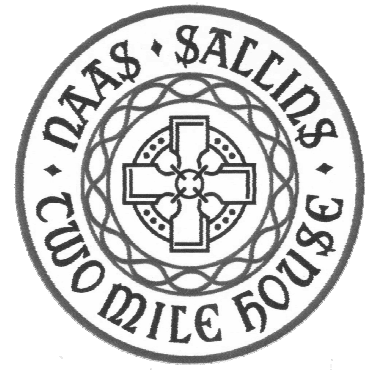


# Parish Newsletter



**Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
5th June 2016**

No 1549

Luke 7:11-17

A GREAT Prophet  
HAS APPEARED AMONG US  
LUKE 7:16

Since its creation in 1499, Michelangelo's Pietà has inspired emotion, faith, and imitation. At first it fascinates us when we romantically picture a youthful Michelangelo at work bringing on a cold slab of Italian 'Cararra' marble. If we ponder it long enough and allow ourselves to move beyond the history, we can only but be drawn into the deeper meaning of its purpose: to blend serene beauty with profound sorrow.

That of course is the most appropriate way we can refer to the Blessed Virgin Mary who is left with the broken dead body of her Son strewn across her lap. Only last weekend I was privileged to have time alone in front of the masterpiece whilst praying the Rosary and it was, perhaps for the first time, a moment of intense emotion.

I was reminded of the countless parents that have endured and continue to endure the agony of losing a child. No matter what the circumstance, no matter what the age, no matter whether it is before delivery or after, there is to the human mind, something chronologically

wrong with this kind of tragedy.

I was reminded of those parents who find out early into a pregnancy that their child's life span will be minutes rather than years or will be one of silence and inactivity instead of noise and animation. I was reminded of those parents who heroically each and every day give everything to the 24/7 care and attention required by a child with special needs, those sitting by a hospital bed not knowing the outcome of a present illness or unfortunate accident. I was reminded of those parents who feel helpless as they watch their children go down into the cul-de-sacs of life and, no matter how hard they try, can't seem to rescue them or refocus them.

If, reading this reflection today, you are one of those parents, I thought of you ... I prayed earnestly for you and like the Prophet Elijah I found myself pondering almost the same words "Lord my God, do you mean to bring grief?" It of course is never God's will to bring grief ... only love. For those who have lost a child, for those caring for a child with a life limiting condition, for those caring for a child with serious medical, emotional, educational or behavioural difficulties when I gazed on the face of Our Blessed Lady in the Pietà, I saw you there a living replica of the Pietà, quietly living out your lives – lives in which you have learned, like our Blessed Lady, to blend beauty with sorrow.

It is not by chance you do this. It is a result of the promise of God that He will not leave us ... He will not desert us ... He will be there with us every step of the way.

**On Monday 13th, Tuesday 14th and Wednesday 15th June, the Priests of the Diocese will be joining Bishop Denis in Clonea for Retreat.**

**The following are the liturgical arrangements in Naas Parish for those days.**

Monday 13th June: Morning Prayer at 7:30am; Mass at 10am in OLSD; No Evening Mass in CIM

Tuesday 14th June: Morning Prayer at 7:30am; Mass at 10am in OLSD

Wednesday 15th June: Morning Prayer at 7:30am; Mass at 10am in OLSD; Evening Mass at 7:30pm in CIM

## **PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION**

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PARISH WEBSITE: [www.naasparish.ie](http://www.naasparish.ie)

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**Opening Hours:** Monday to Friday 10am to 5pm

**Naas eMail** [naasparishoffice@gmail.com](mailto:naasparishoffice@gmail.com)

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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 949576

FR. JOE O'NEILL Sundays Well 898866

DN. FERGAL O'NEILL Parish Deacon 086 3816133

MS. MAIREAD D'ARCY Pastoral Assistant 897134

### **SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN PARISH REPRESENTATIVES**

**Naas:** Andrew Fagan and Geraldine Faherty

**Two Mile House:** Anita Comer Julian

**Sallins:** Ann Moran. 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 before and after the 10am Mass

Every Saturday after the 10am Mass

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

Monday 4th: St Jarlath, bishop

Tuesday 7th: St Colman, bishop

Thursday 9th: St Columba, abbot and missionary

Saturday 11th: St Barnabas

### **RECENT BAPTISMS**

#### **Naas:**

Oran Thomas Trainor, Gleann na Ríogh Court

Séan Eoin Wilde, Dún na Ríogh Rise

Sorcha Bridget Kinahan, Ard na Laoí

Caitriona Anna Ilona Szabó, Sallins

Muireann Nelli Gabriella Szabó, Sallins

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).

### **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.'*



**There will be no 7.30am Mass tomorrow, Bank Holiday Monday , 6th June.**

**Cake Sale** at Ballycane Church on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June after 10.30am and 12noon Masses. Fundraiser for Touch Charity; all the money raised will go towards construction of a three classroom school St Bridget's in Kalundu, Zambia. Please Support.

### **St Joseph's Young Priest Society**

Annual Pilgrimage to Knock takes place on Saturday 25th June. Bus from Naas €20, return.

For bookings phone: Peggy 879526; Maureen 087 2077044; Pat 086 2314578; John 086 8563773

**Coeliac Catholics:** We would like to remind you that low gluten hosts are available for distribution at every Mass in all Churches. If you need to receive a low gluten host, come forward to the sanctuary at Communion time.

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

**Wednesday Morning Cuppa** takes place in the room at the back of the Church (Old Mortuary) every Wednesday morning after 10am Mass. *All welcome for a cuppa and a chat.*

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

**Parish Office** is now open on Saturday from **10am to 1pm** to facilitate with Mass Cards, **only**.

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

### **SALLINS NOTICE**

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament continues on** Tuesday coming, 7th June from 10.30am to 11am.

**St Vincent de Paul Shop**, at Waterways Sallins are looking for donations of small pieces of furniture, reusable curtains, bedclothes, clothes, bric a brac.

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

**Date for your Diary.....Sallins Pilgrimage to Lourdes** will take place on 24th June 2016. Cooleragh/Staplestown Parish will join with Sallins this year for the Pilgrimage.

### **GENERAL NOTICES**

#### **Parish Finances:**

Sallins: Baskets: € 170 Envelopes: € 350

Naas: Offertory: €3,000 Development €3,600

Two Mile House: € 375

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

Naas: 26/5 (5-8-19-28 ) No winner, Jackpot €1,150

Sallins: 30/5 (7-18-24) No winner, Jackpot €2,800

Splotto: No Results available.

**Lough Derg 3 Day Pilgrimage** from 1st to 3rd July. Contact Michael Sammon on 087 6697902.

**Youth 2000 Summer Festival** in Cistercian College from Thursday 7th—Sunday 10th July 2016. For young people aged 16-35, an opportunity not to be missed to experience the Catholic Faith and meet many new people from all corners of Ireland. To book online [www.youth2000.ie](http://www.youth2000.ie) or ph 01 6753690.

**Pro Life Talk:** David Quinn of Iona Institute and Kate Bopp of Family & Life will speak at a Pro Life Talk in defence of the 8th Amendment at the Grand Hotel, Wicklow Town on Tuesday, June 14th at 7.30pm. All welcome!

**Benefit Night in Aid of 'Dan's Wheels'** will take place on Friday 17th June in the Town House Hotel from 8.30pm. Tickets from Susan on 085 2395647 or at the door.

**9th World Meeting of Families 2018: Pope Francis has chosen Ireland to host the 9th World Meeting of Families** (dates and theme of the Meeting will be announced by Pope Francis himself). Hosting a global event of this size requires a huge amount of planning and financial outlay on behalf of the host country. Accordingly, our bishops have now established a National Finance Committee to provide advice on the financial planning for the World Meeting of Families in Ireland. To support the hosting of the event it is intended to hold three national church collections, the first of which will take place in our parishes next weekend, **11th and 12th June**.

**A Reunion of Staff of The Manor Inn in Naas** has been organised for June 17th in Lawlors Hotel in Naas at 8pm. All past members of staff are invited. For more info phone Charlie on 087 6757364.

**A Reunion of Donnelly Mirrors Employees (Naas)** in aid of 'Little Way Cancer Support' in Clane takes place on Friday 17th June at 8pm in Tougher's, Naas. Tickets (includes finger food/music) from Parish Office, Sallins Road; Lily 085 1452959; Don 085 7177050 or Jim 085 2280150. Please support.

**Kildare Suicide Bereavement Support Group (K.S.B.S.G.)** acknowledges with grateful thanks a donation of €740. This money is the proceeds from the sale of this year's crop of St. Brigid's Crosses in Naas Parish.

Being a voluntary group, funding is an on-going issue for us and that is why we are so grateful to the two Marys' in Naas Parish Office, together with their dedicated team, who made and sold the crosses. We thanks them and the generous people who bought the crosses, for their continued support of the work we do.

KSBSG was founded in 1997. We offer a free one to one confidential counselling service for people bereaved by, or contemplating suicide.

- ◆ No waiting lists,
- ◆ No referrals are necessary,
- ◆ No donations are required,
- ◆ No one is turned away.

**There is a walk-in service every Thursday night in the Parish Centre in Ballycane from 8pm to 9.30pm or appointments can be made by phoning 045 895629 or 086 8554852.**

**Bereaved? Need to talk? Want to talk?**

# You Could Win €7,750

**On this Wednesday coming, 8th June in Naas Parish Lotto Draw  
Simply Buy A €2 Ticket And It Could Be You**

**There was no winner of the Jackpot on Wednesday 1st June; numbers drawn were: 5-2-15-13 .**

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

Lotto Envelopes are also available in the Church Porches, simply complete and drop it into the Parish office before the weekly draw. Tickets can also be purchased from various outlets throughout the town

**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: Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane.**

*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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**Past Pupil's Union of St. Mary's College, Naas** are holding a re-union for ALL past pupils to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the P.P.U. on Friday 17th June at 8pm in Lawlor's Hotel. Preceded by a service of thanksgiving at 7pm in the Convent Chapel, McAuley Place. Meet and greet at 6pm at St. Mary's College for group photo. Parking available at St. Mary's.

**Year of Mercy San Giovanni/Assisi Pilgrimage—** Offally/Kildare Group led by Fr. Sean Crowley on 30th September for 6 nights, ex Dublin. Price €919 per person sharing.....payment can be made in instalments. For more details phone James Treacy on 061 921470 or 086 0572216.

**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS.** A A meetings are now held in the Prefab at St David's Church on Main Street, Naas: Monday & Thursday nights at 8.30pm; Tuesdays at 1pm; Saturdays at 7.30pm. For further details phone 085 7300357.

**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. All most welcome



## PRAYER BEFORE AN EXAMINATION

Dear Lord,

As I take this exam,

I thank you that my value is not based on my performance, but on your great love for me.

Come into my heart so that we can walk through this time together.

Help me, not only with this test, but the many tests of life that are sure to come my way.

As I take this exam,

Bring back to my mind everything I studied and be gracious with what I have overlooked. Help me to remain focussed and calm, confident in the facts and in my ability, and firm in the knowledge that no matter what happens today you are there with me.

Amen