

Parish Newsletter



**First Sunday of Lent
5th March 2017.**

No 1590

Matthew: 4:1-11



Exploring the Season of Lent

Lent — a time set aside by the Catholic Church for spiritual renewal and reflection on Christ's passion and resurrection—is the logical liturgical season to explore what it means to serve others.

Rather than concentrating on ourselves ("Should I give up chocolate for Lent or coffee?"), why not walk around the neighborhood and pay attention to what we see? Are there elderly neighbors who need help with their houses or yards? Are there youngsters in our circle of influence who could benefit from organised sports or after-school tutoring? Are there service programs within a few miles of our home that need volunteers? Today the Internet makes it possible for us to do a simple search to find where we can take our extra clothes and furniture,

where we can help distribute food, and where faith-based programs provide social services and support. All the above types of action are known in the Catholic faith as acts of Christian charity or service and are common Lenten disciplines.

Following Jesus' Example: Another way to help us emulate Christ's humility and service during Lent is to renew our friendship with Christ through scripture reading, prayer and reflection. The guided prayer program, *Meeting Christ In Prayer*, helps us to do just that.

Putting Others First: Through the reflection and repentance that mark Lent, we hope to clear out our personal clutter and start fresh with Easter, to become more whole and more holy. All of this requires that we step back from ourselves and get a clearer perspective. Nothing helps us step back better than focusing on someone besides ourselves.

Humility Benefits Everyone: Finding the means to serve other people, we benefit those people in the help we offer them. We benefit ourselves in balancing our interests and energy. And we benefit the Kingdom of God, simply by living more as Jesus did.

When we follow Jesus' example of humility during Lent—everyone wins.

St Patrick's Day Masses: 16th/17th March 2017

Our Lady & St David:	Thursday :	6pm (Vigil)
	Friday:	9am (Bilingual) and 11am (4th Kildare Scouts Group will be participating in the 9am Mass)
Irish Martyrs:	Thursday :	7.30pm (Vigil)
	Friday:	10.30am and 12noon.
Sallins:	Thursday:	6.30pm (Vigil)
	Friday:	10am and 12noon.
Two Mile House:	Friday:	11am.

There will be **No Evening Mass** on St Patrick's Day, 17th March, in either Our Lady and St David's Church or the Irish Martyrs Church .

**Deadline: Items for the Parish Newsletter relating to the weekend of 19th March
is 12noon on Tuesday 14th March.**

PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION

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PARISH TEAM

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SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN PARISH REPRESENTATIVES

Naas: Andrew Fagan and Geraldine Faherty

Sallins: Keith Murphy

Two Mile House: Mary Valentine

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.

Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit into the desert for forty days of prayer and fasting. Are you open to being led by the Holy Spirit into the state in life God has prepared for you? If you are considering a vocation to the priesthood contact:

*Fr. Ruairi O'Domhnaill. Email
vocations@kandle.ie: www.kandlepriest.com*

FEAST AND MEMORIAL DAYS FOR THE COMING WEEK:

Monday 6th: Ss Perpetua & Felicity, martyrs

Wednesday 8th: St John of God, religious

Thursday 9th: St Frances of Rome, religious

Saturday 11th: St Aengus, bishop and abbot

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

Naas:

Irene Cass, Caragh Meadows

Sallins:

Henry (Harry) Manders, Hillview



MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Trócaire Boxes are now available in the Church Porches or from the Parish Offices.
In donating to Trócaire you're not just giving, you're joining the fight for justice.

RECENT BAPTISMS

Naas:

Eva Lucia Keating, Radharc an Chaislain

Harley Richard McCormack, Lacken View

Marc Caldes Albiol, The Park

Orla Breeda Lavin, Maudlins

Emily Louise King, Monread Heights

Adam Jan Kelly Kolter, Aylmer Park

Luke Andrew Sheehan, Sunday's Well

Callum Kieron Costello, Castlesize Way

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.'*

Lenten Station Collection in support of the priests at all Masses this weekend 4th/5th March.

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

Car Park Change of Code; Please Note with effect from Wednesday last, 1st March, the present '**Barrier Code**' is **No** longer operative. The Church Car Park is for the sole use of Parishioners attending Mass, Funerals and all other Church Services.

Naas Local History Group Illustrated talk on old Naas "Postcards from the Edge" by John Armstrong, in Town House Hotel tomorrow, Monday 6th March at 8pm. All Welcome.

Naas Active Retirement Association members only, meeting Wednesday coming, 8th March at 2pm in Naas Community Centre.

Naas Toastmasters Club next meeting Wednesday coming, 8th March at 8pm in the Town House Hotel.

Daffodil Day: The Irish Cancer Society need your support. Volunteers needed to collect at Supermarkets on Daffodil Day, Friday 24th March. Please contact Kay Callaghan on 086 3827979.

Coffee Morning each Wednesday after the 10am Mass in the Parochial House, (**please note the venue**) beginning Wednesday coming, 8th March.

St. Mary's College Annual Transition Year Musical '**Anything Goes**' takes place from Wednesday 8th to Saturday 11th March. Tickets on sale from the school at lunchtimes **only** or on the door on the night.

Vincent de Paul Naas; helpline number 045 897306.

SALLINS NOTICE

Lenten Station collection in support of the priests at all Masses this weekend 4th/5th March.

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

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

Vincent de Paul Helpline number is 085 7052294.

Sallins I.C.A. Guild next meeting in the Community Centre on Wednesday coming, 8th March at 8.15pm. New members always welcome. Phone Bridie 087 7835803 or Mary 087 2913499

'Sallins Celtic Soccer Club' is embarking on a major fundraiser in conjunction with 'Lip Sync Battles Ireland' in the Westgrove Hotel in Clane on Saturday, 1st April at 8pm (doors open at 7pm). This fun evening is taking the country by storm and seems to be the new 'Strictly Come Dancing'! Tickets from 087 9256729.

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).

TWO MILE HOUSE PARISH NEWS

Weekday morning Mass, Monday to Thursday, at 9.15am and Friday evening at 7pm.

Confirmation: On Friday coming, 10th March, the children from Two-Mile-House NS will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation at 11am and on Saturday coming, 11th March the children from Killashee MDNS will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation at 11am. We would ask you to remember the children and their families in your prayers.

GENERAL NOTICES

Parish Finances:

Sallins: Baskets:	€ 630	Envelopes:	€ 370
Naas: Offertory:	€3,155	Development	€3,700
Two Mile House:	€ 468		

Naas Parish Lotto Draw:

€3,000 that's the Jackpot on Wednesday coming, 8th March. There was **No Winner** of the Jackpot on Wednesday last, 1st March:

Numbers drawn were :11 — 28—27—8.

Naas Parish Bingo takes place every Tuesday night at 8.30pm sharp in the Care of the Aged Centre, Newbridge Road, with **BIGGER** Prizes and Jackpot. All welcome.

Sports Lottery Results:

Naas: 23/2 (6-7-11-15), No winner, Jackpot €5,350

Sallins: 27/2 (23-25-39) No winner, Jackpot €2,800

Spina Bifida Hydrocephalus Ireland are holding their annual Church Street collection on 11th/12th March.

Easter Charity Concert with Fr. Liam Lawton: IT Tallaght in association with the Children's Educational Development Fund Charity presents Liam Lawton in concert with special guests Victoria Massey (Mezzo Soprano), Darren Holden High Kings Star with St. Jude The Apostle Children's Choir at Mount Argus Church Dublin on Thursday April 6th. All proceeds going to the CEDF School's Programme in Uganda. Tickets from the Naas Parish Office or online at www.eventbrite.ie

The Naas Easter Parade will be taking place this Easter Sunday, 16th April at 3pm. If you are interested in participating in this year's Parade, or if you have any questions or require any further information please contact Deborah Callaghan by email: organisers@naaseasterparade.com or phone 087 9256729.

LENT 2017..... AN INVITATION TO JOIN US!

Lent a time to take stock and reflect, to enter more deeply into the life, death and resurrection of Jesus.

Lent is about what you do! We hope you can join us for some of the following:

Additional Evening Masses: For the duration of Lent, in the Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane Mass will be celebrated on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evenings at 7.30pm.

Also on Friday Evenings Mass in the Church of the Irish Martyr's Ballycane at 7.30pm will be celebrated by candlelight followed by a half hour period of **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**.

The Little Blessings Children's Liturgy Group: On each Sunday of Lent during the 10.30am Mass in the Church of the Irish Martyr's, Ballycane, the children will be invited to participate in a child friendly look at the Gospel.

Scripture Reflection with Sr. Peggy continues on Tuesday mornings during Lent, after the 10am Mass in the Parochial House. **Please note the venue** (blue door next to the parish office).

Stations of the Cross each Friday afternoon during Lent at 2.15pm in the Church of Our Lady and St. David, Sallins Road led by the Legion of Mary. **Parishioners may like to join in with us on the Parish Radio.**

What is the Garment of Pain? The Garment of Pain is a simple way of drawing together the experience of pain of many people in a way that we may support one another in prayer.

How does it work? Over the period of Lent we will invite you to place a piece of material - roughly the size of the template **Below** - in the baskets provided in the churches. The cloth represents whatever your particular pain in life happens to be. During Lent we will remember in all our Masses the intentions of those who have placed their cloth in the baskets. During the final days of Lent the pieces will be sewn together to form one big Patchwork Quilt. During the Mass of the Last Supper on Holy Thursday we will place the cloth on the altar to symbolically unite our suffering with the offering of Christ in the Mass. On Good Friday the cloth will be draped over the Cross which is the focus of our prayer that day. It will also be used during the Easter Vigil.

Please cut along the outer dotted line as the template for your piece of material to be used in the Garment of pain.