



NAAS SALLINS TWO MILE HOUSE NEWSLETTER



Mass Times: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

<u>Church</u>	<u>Weekdays</u>		<u>Sundays</u>
Our Lady and St David, Naas	Mon-Fri 7.30am, 10am	Saturday 10am.	Saturday Vigil: 6.30pm Sunday 8.30am, 10am, 12noon, 6pm.
Irish Martyrs, Ballycane, Naas	Mon-Fri * 7.30pm	Saturday 11am	Saturday Vigil: 8pm 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

*The 7.30 pm Mass on Wednesday is celebrated in the Church of Our Lady and St David, Naas

Fr Jimmy says “Thanks”

I came to Naas in 1995 possibly, at one of the lowest times in my life and worked for two terms here: 1995—2000 and 2003—todate.

I was ordained in 1974 at the age of 29.....I had worked for seven years on my parents farm, having left school at 16.

My first parish was Bagenalstown, Co Carlow where I worked for seven years. I was appointed to Newbridge in August 1981. I was appointed a month before Fr Larry Newman came and we were to be together for the next 12 years. He came to my house each morning at 7.30am when we prayed together. He was a lovely person to work with and gave me great confidence. Twelve years later I was transferred to Broadford in North Kildare. I loved it there and because it was a very small parish I could get involved in football/hurling and the community games, becoming chairperson of all three clubs. After two short years the parish priest informed me that I was being transferred and within three weeks I was appointed to Naas, in 1995.

It was with great sadness and a very heavy heart that I left Broadford to go back to a large parish, again. However, I tried to do my best and this parish has been very good to me. I have met lovely people and it has been a privilege to work here. As so many people here have been so kind to me its hard to know where to start. I have worked with two Parish Priests: Fr Moling Lennon and Fr Tom McDonnell, both have been so supportive and encouraging. I have worked with many priests since I came here and all of them I have deep respect for. Some have left active ministry and its such a pity that they are not involved, in some way, in our parishes. They are a great loss.

I want to *thank* the sacristans: Moira, Michael, John and Patricia and those who have resigned. I want to thank the two principals, Noel Lanigan and Miriam Nolan, and staff

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Sallins Parish News

Friday 11th of February is the Feast Day of *Our Lady of Lourdes* 'World Day of Prayer for the Sick'. There will be a Mass with the Anointing of the Sick at 7.30pm. Please note that there will be **NO** 10am. Mass on Friday, 11th February.

First Communion Programme continues next weekend, 12th and 13th February at all Masses.

Tuesday Club meets this coming Tuesday, 8th February from 2pm to 4pm.

The Sallins Conference of St Vincent de Paul can be contacted at 085-7052294.

Sallins Annual Pilgrimage to Lourdes takes place from 26th June to 3rd July....7 nights full board. Spiritual Directors: Fr Tom McDonnell and Fr Colum Swan. Further details/bookings contact Rita at 045/861070.

Naas Parish News

February Collection for the Priests of the Parish takes place at all Masses on the 5th/6th February.

Apostolic Work Society next meeting will take place on Tuesday coming, 8th February at 7pm in the Naas Community Centre, Sallins Road.

St Joseph's Young Priest Society next meeting Thursday coming, 10th February at 8pm in the Parish Centre at the Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane. Adoration from 8pm to 9.30pm.

Anointing of the Sick: On Saturday next, 12th of February, during the 11am Mass in Ballycane, we will have our annual Mass with the Anointing of the Sick. This sacrament is offered to all those who are in need of the Lord's healing in their lives as a result of illness, an operation, medical treatment, the burden of years or some emotional angst. Please feel free to come along and perhaps you could bring along a neighbour who might like to attend?

Do This in Memory: The First Communion preparation Masses take place next weekend.

Safeguarding Children Coordinators; Meeting takes place on Tuesday, 8th February at 8pm in the Parish meeting rooms, Sallins Road.

Annual Parish Pilgrimage to Medjugorje:

29th April 2011. Cost €599 fully inclusive 8 nights. Spiritual Director: Fr O'Saorai. For bookings phone John or Catherine Murphy at 045/866233 or 0868563773 or Parish Office, Sallins Road.

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

Thank You: from the 4th Kildare Scout Group Finance Committee to all who contributed to and collected for their recent Flag Days, with a special acknowledgement to Superquinn, Euro Spar, Tesco and Ryans Food Restaurant for their continued support.

Naas Active Retirement Assoc next meeting Monday 7th February at 1.30pm in the Naas Community Centre, Sallins Road.

Naas Camogie: "Mum and me" 6 weeks skills course for any girls ages 6,7 and 8 and their mums commencing next Saturday 12th February indoors at Naas GAA, 10-11am. For further information, please contact Ollie at 087-9846060

World Youth Day; Takes place in Madrid during August this year. This is an international event where the pope invites the young people of the world to join him in a week celebrating their faith. We have six people from Naas representing us at the event. In order to help with fundraising, some of them will speak at masses today. If you wish to contribute to defray costs, you will have an opportunity to do so after masses this weekend. The group is very grateful for your support. We wish them well and keep them in prayer during their preparations for the pilgrimage.

Two Mile House Parish News

Two Mile House G.A.A. The A.G.M. takes place on Wednesday, 9th February at 7.30pm in the Killashee House Hotel. The annual Car Draw has been launched. Tickets are €100. Your support is much appreciated. More information from Paddy Casey at 086 8108822

Fr Jimmy says Thanks continued:

of the two schools I was involved with. Their support and kindness meant so much to me. I want to *thank* Michael Knowles, administrator, the Staff of Naas Hospital for always been so kind and Sr Mary, the Chaplain who has made our work there much easier. My deepest *thanks* to the Parish Secretaries.....the two Marys' and to Dolly in Ballycane.

When I moved here to Sallins, three years ago, it brought for me fresh challenges. I experienced great kindness and friendship here, in Sallins, and the parishioners here have a great pride in their Parish. It has been a great privilege for me and I have enjoyed immensely working with the Pastoral Council and they have shown with leadership and freedom, that this is the way to go. I have admired greatly the marvellous strides they have made in the past few years working with the Choirs and Servers.

Working in the three parishes is sometimes very tiring and the system that we have for hospital duty; six days and six nights on call, is a huge work-load. To have get up during the night and then do a full day's work can not be sustained.

I have met many beautiful people since I came here and I am very grateful for the privilege of working here. Our Church has gone through a very hard time over the past number of years, but I can see a great springtime.

Finally, my sincere *thanks* to all my fellow Priests for their support.

Jimmy

Two Mile House Continued:

Friday 11th of February is the Feast Day of *Our Lady of Lourdes*. We remember all those in need of healing in their lives. During the 7pm Mass there will be a simple blessing of healing offered to those who wish to avail of it.

Faith Friends Programme for Confirmation: Continues this Tuesday, 8th of February in Killashee School Hall at 8pm sharp. All Confirmation candidates are to attend. Parents are reminded to collect their children at 9pm sharp. We thank all the leaders who have given of their time to run this programme.

Do This in Memory Mass with First Communion Children takes place next Sunday 13th at 11am

General Notices

Newbridge/Kildare Branch of Samaritans are seeking volunteers for the Newbridge branch. Are you willing to give 3 to 4 hours a week to listen to those who are lonely, depressed and sometimes suicidal? No experience is necessary, as full training will be provided. To find out more please come along to one of our information nights on Wednesday/Thursday, 9th/10th February at No 3 McElwain Tce, Newbridge at 8pm, (opposite Newbridge Parish Centre)

Table Quiz: in Lawlor's Hotel, on Friday 18th February at 8pm. This is a fund raiser for Mill Lane Nursing Home and all are welcome. Great prizes and raffle.

Monastic Experience Weekend taking place here at St. Mary's Abbey, Glencairn, (a Cistercian community of nuns), on the 25th-27th February 2011. The event is open to women aged between 20 and 40 and geared for those who are interested in finding out more about monastic life and the Cistercian way as lived here at Glencairn today. For further information you can contact: Sr Sarah oco Vocations Director, St. Mary's Abbey, Glencairn, Co. Waterford. Phone 058 56168 or email: www.glencairnabbey.org

Youthlife Kildare held an Information Night in Naas Community Centre in 2010. We promised to update you on our first Residential Weekend for young people. **Youthlife Growing Through Change** Residential Weekend, a structured residential programme designed to help young people work through the grief which can result from bereavement and loss. The weekend is open to young people from 11 years old upwards takes place Friday 25th March - Sunday 27th March at Kerdiffstown House Naas (Naas Dual Carriageway, Exit 8). Contact: Caroline (086-8297514) or Email: youthlifekildare@gmail.com