

Parish Newsletter



**Second Sunday of Advent.
4th December 2016.**

No 1578

Matthew 3:1-12

The Selfless Missionary

Last Wednesday evening witnessed a wonderful celebration of faith, where as a parish community we gathered in gratitude for, and to affirm Lay Ministry within our parish. It was truly a time of joy and thanksgiving, as each of the groups who generously strive to bring Christ and His love into the lives of so many, came together as one body with the parish clergy, the local religious and our Bishop, Denis Nulty. It was a defining moment where the vision of the Second Vatican Council was being realised and its fruit made tangible.

Today on the Second Sunday of Advent, the figure of St. John the Baptist is presented to us as a selfless missionary, rejecting the comforts of the world and living on bare essentials. His entire mission was focused primarily on reconciling God with his people and on their preparation for the public appearing of the Christ. Indeed, St. John the Baptist was Advent personified. Today he offers a wonderful model for all those in ministry and reminds us that in the end ministry, whether it is carried out in works or in prayer, in the home and on the street, in good times and in difficult ones is never to be entered into for personal gain nor is it a conduit for self promotion. Ministry must be selfless and must be centred on our neighbour with one purpose - to reveal the love and mercy of God.

It is important to remember that all Mission is local and it is universal, it is individual and it is collective. Much of the ministry we engage in has influence directly at the heart of our Parish, and other facets of our Christian mission have its influence throughout the world. **In recent weeks we have been receiving Thank You letters from Mission Stations in Lusaka, Tanzania and Zambia that we, as a parish, have helped through the financial donations made by those remembering the living and their departed loved ones in our Tuesday and Wednesday Morning Masses. These shared Masses allow us to support those in greatest need and also allow us to support various faith initiatives in our own parishes.** The selfless gift of remembrance and prayers, together with the donations offered are also concrete mission. The good it achieves for those being prayed for and the contribution it makes to the building up of the Body of Christ locally and universally should never be underestimated. In this time of Advent may we be thankful for those who do so much for others and may we be mindful that the call to mission is sent to one and all. Is it awaiting your response?

Thank you Mairead!

Also on Wednesday, we had the opportunity to acknowledge the enormous contribution made by Mairead D'Arcy to our Parish over many years working alongside many priests' as Pastoral Assistant. Grace Kevans, Chairperson of the Parish Pastoral Council in Naas, expressed on behalf of the Parish our deep appreciation and gratitude to Mairead for her dedication and generosity. Bishop Denis Nulty made a presentation to Mairead on our behalf, a token of that appreciation. Mairead, we wish you, and Michael every blessing; good health, happiness and peace.

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

Irish Martyrs:	7.30pm (Vigil Wednesday) 12noon
Our Lady and St David:	7.30am and 10am
Sallins:	10am
Two Mile House:	9.30am

PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION

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SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN PARISH REPRESENTATIVES

Naas: Andrew Fagan and Geraldine Faherty

Two Mile House: Anita Comer Julian

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

Second Sunday of Advent -- 4th December. Are you called to be "A herald's voice in the desert" preparing the way of the Lord in the hearts of His people? If you are considering a vocation to the Priesthood. Contact: Fr. Ruairi Domhnaill. Email vocations@kandle.ie: www.kandlepriest.com

FEAST AND MEMORIAL DAYS FOR THE COMING WEEK:

Wednesday 7th: St Ambrose, bishop and doctor

Thursday 8th: The Immaculate Conception

THOSE WHO DIE IN GRACE GO BUT TO GOD

AND GOD IS VERY NEAR"

Naas:

William Peacock, St Conleth's Place

MAY HE REST IN PEACE



RECENT BAPTISMS

Naas:

Sophia May Burke, St Corbans Place

Henry Thomas Dolan, Esmondale

Fía Triona Hernon, Castlesize Court

Adam Andrew Hctor, Kerdiff Avenue

Kate Mai O'Sullivan, Oldbridge Station



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 before and after the 10am Mass

Every Saturday after the 10am Mass

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.

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.'*

Advent Preparation for Christmas:

You are invited to pray and study the Advent Sunday readings on each Tuesday during Advent, continuing on Tuesday coming 6th December after 10am Mass in the room at the back of the Church of Our Lady and St. David.



Prayer Service for the safe return of Trevor Deely and all missing persons takes place on Thursday coming 8th December at 8pm in the Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane, All welcome.

The St Vincent de Paul Society's Annual Collection takes place at all Masses on Saturday/Sunday coming 10th and 11th December. Donations can also be sent to St Vincent de Paul, P.O. Box 1, Naas. All donations will be greatly appreciated. Thank you for your continued support. **St Vincent de Paul Helpline 045 897306.**

Christmas Mass Bouquet Cards are now available from the **Parish Offices**. The **Parish Office, Sallins Road** will be open on **Saturday 10th and 17th December from 10am to 4pm**.

Winter Closing Time for safety and security reasons during the Winter it is necessary to close the Church of Our Lady and St David, Sallins Road at **4pm**.

Altar Servers we are currently recruiting new Altar Servers to serve in the Church of Our Lady and St. David from January 2017. Boys and Girls who have made their First Holy Communion are most welcome to join the current group. If you think your child might be interested in this youth ministry, please contact Deacon Fergal on 086-3816133 for further details.

Mothers Prayers at the Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane on Wednesday's at 8.15pm.

Naas Access Group next meeting takes place on Friday coming 9th December at 10am in McAuley Place. We work with the elderly people with disabilities and serious illness, trying to make our town a safer place to shop, walk and get about in.

Naas Local History Group are launching 2 books "A Rebels Desk - Seamus and Michael O'Kelly, Leinster Leader editors in Revolutionary Time" By James Durney and " Looking Back - Revolutionary Kildare 1912 - 1916" by Liam Kenny in Town House Hotel, Monday 5th December at 8pm. All Welcome.

Clothes Collection supporting Friends of Calcutta [CHY 13218] Wednesday coming 7th December at Ballycane Church at 4pm. Bags can be left earlier that day. All items of clothing footwear, bed sheets, curtains etc in any condition most welcome. Your tremendous support last year helped fund a wonderful cultural and sporting weekend for 1200 children in Calcutta. Visit 'Rajiv 16' on Youtube. All enquiries to Michael Hopkins 087-9073074

Naas Community Men's Shed are holding a Music Session at the Shed on Rathasker Road on Thursday 8th December at 8pm. All welcome.

Church Street Collection on Saturday and Sunday 17th/18th of December, is a fundraiser for the 'Street Children of Bucharest, Romania'. Aisling Kelly is a Transition Year Student from Gael Cholaiste Chill Dara, Nás na Riogh and she will be travelling there for her weeks charity work to Romania. All Proceeds will go directly to this cause. Any support greatly appreciated.

SALLINS NOTICE

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Tuesday coming, 6th December from 10.30am to 11am.

Advent Scripture Sharing Session will be held in the Church of Our Lady and the Guardian Angels after the 10am Mass on Friday coming 9th December. All welcome.

Confessions available in Sallins Church every Thursday from 2pm to 4pm.

Sallins Parent and Toddler Group Bake Sale to-day Sunday 4th from 10.30am to 1.30pm in the Community Centre. For donations of baked goodies contact Pam at 086 8509663 /Jess at 089 4568629. **The Parent and Toddler Group** meet every Monday from 10am to 12noon in Community Centre "Join us for a play date with your little ones" €2 per family including refreshments.

Clothes Collection supporting Friends of Calcutta [CHY 13218] Wednesday coming 7th December outside Sallins Church at 3pm. Bags can be left earlier that day.

Found: An envelope with a sum of money with a name on it, found in Chapel Lane last weekend. If you can identify the name on the envelope, "It's Yours".

TWO MILE HOUSE PARISH NEWS

Weekday morning Mass at 9.15am, Monday to Thursday, at St Peter's Church. Please note Mass for the Holy Day 8th Dec will be at 9.30am.

Clothes Collection supporting Friends of Calcutta [CHY 13218] Wednesday coming 7th December at St. Peter's Church at 5pm. Bags can be left earlier that day.

GENERAL NOTICES

Parish Finances:

Sallins: Baskets:	€ 695	Envelopes:	€ 430
Naas: Offertory:	€3,000	Development	€3,470
Two Mile House:	€ 455		

Sports Lottery Results:

Naas: 24/11 (13-16-17-24), No winner, Jackpot €3,400

Sallins: 28/11 (29-33-34) No winner. Jackpot €1,150

The Baldonnell Singers will host a '**Celebration of Christmas**' Carol Service at St David's Church of Ireland, Main St. Naas on Saturday coming 10th December at 7.30pm. Tickets €15 on sale from the Parish Office, Sallins Road. The celebration will feature well known tenor Paul Linehan and for the first time The Baldonnell Singers are delighted to announce they will be joined by emerging talent Susan Molloy. The Eadestown Parish Church Choir will also join them.

Naas Parish Lotto Draw

Naas Parish Lotto is celebrating its 4th Birthday on Wednesday 14th December, when the Jackpot will be €5,250 and we are giving out loads of extra cash prizes, vouchers and surprises.

The last three years have been a great success due mainly to the unselfish and trojan work carried out by our ticket sellers, and also the generosity of those who have supported us during this time. The funds raised have had an important and significant impact on our Parish Finances and we look forward to your continued and invaluable support in 2017.

If you are not already a ticket seller and feel that you, your friends or family could possibly sell a few tickets to your family, your neighbours or in your work place, we would love to hear from you. Tickets cost €2 each. You can also join by completing a Standing Order Form for €8 per month, or pay a Yearly Subscription of €90.

If you would like to join the Parish Lotto Draw, renew your Annual Subscription, or become a ticket seller, please contact the Parish Office, Sallins Road (045 879730) or Church of the Irish Martyrs Ballycane (045 895629).

Further information can also be obtained from the Draw Secretary at 086 1635994.

€5,250 that's the Jackpot in the Next Draw on Wednesday coming 7th December. There was no winner of the Jackpot on Wednesday last, 30th November. **Numbers drawn were : 2—24—27—11.**

Four Luck Dip Winners €50 each: John Behan, Bernie, Andy Hennessy, Paul Leavy, J&M Monaghan
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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Christmas Craft Fair on to-day Sunday 4th in Caragh Community Centre, from 12 to 4pm. Local and Irish Crafts on sale and Free Kids Craft activities. Refreshments served all day.

Christmas Craft Fair and more takes place on Saturday coming 10th December from 10am to 4pm, at Naas Town Hall. Craft Stalls, Cakes, Books. In aid of St David's School, Naas.

The 44th Annual Eucharistic All-Night Vigil at Knock takes place on Wednesday coming 7th December. Concelebrated Mass will take place at 4am with Fr. Freddy Warner. For more information, contact Knock Shrine at (094) 93 88100 / info@knock-shrine.ie

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

Christmas Flower Arranging Workshops at Ballycane Parish Centre starting on Thursday coming 8th Dec, continuing on Thursday's 15th and 22nd from 7pm to 9pm. Basic materials and flowers supplied. Ph Therese at 087 761 3332 .

Floral Art Demonstration "A Time of Wonder" with Christine Hughes will take place at the Solas Bhride Centre, Tully Road, Kildare Town on Tuesday 13th at 8pm December. Adm. €10 (incl Tea/coffee)

Thank You Mass taking place on Saturday 17th December at 7pm in St. Brigid's Church, Curragh Camp, Co. Kildare. Celebrant Fr. John McDonald, Musical Director, Aine Loughran, Choir Director, Christina O'Connell. This Concert is in acknowledgement of those who supported us "**The Big C Choir**". There will be a Blessing of the Sick and Mass will finish with a rendition of Christmas Carols. All welcome.

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.**



Thought For The Week:



May this Advent season be a time for bringing hope, transformation and fulfilment into the Advent of our lives."