



**NAAS
SALLINS
TWO MILE HOUSE
NEWSLETTER**



Mass Times: Sixth Sunday of Easter (Year C) Gospel: John 14:23-29

<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

**Statement by Monsignor Brendan Byrne
Diocesan Administrator, Diocese of Kildare & Leighlin**

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I would like to play my part in this debate here by briefly outlining some key principles and addressing some specific issues.

For the Catholic Church, everything flows from the conviction that human life begins at conception. Anything else creates the conditions for a culture of 'choice' in regard to human life. Therefore we oppose any attempt to delay this most basic recognition until later in pregnancy.

The 'pro-life' position in its essence is that simple. A life is a life. Whatever happens, the need to respect that life should never be reduced to a 'choice' or an arbitrary timeline.

The current debate around the proposed legislation includes two key questions - have pregnant mothers full protection for their lives and how should we respond to the risk of suicide in pregnancy?

In regard to the care of mothers in pregnancy, the Church's position is very simple and clear. Doctors should abide by a 'two-patient' model. However, when it is not possible to save the unborn and the life of the mother is endangered, doctors are free to act to save the mother's life. This is the current medical practice in this country.

The tragic death of Savita Halappanavar along with her unborn child has been a source of deep concern for everyone. We have all learned a lot from the inquest, both in regard to the 'systems failures' in this case and the very tight margins that doctors sometimes face in regard to when they can act and when it may be too late.

The subsequent recommendation from the Inquest jury that the Medical Council review the medical guidelines is very welcome. Clarification of best practice is always welcome. However, some people appear to be equating clarification with changing the existing 'two-patient' model. ***Continued on back page***

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Confessions:

Every Saturday after the 10am Mass in the Church of
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Every Saturday after the 11am Mass in the Church of
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SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN; PARISH DESIGNATED PERSONS:

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

GAA Lotto:

Sallins: 29/4 Jackpot €2,050 Numbers 19-24-27 No
winner; Venue 7/5 Railway Inn; Jackpot €2,200

Naas: 25/4 Jackpot €9,100; Numbers 16-17-24-28; No
winner: Jackpot 25/04 €9,250

Splotto/Ballycane Celtic: 28/4 Jackpot €4,600; No
winner; Numbers 5-9-20-26: Jackpot 5/5 €4,650

Naas United FC: 28/4 Jackpot €1,900; No winner;
Numbers 8-19-25-29; Jackpot 5/5 €2,000

Parish Finances:

<u>Sallins:</u>	Baskets:	€ 622
	Envelopes:	€ 435
<u>Naas:</u>	Offertory:	€3,031
	Development Fund:	€4,016
<u>Two Mile House:</u>		€ 565

THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY WELCOMES
YOU WITH GREAT JOY!

Naas:

Artmante Plotnikova, Meadow Ct

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



Youth Trip to Medjugorje Youth Festival:

There will be a Diocesan pilgrimage from
the 31st July to 7th August for those aged
16-30years. Cost €599 includes flights,
accommodation, half board and airport
transfers. Spiritual Directors: Fr Liam
Morgan and Fr Ruairi O'Domhnaill.
If interested in attending contact Yvonne
Rooney at 087 7788007 or complete
booking form, available from www.kandle.ie
immediately.



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)

The Master is here; He is calling you".

Would you like to spend an hour each week in silent prayer? Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes
place in the Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane: Monday and Tuesday: 10am - 9pm
Wednesday: 10am - 9.30pm Thursday: 8pm - 9pm

Anniversary Mass

The 1st Anniversary Mass for the late Fr Tom McDonnell will take place on Saturday coming, 11th May at the 11am Mass in the Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane.

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Eucharistic Devotion continues on Tuesday between 10.30am and 11.30am.

Golf Classic: The 30th Anniversary of Sallins St Vincent de Paul Golf Classic will take place on Wednesday coming, 8th May in Naas Golf Club. For more information phone 045 897801 or 085 7052294 or 086 0835198.....please support as it is much needed and appreciated.

Lourdes 38th Annual Pilgrimage from the 1st July for 7 nights, full board, staying in Hotel Paradis with Spiritual Directors Fr Swan & Fr Jimmy Doyle. For further details phone Rita Fanning at 045 861070.

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

Naas Parish News

Parish Mission Statement: "The Catholic Parish of Naas, in Communion with Christ and with one another and guided by the teachings of the Second Vatican Council, endeavours to welcome, serve and nourish the whole community."

Mass Change: Tomorrow, Monday 6th May there will be **NO** 7.30am Mass.

Naas Parish Pastoral Council meeting on Tuesday coming, 7th May at 8.15pm in the Parish Centre.

Naas and Two Mile House Pilgrimage to Lourdes from 2nd September for 5 nights at Hotel Padoue. Cost €740, includes coach to and from airport, travel insurance, full board etc. For bookings contact Abbey Travel, 1b Friary Business Park, Friary Road, Naas, phone 045 897756.

Naas Active Retirement Assoc meeting Wednesday 8th May at 2pm in the Naas Community Centre, Sallins Road.

Naas Local History Group visit to Kerdiffstown House on Sunday next, 12th May at 3pm. Guide Brian O'Connor. All Welcome.

Bake Sale: The Nás na Rí Singers will hold a Bake Sale in the Tea Rooms at McAuley Place on Sunday, 12th May after all morning masses (8.30am, 10am and 12 noon). Your support would be greatly appreciated.

"Alzheimers Tea Morning" will be held in Craddock House Nursing Home on Thursday coming, 9th May between 11am and 1pm and everybody is invited and most welcome.

ALL CREATION SINGS: Concert with Nas na Ri Singers conducted by Aine Mulvey on Friday May 17th at 8pm pm in the Dominican Church, Newbridge. A divine mix of the sacred and secular spanning six centuries of glorious music in praise of God and nature. Tickets from Barker & Jones Naas or Farrell & Nephew, Newbridge.

Date for your diary!

The Naas Parish Building Fund Golf Classic takes place in Craddockstown Golf Club on **Monday 17th June 2013.**

The Golf Classic received great support last year, bringing in €16,000 to our Building Fund, which is a huge help. We appreciate this support very much and hope people can help in supporting the event this year.

Golf



Two Mile House Parish News

Thank You: This weekend we acknowledge the retirement of Tony Coyle, one well known Postman for so many years. We thank him for all his service to the Parish and for his good humour and "Banter" shared with us all. We wish him many years of good health and happiness. After Mass today (Sunday 5th) we invite you all over to the school for refreshments together with Tony and his family.

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This brings us to the core problem of the current debate. It is difficult to identify if this debate is about supporting best practice to protect the life of both mother and child or if it is about introducing 'choice'.

The concern that it is more about 'choice' is most acute in regard to the push to legislate for the 1992 Supreme Court judgement in the 'X' case. The Church's position is again very simple. We see this judgement as inherently flawed and therefore we believe that it should not be the basis for legislation now.

How can we make that claim? Firstly because there was a 'remarkable paucity of evidence (to quote the dissenting judgement of Justice Hederman) before the Court. The Supreme Court did not hear the kind of expert psychiatric testimony that was available to all of us at the recent Oireachtas as hearings. This would not be as troubling if the up-to-date evidence broadly supported the 1992 decision but the opposite is the case. The 'X' case judgement can only lead us in the wrong direction.

This is not to say that we can ever dismiss the threat of suicide. We need to seek to protect one another in every way possible. However, we should avoid 'normalising' suicide if we are truly 'pro-life'. We should not lay a place for it at our table. This was the fundamental error in the Supreme Court judgement; it empowered the risk of suicide by giving it rights over the life of another.

To sum up, the Church fully supports life-saving intervention in pregnancy when necessary but it can never agree with actions that are neither life-saving or necessary.

General Notices

The Big Survivor Choir Concert

The Big Survivor Choir Concert was held in Church of Our Lady and St. Joseph, Caragh on Friday April 26th 2013. A fantastic night was had by all, with performances by the Choir and Liam Lawton. The concert was a brilliant success raising vital money for Cancer Research. A cheque for €5,500 was presented to Cancer Research on the night.....money is still being raised and we will keep you updated.

A huge thank you and appreciation to everyone who supported this worthy cause.

Reminder!!!! Darkness into Light

5K Walk / Run for Pieta House takes place on:

Friday night/Saturday morning coming,

11th May at 4am from Naas Race Course (assembling at the Tipper Road entrance)

Pieta House's primary aim is to reduce suicide by helping people get through that critical phase when suicide becomes a plan rather than just an idea.

For further details phone Maud at 085 1451938.

St Therese National Day at the Basilica of Our Lady at Knock Shrine, Co Mayo tomorrow, Monday 6th May. Solemn concelebrated Mass at 3pm with Fr Bernard O'Reilly, O Carm. Veneration and Blessing with Relics of St Therese and her Parents Blessed Louis and Zelig Martin.

The Irish Wheelchair Association will be holding their annual church street collection next weekend, 11th and 12th May. Your support would be gratefully appreciated.

Carmelite Year of Faith Pilgrimage to Lisieux 2013 from Thursday 26th September to Wednesday 2nd October 2013. Cost €799. Enquiries to Celine at 01 8387281; sttherese@carmwst.ie

Pope John Paul II Youth Award: We are inviting applications for Year 4 of the John Paul II Award. The Award helps young people get involved in the life of their local parish/community. It is for those in senior cycle of school or for school leavers aged 16 and over. Through the award young people can share their faith by exploring new opportunities and meeting new people. Anyone interested can find out more or sign up to take part through the website www.kandle.ie or phone 087 7788007. The closing date for applications is 16th November 2012.

Did you know that you can now read the current parish newsletter as well as back issues online???

Log on to www.naasparish.ie click on "current parish newsletter" or "parish newsletter past issues."