



NAAS SALLINS TWO MILE HOUSE NEWSLETTER



Mass Times: Ninth 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

Facing the truth about myself...

This week we will see the establishment of a new Government in our country. One of the political parties involved in this had the slogan; “Leading a new team.” The implication was that this team would be a “new beginning” for our country... we will have to wait and see how that works out! However this sense of a “new beginning” is important for us at all sorts of different levels in our personal lives. This week we begin our journey of Lent. It is a solemn time during the Church’s year where we prepare for the drama of Holy Week. During the six weeks of Lent we are offered the opportunity of making “new beginnings” in different areas of our lives. We can reflect upon how our faith and actions interact with each other.

Jesus refers to this in our Gospel today. He talks about “building on the foundation of rock.” What is the significance of this for us? The kind of foundation we build our lives upon will determine whether we can survive the storms that are sure to come. Builders usually lay their foundations when the weather and soil conditions are at their best. It takes foresight to know how a foundation will stand up against adverse conditions. Building a house on a flood plain, such as a dry river-bed, is a sure bet for disaster! Jesus prefaced his story with a warning: We may fool humans with our speech, but God cannot be deceived. He sees the heart as it truly is — with its motives, intentions, desires, and choices (Psalm 139:2).

There is only one way in which a person’s sincerity can be proved, and that is by one’s practice. Fine words can never replace good deeds. Our character is revealed in the choices we make, especially when we must choose between what is true or false, and good or evil. Do you cheat in an exam or are you “economical with the truth” when it comes to our taxes? Do you lie or cover-up when disclosing the truth will cause you pain or embarrassment? A true person is honest and reliable before God, neighbour, and oneself. Such a person's word can be taken as trustworthy. What can keep us from falsehood? If we make the Lord and his word the rock and foundation of our lives, then nothing can shake us or keep us from God's presence and help. Is the Lord and his word the sure foundation of your life?

Sallins Parish News

Lenten Collection for the Priests of the Parish takes place this weekend, 5/6th March 2011.

Ash Wednesday: Masses in Sallins will be at 10am and 7.30pm on this day.

The Tuesday Club meets this coming Tuesday, 8th March in the Community Centre from 2pm to 4pm. New members always welcome.

Senior Choir sings at the 10am Mass on Sundays in Sallins Church. If you are interested in joining, as new members are always welcome, please phone Mary at 087 2913499.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction as usual on Friday coming, 11th March at 7.30pm.

Trocaire Boxes are now available in the Church Porches.

Parish Collection Envelopes: If you have not yet collected your new collection envelope box, for the coming year, from the church, you may still do so. If you wish to become a new contributor please take a box of envelopes with a blank label and write your name and address on the first few envelopes that you use. *A sincere thanks to all who contribute to our collections.*

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.

Each year Sallins Lourdes Pilgrimage invite a number of sick people from the Parish to join them on their pilgrimage. If you or a member of your family would like to be considered, you may contact a committee member (names and phone numbers available at back of Sallins Church).

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Lenten Station Collection for the priests of the Parish will take place at all Masses next weekend, 12th/13th March.

Temperance Sunday, today 6th March.

The annual Mass for Pioneers will be the 10am Mass in the Church of Our Lady and St David, Sallins Road, today.

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

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

Thinking of taking the Pledge for Lent? Non Pioneers are invited to take the short-term Pledge for the duration of Lent commencing on Wednesday coming. Conditions for enrolment are: # To abstain from all intoxicating drink; # To recite the Prayer twice daily; # To wear the pioneer emblem. You may contact the Parish Office, Sallins Road if you would like to enrol in the Register for Lent. Badge €4 and Card 50c.

Annual Parish Pilgrimage to Medjugorje: 29th April 2011. Cost €599 fully inclusive for 8 nights. Spiritual Director: Fr O'Saorai. For bookings ph John or Catherine Murphy at 866233 or 0868563773 or Parish Office.

Fundraising Event: St Vincent de Paul, Naas are holding a Fundraising event in Newbridge Greyhound Stadium on Saturday, 26th March. Tickets available in SVP Shops, Friary Road or from 045 866111/899453. Tickets will also be on sale in Tesco Extra on 12th and 13th March.

Sixth Annual Library Ireland Week is taking place across Ireland from 7-13 March 2011. Naas Community Library will be holding several events during this week. The theme of Library Ireland Week 2011 is 'Smart People Use Smart Libraries'. In recognition of this, Naas Community Library will be promoting how users can use technology in their library. For further information Email: naaslib@kildarecoco.ie or phone 045-879111.

Naas Active Retirement Association are holding their next meeting Monday 7th March at 1.30pm in the Naas Community Centre, Sallins Road.

Preparation for Easter: You are invited to pray and study the Lenten Sunday readings each Tuesday morning commencing Tuesday coming, 8th March from 10.45am - 11.30am in the Parish Meeting Rooms, Sallins Road. Sr Peggy Cleary will lead the sessions.

Two Mile House Parish News

Confirmations; This weekend we have our Confirmation Ceremonies in St. Peter's. Killashee Confirmation took place yesterday, Saturday 5th. Two Mile House Confirmation takes place today, Sunday 6th at 1pm. We wish all 48 candidates and their families every blessing at this special time.

The Eucharist; On Sunday next, 13th March, (First Sunday in Lent), from 2.30pm to 4.30pm, in Two Mile House School, we are having a get together to reflect upon the Eucharist. We invite members of the P.P.C., Eucharistic Ministers and Readers as well as anybody else who would like to come along.

Idea for Lent? On Friday evenings during Lent, following the 7pm Mass, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed and the rosary will be recited. All are welcome to come along.

St. Patrick's Day; Last year following our 11am Mass we had a pilgrimage walk to St. Patrick's Well in the grounds of the Killashee House Hotel. Many people came along as well as a number of people from Naas. This year the hotel management have kindly granted us the permission to do the same. We will gather in the lower car park following Mass and then make our way to the Well for a blessing prayer upon all present. All are welcome.

General Notices

Work in grounds of Our Lady & St David's Church
Nás na Ríogh Housing Association is drawing close to the completion of construction work. Due to the very constrained site and access it has been necessary for the association to seek the use of some of the church grounds to help bring the project to completion. Permission has been given for this work outside the times of church use. Apologies for any inconvenience caused to parishioners.

Marriage Awareness Course:
next course takes place on 13th & 14th May 2011. Courses are held in the Meeting Rooms at the Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane. Application Forms from the Parish Office, Sallins Road. Phone 045 879730

Something to do for Lent??? On Friday evenings, following the 7.30p.m. Mass in the Church of the Irish Martyrs Ballycane, there will be a half hour of guided prayer. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed in the main church and we will have some time together in prayer. All are welcome to come along.

St Mary's College Annual Transition Year musical "The Wizard of Oz" runs from 9th to 12th March. Tickets from the school reception or on the door on the night.

Are you between 35 and 45? Would you like to meet other Catholics of your age from parishes in the Dublin diocese for social and spiritual events? The "Fortysomethings" invite you to a mass in St. John Vianney's, Ardlea Rd., Artane, Dublin 5 at 4.30pm on Sunday 6th of March. For more information or to receive a newsletter of events, email dublin40somethings@gmail.com or ring Declan on 087 7608268 or Linda on 085 7541696.

Naas Musical Society presents "The Pirates of Penzance" in The Moat Theatre opening tonight (6th) and running till Saturday 12th. Concessions Monday and Tuesday. call the box office on 045 883030

Garda Band: Scoil an Linbh Iosa, Ballycane presents the Garda Band on Thursday 24th March at 8pm in the Church of Our Lady and St David, Naas. Tickets from Scoil and Linbh Iosa, Top Twenty, Naas, Parish Offices Sallins Road and Ballycane.

Cystic Fibrosis Walk: The "Cystic Fibrosis" 2011 International Walk takes us to the historical city of Istanbul and Ancient Cappadocia on Oct 1st. Why not join us on this wonderful lifetime experience whilst raising much needed funds for Cystic Fibrosis. For more info please contact Bernie Murphy on 0872353319 or Eufemia Solinas at CF Ireland on Lo-call 1850 311211

Thank You: A huge thank you from everyone at Team Hope, and from the 180,000 children in Eastern Europe and Africa, who received a Team Hope Christmas shoebox. At Christmas, it makes a really special difference to them, knowing somebody like you, whom they will probably never meet, has sent them these gifts. Despite our economic difficulties you have been amazingly generous! A very special 'Thank you' from everyone at Team Hope.