

Mass Times: Second Sunday of Christmas (Year A) Gospel: John 1:1-5, 9-14

<u>Church</u>	<u>Weekdays</u>		<u>Sundays</u>
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

Living the Christmas Message...

It's amazing how Christmas comes and goes, the long build up and then it passes by. A report on the radio this week mentioned Easter Eggs appearing on the shelves of a certain supermarket store! It's as if the commercial world is saying; we've made our kill on Christmas, that's over now let's move on to make money out of the next thing that we can exploit.

But Christmas is far from over. Yes the turkey is well finished and the gifts have been given, the decorations traditionally come down after the 6th of January, but the message of the crib, the message of Christmas is only beginning. We've celebrated the birth of Jesus Christ and it's important to celebrate that well, as we tend to do. But now the challenge is to live the message he came to proclaim. This is where it starts to get that bit more challenging.

Jesus didn't remain an innocent little baby on a bed of straw, he grew up and he shared in our human nature, "The Word became flesh and lived among us". As he discovered his call in life, he discovered that special Divine spark within him, that Divine spark that gave him the energy to transform the world forever. Each one of us has that Divine spark within us too, we too are called to make a difference in our world. Perhaps this might make a good "New Year's resolution," trying to make a positive difference to those around us...

Happy New Year!



Naas-Sallins-Two Mile House-Parish Team

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Opening Hours: Mon-Fri 10am-1pm **SACRISTY**, Church of Our Lady and St David:

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<u>Confessions</u>: 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 Irish Martyrs, Ballycane.

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN; PARISH DESIGNATED PERSONS:

Caroline Quinn (Naas); Ann Moran (Sallins) Anita Comer Julian (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:

Margaret (Muriel) MacMahon, Esmondale Vera Kavanagh, Dún na Ríogh Avenue Christina (Diney) Mahony, St Conleth's Pl



MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

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

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, Ph 431394; Thursdays in Arás Bríd, Parish Centre, Kildare.

Parish Finances:

Sallins: Baskets: € 698: Envelopes: € 375

Naas: Offertory: € 3,219

Development Fund: € 3,275

Two Mile House: € 635

THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY WELCOMES YOU WITH GREAT JOY!

Naas:

Leo Bob Spyra, Oldtown Demesne
William James McCormack, Monread Court
Cathal Sean Lennon, Jigginstown Green
Cian Jack Guerin, Cherrygrove
Caoimhe Ann Begley, Signapore
Eoin Patrick Gannon, Oak Glade
Ruby Elizabeth Brennan, Kilmeague
Arron Flanagan, St Corbans Place
Alexander Michael Sinkey, Aylmer Park
Bartlomiej Zbigniew Zawada, Alder Grove
Lukasz Franciszek Bucki, Gleann na Riogh Ct
Sallins:

Katie Annabel Fisher, Sallins Bridge Niall Billy Mulligan Cahill, Oldcastle

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

For those requesting the Sacrament of Baptism two weeks notice is required.

Further details of Baptisms in Naas, Sallins and Two Mile House see Parish website: www.naasparish.ie

Sallins Parish News

<u>Feast of the Epiphany, tomorrow Monday 6th January Mass will be celebrated at 10am.</u>

<u>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</u> resumes Tuesday coming, 7th January from 10.30am-11.30am

<u>Tuesday Club</u> resumes on Tuesday coming 7th January from 2pm-4pm. New members welcome.

<u>Sallins Conference of St Vincent de Paul</u> 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 teaching of the Second Vatican Council, endeavours to welcome, serve and nourish the whole community."

Adoration: Adoration in the Adoration Chapel at the Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane resumes at 1pm tomorrow, Monday, 6th January.

JTGT (Journey Through Grief Together) Support Group - For People Affected by Bereavement / Separation next meeting on Tuesday coming 7th January in the Parish Meeting Room behind Veritas Shop, Sallins Road from 7.30pm-9.30pm. For more information please do not

Feast of the Epiphany: Monday 6th January Holy Day of Obligation

Our Lady & St David: 7.30am and 10am.
The Irish Martyrs: 12.15pm and 7.30pm

hesitate to come along or contact 086 – 0656950 "You are not alone"

Spina Bifida Hydrocephalus Ireland annual Church Street Collection this weekend, 4th/5th January.

Found: Pair of Lady's Glasses on Newbridge Road. Phone Parish Office at 879730.

Two Mile House Parish News

Feast of the Epiphany tomorrow Mon 6th January Mass will be celebrated in St. Peter's at 9.30am

<u>Planning Permission</u>; You may have seen that the parish was seeking Planning Permission to lower the wall outside St. Peter's Church, along the road, in order to place a railing along the top of the wall. It was felt that this would enable people see the Church and the graveyard more clearly from the road as they passed by. This week we received confirmation that Planning Permission has been refused. Our advice is that it would be futile to appeal this decision.

<u>A Word of Thanks</u>; Many thanks to all Parishioners who contributed so generously to the priests' collection at Christmas. Your generosity and kindness is very much appreciated.

General Notices

<u>Friends of Naas Hospital</u> have produced a Cook Book 'Food for Friends' Recipes by members of staff. Cost €10. Available in the Hospital Shop and Parish Offices in Naas.

St Raphael's (Celbridge) annual Church Street Collection takes place next weekend, 10th/11th January. All funds go to help the physically and mentally disabled in the North Kildare area.

<u>Senior Help Line</u> 1850 440 444The national confidential listening service for older people by older volunteers. The service is available every day of the year during the following hours:

Monday to Thursday: 10am to 10pm. Friday: 10am to 4pm and 7pm to 10pm. Saturday: 10am to 4pm. Sunday: 10am to 1pm and 7pm to 10pm.

Naas Parish Lotto

The Parish Lotto Team would like to wish all our promoters and supporters and very Happy and Healthy New Year and a very sincere thanks for the enormous effort made by so many calling on friends and neighbours to make the Parish Lotto such a success to date.

There was no winner of the Jackpot on 29th December (see results below) and the next draw takes place on Wednesday 8th January in the Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane at 8pm.

There are still many areas in the town in which we require ticket sellers and over the coming weeks we will list a few estates each week and if there is anybody living in or near these estates who would be willing to help us out the Parish would very much appreciate it and you can contact any of the Priests of the Parish, the Parish Offices Sallins Road or Ballycane or phone 086 1635994.

For anybody who might prefer to purchase an Annual Ticket in the Lotto, please complete the Form below and return it to either the Draw Office, Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane, Naas, or to the Parish Offices. The cost of an Annual Ticket is €90. On receipt of completed form and cheque, an Annual Ticket will be posted to you. You can also join the Lotto by Standing Order of €8 per month if you prefer. For further information please contact 086 1635994.

NAAS PARISH LOTTO

Hope(d) Counselling Services, 3 Limerick Lane, Newbridge, established in 2003, provides a Counselling Service in the Kildare area to a broad range of people, particularly those who cannot afford to pay for private counselling (all we ask is that you donate what you can, only if you can). Our counsellors offer support in numerous areas, including depression, suicidal thoughts, anxiety, bereavement, low self esteem, addiction, suicide support group, acupuncture and many more. For appointments please phone 087 1513535. On behalf of Hope(d) we would like to wish you all a very Happy and Peaceful New Year.

<u>Naas Special Olympics Club</u> established in 2008 invite you to come join their club. The Club is a sports club, serving people in County Kildare with intellectual disabilities. The Club has a lot to offer. Besides the physical benefits of sport the Club can change lives, as athletes can develop both physically and emotionally, make new friends and can enable athletes to achieve and win, not only in sport, but in their lives too. The Club meets every Monday evening: The junior group at 6pm; Seniors at 7pm. To join the club as an athlete or volunteer please phone Jacinta, The Secretary on 087 2229695. On behalf of everyone at the Club we would like to wish you all a very Happy and Peaceful New Year

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Naas Parish: 29/12 Jackpot €1,250; Numbers: 1-2-3-23; No winner; Jackpot 8/01 €1,500

Sallins: No numbers available

Naas: 19/12 1st Draw: Jackpot €2,800: Numbers 16-25-27-28; No winner:

19/12 2nd Draw: Jackpot €2,950: Numbers 1-22-25-27; No winner. Next weeks Jackpot €3,100

Splotto/Ballycane Celtic: No numbers available

Naas United FC: No numbers available