



# NAAS SALLINS TWO MILE HOUSE NEWSLETTER



**Mass Times: Second Sunday of Lent ( Year B) Gospel: Mark 9: 2-10**

<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

### *A Glimpse of God*

St. Luke tells the story of the life of Jesus as a journey towards Jerusalem where he was to be rejected, crucified, to die and rise again.

The story of the transfiguration on Mount Tabor comes at a time when the tables have turned on Jesus. His popularity with the masses is waning and the opposition of the authorities is growing. The human Jesus is full of fear and apprehension and the transfiguration is a time of needed reassurance. Elijah, the prophet, and Moses, the liberator, appear to him and from the cloud came this word, "This is my Son, the beloved; listen to him." In this story the writer is telling us of some kind of mystical deep experience of the Father that Jesus had at this time to sustain and encourage him as he continued on his fearful mission.

The disciples also need a glimpse of God to sustain them. They were going to be disappointed in Jesus as he would be in them. We must never forget that the disciples had a very limited understanding of what Jesus was about. They had some idea of the Messiah but the only way in which they could imagine his role was that he should drive out the Romans and deliver the people from political oppression. However, Jesus' kingdom was not of this world and instead of being lifted up on a throne as a king, becoming a political leader, he was lifted up on a cross to die as a criminal. While all of this was happening the disciples proved themselves to be disloyal and cowardly. So they needed a memory, a glimpse of glory, which they got in the Transfiguration, to sustain them when their hopes about Jesus were shattered and they had to face their own failure.

Sometimes the Lord can give us a glimpse of himself - a moment of closeness, a feeling of certainty about his presence, a sense of his love with us. This becomes a memory which will later sustain us in the bustle of everyday life and in the dryness of distracted prayer periods. The big temptation is that of Peter to want to build a tent, a monument - to freeze the moment of presence. The poet William Blake said, "He who binds himself to a joy, does the winged life destroy, but he who kisses the joy as it flies, lives in eternity's sunrise."

Moses had an experience of God in the burning bush which had to sustain him for the 40 frustrating years in the desert. We tend to want to stay forever around the bush and never venture out into the desert to experience God there.

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Fr John Brickley; Ph 897260

## PARISH OFFICE, NAAS

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Wed: 10am-1pm: Lunch 1-2pm

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Opening Hours: Mon-Fri 10am-1pm

## SALLINS OFFICE: Ph 897150

Opening Hours: Tuesday & Thursday  
10am to 1pm

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Ph: 895629

## 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

Naas Parish Email: naasparishoffice@gmail.com

Sallins Parish Email: sallinsparishoffice@gmail.com

Diocesan Website: kandle.ie

## 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. Phone 045 879730.

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

### Sallin:

Patrick Barry, Clondalkin and formerly  
of Castlesize.



*MAY HE REST IN PEACE*

**THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY WELCOMES  
YOU WITH GREAT JOY!**

### Naas:

Alex S Crumlish Caron, Sallins Park  
Ella Kate Mulvey, Cluain Aoibhinn  
Evie Kate Gunning, Lakelands  
Róisín Eibhlin Earley, Oak Glade  
Joseph P McCormack Dunne, The Waterfront



### THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

For those requesting the Sacrament of Baptism two  
weeks notice is required. For further details of  
Baptisms in Naas, Sallins and Two Mile House see  
Parish website: www.naasparish.ie

### GAA Lotto:

Sallins: 27/02 Jackpot €5,200: Number 3-17-22; No  
winner; Venue 05/03 Bridgewater; Jackpot €5,350

Naas 23/02 Jackpot €1,300: Numbers 2-5-21-26; No  
winner: Next weeks' Jackpot €1,450.

Splotto/Ballycane Celtic: 26/02 Numbers 4-15-23-  
25; No Winner: Jackpot 04/03 €6,000

Naas United FC: 26/02 Jackpot €1,600; Numbers 7  
-24-26-27; No winner Jackpot 04/03 €1,700

### Parish Finances:

Sallins: Baskets: € 607  
Envelopes: € 481  
Naas: Offertory: €3,580  
Development Fund: €4,174  
Two Mile House: € 466

Grateful thanks to all who support our collections

Did you know that you can now read the current  
parish newsletter as well as back issues online???  
Just log on to [www.naasparish.ie](http://www.naasparish.ie) click on  
“current parish newsletter” or “parish newsletter  
past issues.”

Is someone's drinking affecting your life. Al-Anon  
can help? Meetings every Monday night at 8.15pm  
in Parish Centre, Ballycane.

Due to Father Tom's illness he needs to take a break at this time and has decided to let go of all responsibilities and duties.

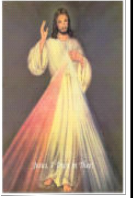
Monsignor Brendan Byrne has asked me to take care of things for the time being, in co-operation with the other priests. I hope and trust that we can all work together as a community of faith at this time. *John Brickley*

**FEAST AND MEMORIAL DAYS  
DURING THE COMING WEEK:**

Monday 5th: St Kieran, bishop  
Wednesday 7th: Ss Perpetua and Felicity, martyrs  
Thursday 8th: St John of God, religious

**DIVINE MERCY PRAYER GROUP**

takes place immediately after 7.30pm Mass in Church of The Irish Martyrs, Ballycane on Wednesday coming, 7th March. All welcome.



## Sallins Parish News

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction** on Friday coming, 9th March at 7.30pm.

**Confirmation** meeting with the parents and children on Tuesday coming, 6th March at 7.30pm in the Church. The Confirmation Meeting on Tuesday 13th March will include a Penitential Service.

**Community Centre:** Committee meeting tomorrow, Monday 5th at 7.30pm in the Centre.

**Tuesday Club** takes place this coming Tuesday, 6th March from 2-4pm in the Community Centre.

**Cheltenham Preview Night** in aid of Sallins Primary School on Thursday 8th March at 8pm in the Bridgewater Inn. For more details phone Pat 045 880681.

**Carers Association** will be holding their annual church street collection on the 10th/11th March in Sallins

**Parish Envelopes Collection:** The new 'collection envelope' boxes for the coming year are now available for collection in the church. A sincere *ThankYou* to all who contribute to our collections.

**Sallins Conference of Saint Vincent De Paul** may be contacted at 085 7052294.

## Naas Parish News

**Lenten Station Collection** will take place at all Masses this week, 3rd/4th March.

**Preparation for Easter** You are invited to pray and study the Lenten Sunday readings each Tuesday morning continuing on Tuesday coming, 6th March after the 10am Mass in the Parish Meeting Rooms, Sallins Road, Naas. Sr Peggy Cleary will lead the sessions.

**Naas Confirmation:** A talk for the parents of children making their Confirmation in Naas this year, takes place in Ballycane Church on Wednesday, 14th March at 8.15pm. All parents are invited.

**Naas Active Retirement Assoc** meeting on Wednesday 7th March @ 2pm in Naas Community Centre, Sallins Rd.

**Naas Local History** talk "The Transportation of Women from Kildare" by Cathi Fleming in Naas Community Library on Tuesday 6th March, 7.45pm. All welcome.

**National Tree Week:** To celebrate National Tree Week 2012, Naas Community Library is holding an event on Thursday 8th March, beginning at 7.30pm..

**St Mary's College** Annual Transition Year Musical 'Finian's Rainbow' runs from Wed 7th- Sat 10th March. Tickets available from the school reception or on the door on the night. Concessions for students and OAP's.

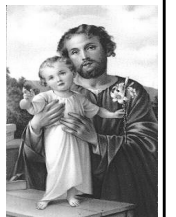
**St Vincent de Paul Society Naas** helpline phone number 045 897306.

**St Joseph's**

**Young Priest Society**

next meeting Thursday, 8th March at 8pm in the Parish Centre, Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane.

Adoration from 8pm -9.30pm.



**Afternoon Retreat**

On

Sunday, 25th March at 2.30pm in the Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane, conducted by Fr Moling Lennon and concluding with Holy Mass.

All welcome.

### **Diocesan Eucharistic Congress, Carlow on Friday and Saturday 9th and 10th March:**

Online booking has now closed and it is **essential** that any remaining bookings are returned to the Diocesan Office **as soon as possible**. Registration will open at 7pm on Friday, March 9th in Carlow College and all participants will need to check in and receive their welcome pack which will include their Workshop Choices, Name Badges and Congress Booklet. Registration will reopen at 9am on Saturday morning for those who are joining us for Saturday only. **For those who have booked to travel by bus from Naas, the bus will be leaving from the Church of Our Lady and St David, Sallins Road at 8.30am, sharp.**

**50th International Eucharistic Congress (IEC2012)** There are three ways to book for the Congress:

1) By phone at 01 2981122. 2) Book Online: [www.iec2012.ie/registration](http://www.iec2012.ie/registration). 3) Download a Booking Form from website [www.iec2012.ie/registration](http://www.iec2012.ie/registration) and send the completed form to CSSL, 3rd Floor, Paradigm House, Dundrum Office Park, Dundrum, Dublin 14. Advance bookings are open until May 9th 2012. After that date all bookings are onsite at the RDS. **BOOK NOW!**

**Volunteer for the 50th International Eucharistic Congress** – Closing date: 17th March Volunteers have an integral role to play in the success of the 50th International Eucharistic Congress in Ireland. Volunteers are needed for the period of Wednesday 6th June until Tuesday 19th June 2012, for a minimum of 5 days. The closing date for volunteer applications is Saturday 17th March 2012 as volunteers must complete induction training and a Garda vetting process. Volunteer now and get involved! To register as a volunteer fill in the online form available on [www.iec2012.ie/volunteer](http://www.iec2012.ie/volunteer).

### **Naas Continued:**

**Ballycane Choir:** A new adult choir to sing at the 11am Mass on Sunday's in Ballycane Church is being established. Would you like to join? First practice is on Tuesday coming, 6th March from 8pm to 9pm in the Church. You are most welcome to come along. Further details 087 235 2545.

## **Two Mile House Parish News**

**Something for Lent;** During Lent after the 7pm Mass on Fridays we have exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Rosary. All are welcome to come along.

**Confirmation;** Next weekend we celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation in St. Peter's on Saturday (Two Mile House) and Sunday (Killashee), both ceremonies are at 1pm. We wish all of the candidates and their families the very best on this special occasion.

**Do This in Memory;** Parent's committee meeting on Monday, 5th at 8.30p.m. in the school staff room. Next children's mass is on next Sunday, 11th March.

## **General Notices**

**Reflection on the Stations;** A special reflection on the Stations of the Cross will take place on Friday evening coming, 9th March after the 7.30pm Mass in Ballycane. All are welcome to come along.

**"Signposts"** As part of the preparation for the International Eucharistic Congress in June, a programme of preparation is being offered to parishes. Two nights were held before Christmas. The next two nights are being held in Ballycane Church on Mondays 5th and 12th March at 8.15pm. These nights consist of reflection upon the Eucharist. All welcome to come to these inputs so as to help in our understanding of what the Eucharist means.

**Thank You** from the 4th Kildare Scout Group, Naas to all who supported their recent flag day collection.

**Naas Musical Society** Presents Guys and Dolls in The Moat Theatre from today Sunday 4th to Saturday 10th March (inclusive). Tickets now on sale with concessions on Monday & Tuesday for OAP's and students. Bookings at Moat Box Office, 045 883030.

**KARE Tour De Foothills Cycle Challenge 2012** will take place on Sunday 15th April 2012 starting from Naas GAA Club. You can choose to cycle on our 100km, 50km or family friendly 20km routes. All information can be found on [www.karetourdefoothills.com](http://www.karetourdefoothills.com). Our special guest on the day will be Irish soccer legend Paul McGrath and all money raised goes to KARE. The official launch of the event will take place on Thursday 8th March at 8pm in Naas GAA club and all are welcome to attend and show their support.

**Found:** Engagement Ring recently found in the Church of Our Lady and St David. Ph the Parish Office 879730.

**Lost:** Lady's watch lost between Craddockstown and St Martin's Ave. Phone Parish Office 879730.

**Trocaire Boxes are now available in the Church Porches.**