

Parish Newsletter

Second Sunday of Advent

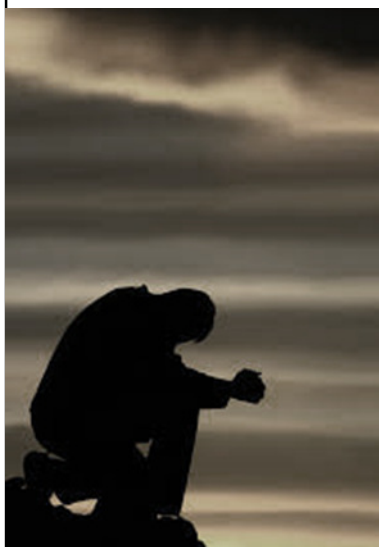
6th December 2015

Luke 3: 1-6

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WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?



Advent is the great season of waiting.

The theme of 'be prepared and waiting' echoes throughout the reading and the liturgy from the beginning to the end of the season. But waiting for what? For the people of Israel it was the messiah. The expectation of the coming of the messiah was the great hope that sustained the Jewish people in all their trials. It is that longing for the messiah that fill the writings of Isaiah and the other Old Testament prophets.

For the early Christians it was the second coming of the Lord. The early Christians realised that the hopes and expectations of the Jews had been fulfilled in the person of Jesus. They fully expected the Risen Lord to return again soon to establish his eternal kingdom.

But what are we waiting for this Advent? To what do you look forward. Maybe you are eagerly awaiting Christmas and the turkey and the pudding and the parties and the gifts you hope to get. Maybe you are simply waiting for the whole thing to be over and done with so that you can get back to normal as quickly as possible again. What are you waiting for?

For us Christians, the season of Advent is not only a preparation for the coming of Christ at Christmas, when we celebrate the fact that God came among us in the person of Jesus and is with us now. It is also meant to prepare us for the second coming of Christ at the end of time. The early Christians expected the return of Christ at any moment. They anxiously awaited his return; they ached for it.

Nearly twenty centuries later, we Christians have lost a lot of that expectation. We have lost that sense of urgent waitingthe season of Advent is meant to revive it.

Mass Times for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, Tuesday coming, 8th December

Our Lady and St David: 7.30am and 10am

Irish Martyrs: 7.30pm (Vigil Monday); 12noon Tuesday

Sallins: 10am

Two Mile House: 9.15am

O Mary conceived without sin pray for us who have recourse to thee.

PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION

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Opening Hours: Monday to Friday 10am to 1pm

PARISH TEAM

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FR. JOE O'NEILL Sundays well 898866

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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

FEAST AND MEMORIAL DAYS FOR THE COMING WEEK:

Monday 7th: St Ambrose, bishop/doctor of church

Tuesday 8th: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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

Naas:

Bernadette McDonnell, Oldtown Court

Orla O'Neill, Caragh Court

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE



RECENT BAPTISMS

Naas:

Leon Declan Halpin, Lacken View

Michael Christopher O'Connell, Cluain Aoibhinn

Freddie Desmond Michael Finan, Johnstown

Hugo Thomas Neville, Cherrygrove

James Anthony McCormack, Osberstown

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



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: Tues and Fri 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

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.'*

An Afternoon of Reflection takes place today, Sunday 6th December at 2.30pm in the Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane with Holy Hour, Rosary, Anointing of the Sick and concluding with Holy Mass. Conducted by Fr. Ruairi O'Domhnaill, (Vocations Director). Refreshments during break. St. Josephs Young Priest Society. All welcome.

Advent Preparation for Christmas, reflecting on the Advent Sunday readings, continues on Tuesday coming 8th December in the Parish Meeting Rooms, Sallins Road, (behind Veritas shop) after 10am Mass. All are most welcome.

Naas Parish Development Envelope Boxes for coming year are now available for collection from the Church Porches. Your support for this collection is vital and as always very much appreciated. It would greatly facilitate accurate record-keeping for tax relief purposes if you could please write your name and address on the first few envelopes you return. **Thank You, Naas Parish Pastoral Council**

Extraordinary Jubilee: "This week, the Holy Father will inaugurate an Extraordinary Jubilee which has at its centre the Mercy of God. In response to this gift, our Parish will hold a Holy Hour, with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, scripture based reflections, music and time for silent prayer in Ballycane Church on Wednesday, 9th December from 8pm - 9pm. For the remainder of the Jubilee Year, a Holy Hour will take place on the last Wednesday of each month in the same venue, at the same time. We hope that you take some time out to join with us thanking God for his mercy towards us and praying that His mercy be poured out upon us and on the whole world."

Night Vigil to Knock tomorrow, Monday 7th Dec Bus leaving from Parish Church. For bookings phone Fosters on 045 525432.

Naas Apostolic Work Society next meeting takes place Tuesday coming, 8th at 7pm in the Naas Community Centre, Sallins Road. New members always welcome.

Junior Infant Enrolment Process in St Corban's BNS for the school year 2016-2017.

In September 2016 St Corban's BNS will be enrolling Junior Infant Boys for the first time. "Application Forms for Admission" to Junior Infants in St Corban's BNS are now available from the School Office or website www.stcorbans.com
Closing date for receipt of completed Forms is **Friday, 29th January 2016**. Places are limited.

Naas Local History Group talk Monday 7th Dec at 8pm in Town House Hotel : an illustrated talk by Tom Keegan entitled "Anglo-Irish Truce and Treaty; July-December 1921" All welcome.

Naas Active Retirement Association, members only meeting, on Wednesday coming, 9th December at 2pm in Naas Community Centre.

SALLINS NOTICE

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Tuesday coming 8th December from 10.30am —11am.

A Carol Service with the Children's Choir takes place on Saturday coming, 12th December at 6pm.

Thank You to the outgoing Board of Management at St Laurence's School for its work and commitment over the past four years and we ask the Lord's blessing for the work of the newly formed Board of Management.

TWO MILE HOUSE

St Peter's Church Two Mile House 225th Anniversary Book will be launched today, Sunday 13th December after the 11am Mass. Copies will be on sale at €10 each in the school and tea and biscuits will be served by members on the I.C.A.

Church 'Clean Up' for Christmas will take place on Saturday 19th December at 10am.

Liturgy Meeting on Thursday coming, 10th December in the School at 7.30pm.....**note change of date** .

Any Young Person interested in becoming Readers at Mass? Please leave your name/contact details in the Sacristy...training will be given, if required.

Thank You to the outgoing Board of Management at Two Mile House School for its work and commitment over the past four years and we ask the Lord's blessing for the work of the newly formed Board of Management.

Naas Parish Lotto

Our Third Year commences on Wednesday coming, 9th December – Have you got your Ticket???

Tickets can be purchased from a Promoter, the Parish Offices on Sallins Rd or Ballycane. They are also available in the following local shops:-Menswear, Londis, Nolans Butchers, Barker & Jones, Stationery Store, Veritas, The Soda Bread Shop, Gouldings Hardware, Swans on the Green. Supervalu.

There are three ways to pay for your ticket: €2 per week, €8 by Standing Order every month or €90 Yearly Subscription.

We still require people to sell tickets for us, so if you think you can help, please call into the Parish Offices on Sallins Rd/Ballycane, or ph 086 1635994.

The Lotto Office in the Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane will be open week commencing 7th December as follows:-

Monday 7th December from 7pm to 8.30 pm

Tuesday 8th December from 7 pm to 8.30 pm

Wednesday 9th December from 4.30 pm. - - -

Draw will take place at 7pm.

Tickets can also be dropped into the Parish Offices on Sallins Road or Ballycane any time.

There was no winner of the Jackpot on Wednesday 2nd December, numbers drawn were 20-5-24-23. Jackpot on Wednesday coming, 9th Dec is €1,750.

Significant Changes are being announced for St Corban's Boys National School and Scoil an Linbh Iosa, Ballycane, two of our four Catholic Primary Schools in the Parish of Naas. The changes take effect from September 2016.

St Corban's Boys National School will, for the first time, accept Junior Infants Boys.

Scoil an Linbh Iosa, Ballycane, will facilitate parents who wish to have their children continue with their primary education (i.e. up to 6th Class) in Scoil an Linbh Iosa.

These changes come about after engagement and discussion with the outgoing Boards of Management of the four Catholic schools. The changes now being made, also take into consideration the wishes of parents. Bishop Denis Nulty, our Patron, received approval from the Minister for Education and Skills for the above changes.

We thank the outgoing Boards of Management for their work and commitment over the past 4 years and we ask the Lord's blessing for the work of the newly formed Boards of Management at our four Catholic Primary Schools in Naas:

St Corban's Boys School;
Scoil an Linbh Iosa, Ballycane;
Convent Primary School;
Scoil Bride.

Nás na Rí Singers Christmas concert promoting their CD "Rejoice and be Merry", recorded on behalf of the Friends of Naas Hospital. Performing music from

the CD and much more with the Choir of Scoil Bhride School, Naas. Concert on today, Sunday 6th December, 8pm in the Church of Our Lady and St Joseph, Caragh.

Parish Finances:

Sallins: Baskets: €875 Envelopes €195
Naas: Offertory: €3,300 Development €3,699
Two Mile House: €600

Sports Lottery Results

Naas: 25/11 (2-7-16-21) No winner, Jackpot €5,350
Sallins: 30/11 (1-13-23) No winner, Jackpot €2,050
NaasUnited: 30/11 (16-17-25-29) Jackpot €3,000

Baldonnel Singers present a Service of Christmas Carols and Seasonal Inspiration on Saturday coming, 12th December at 8pm in St David's Church of Ireland, Main Street. Tickets from the Parish Office, Sallins Road or phone 0857652340.

An Evening of Music & Song Charity Concert in aid of Cancer Care, Crumlin Hospital, featuring the Big C Choir, takes place on Friday coming, 11th December at 8pm in St. Josephs Church, Caragh. Tickets €10 on sale from the Parish Office, Naas.

A Christmas Gathering with The Millicent Singers, conducted by Alan Kelly, on Friday 11th December at 8pm in The Boys' Chapel, Clongowes Wood College, Clane. Tickets from McKenna's Hardware, Hughes Pharmacy, Marron's Pharmacy or phone/text 086-8338626

Christmas Concert with Celine Byrne and Guests Featuring



Norah King and Niamh O' Sullivan, Mezzo Sopranos, The Millicent Singers conducted by Alan Kelly, Dearbhla Brosnan - Piano, Lynda O'Connor - Violin, Ailbhe McDonagh - Cello. MC on the night will be Leo Nulty. Concert on **Saturday 19th December at 8pm**. Tickets now on sale €15, from Parish Office Sallins Road, phone 879730 and Ballycane Office, phone 895629, Veritas and Barker & Jones. Fantastic seasonal music, songs and entertainment. Proceeds to Naas Parish Church Restoration Fund. (Also supporting Naas Care of the Aged). For Parishioners who have left their names in the Parish Office for tickets please call in and collect same at your earliest convenience.

Veritas Shop, Sallins Road have a large range of Cribbs, Crib figures, Church Art Calendars, Children's Books, Seasonal Candles and other gift ideas. Opening Hours: Monday to Friday 9am to 5.30pm and Saturday 10am to 5pm. Phone 045 856882.

Ballymore Eustace Drama Group Present 'It's the real McCoy' by Mommy Marren from Thursday 3rd to Friday 5th December at 8pm in the Band Hall, Ballymore Eustace. For bookings phone 087 2575332.