome, serve and nourish the whole community.”

The Lenten Station Collection will take place at all Masses this weekend 2nd and 3rd March.

Preparation for Easter: You are invited to pray and study the Lenten Readings each Tuesday morning during Lent. The meetings take place in the parish meeting rooms. Continuing this coming Tuesday 5th March after 10am Mass, lead by Sr Peggy.

Course: “I believe – We believe”A course reflecting upon “the Creed” continues Thursday coming, 7th March in the Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane at 8.15pm.

Ministry in Our Parish:

We are inviting all those involved in ministry in Naas parish (Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Members of Choirs, Collectors, Parish Pastoral Council Members, Youth Ministry, Safeguarding Children, Grounds, Maintenance etc) and also those who put forward their names recently to become involved in various Ministries in the Parish, to a gathering to reflect on the meaning of Ministry. This gathering will take place in the Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane on **Wednesday coming 6th March at 8.15pm.**

Naas Local History Group are holding an illustrated talk "Curragh Wrens" by Cathi Fleming, on Tuesday coming 5th March in Naas Library at 7.45pm. All Welcome.

International Women's Day is this coming Friday 8th March. Soroptimists International Naas, Newbridge & District are hosting an Open Forum with a panel of expert speakers on '**Positive Mental Health**' in the Community Centre, McAuley Place, at 8pm. **To reserve a place phone Cathriona @ 086 2356612.** Entry Free.

St Mary's College annual musical '*Thoroughly Modern Milly*' performed by transition year students, starts this coming Wednesday 6th & runs until Saturday 9th March. Tickets on sale from the school at lunchtimes only.

Naas Musical Society presents '*Me And My Girl*' from Sunday 10th - Saturday 16th March (inclusive) at 8pm nightly in the Moat Theatre. Booking through the Moat Box office at 045 883030. Early Booking advised.

Thank You: The Baldonnell Singers who would like to say a very big thanks to everyone who supported their recent Bake Sale. We look forward to meeting you again at our future concerts. Watch this space!....

Litter Pick: Could you help pick litter weekly on Monread Avenue and Maudlins Avenue? (pickers and gloves provided). A text message will inform you of dates and times and you simply turn up if available. If interested in helping out please text Vourneen on 086 813 8821.

St Vincent de Paul Society Naas helpline phone number 045 897306.

Two Mile House Parish News

First Confession: On Tuesday evening coming 5th March at 7.30pm in St. Peter's Church, Two Mile House we will have a short talk on the meaning of the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession). This is for all parents from Two Mile House and Killashee schools who have a child for First Communion this year or indeed anyone who is interested in coming along to hear more about the Sacrament. The First Confessions will take place on Tuesday 12th March at 7.30pm in St. Peter's Church.

Confirmation: Takes place in St. Peter's Church on Saturday next the 9th of March. Killashee School at 10.30am, Two Mile House School at 12.30pm. We wish all the candidates and their families every blessing on this special occasion.

Reminder; Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Rosary take place after 7pm Mass on Friday evenings during Lent.

Two Mile House ICA are having an Open Meeting on Monday 4th March 8pm in the restaurant area of The Brown Bear. Our lecture is on recycling, water conservation and our environment. Everyone is welcome.

General Notices

DIOCESAN CONGRESS: LORD INCREASE OUR FAITH Following the very successful Congress that took place last year, another Diocesan Congress will be held in Carlow on Fri and Sat, 8th & 9th March. In this Year of Faith, the chosen theme is 'Lord, Increase our Faith'. A number of keynote speakers: Rev. Prof Eamonn Conway, Rev Dr Ruth Patterson & Bishop Brendan Kelly. There will also be a wide range of workshops [22 in total] taking place in the Cathedral, Carlow College and the Cathedral Parish Centre. **Booking is essential.** Please note the closing date for booking has been extended until **Monday 4th March**. Still taking bookings. Brochures and Booking Forms are available from the Parish Representative or Parish Office. You can also book online at www.kandle.ie/congress

Course: "I believe – We believe" is a course reflecting upon "the Creed" continues this coming Thursday, 7th March in Church of the Irish Martyrs Ballycane at 8.15pm. All most welcome.

Medjugorje Annual Parish Pilgrimage takes place this year from 28th April, 7 nights (€599 fully inclusive). Spiritual Director Fr Jim Candon. For bookings ph John or Catherine Murphy at 086/8563773 or 045/866233.

Diabetes Federation of Ireland County Kildare Branch; Information Meeting on Wednesday 13th March in the Maudlins Hotel, Dublin Road, Naas from 7pm-9pm. Professor Firth, Consultant Physician/Endocrinologist will host a Question & Answer Session. Admission Free. All welcome. Tea/Coffee afterwards.

Year Of Faith Lecture: 'Surprises from the Catechism' by Fr Breandán Leahy (Bishop elect of Limerick) on Wednesday 6th March from 8pm to 9pm at the Focolare Centre, Curryhills House, Prosperous, held in collaboration with Fr Pat O'Brien and Prosperous Parish, no admission charge, but donations welcome to cover expenses. Further info from Susan @ 086-8628601 or www.curryhillshouse.com for location. Refreshments will be served afterwards.

Novena of Grace: From the 4th to 12th March (inclusive):

O most lovable and loving St. Francis Xavier,
in union with you, I reverently adore the Divine Majesty.
While joyfully giving thanks to God for the singular gifts of grace
bestowed on you during your life and your gifts of glory after death,
I beseech you with all my heart's devotion to be pleased to obtain for me,
through your efficacious intercession, the greatest of all blessings:
the grace of living a holy life and dying a holy death.

Moreover, I beg of you to obtain for me.....

[mention here the spiritual or temporal favour you wish to obtain].

But if what I ask of you so earnestly does not tend to the glory of God
and the great good of my soul, please obtain for me, I pray,
what is more conducive for both. Amen.



[Recite here an Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory be].