

Parish Newsletter

4th Sunday of Lent
6th March 2016

No 1536

Luke 15:18



Allowing God to transform us

Today as we reach the half way point on our Lenten journey, we remind ourselves that we are in a season of renewal, a time of hope.

Human nature dictates that we are all guilty at times of getting things out of proportion, of over-reacting, of saying or doing something we later regret. This may happen in the workplace, in the community or in the home. How often do we justify our behaviour and simply let the issue fizzle out rather than make the conscious effort to reconcile with another. Our failure to do so means we sometimes close our hearts to those around us, giving in to feelings of guilt or shame, distancing ourselves from God. We can make the choice to renew at any time however the days building up to Easter Sunday are especially appropriate for repenting and reflecting on what Jesus Christ has done for us.

The central theme of our readings today is the free gift of salvation extended to us by God through Jesus Christ, his Son. In the story of the Prodigal son, we

recognise God's infinite love and mercy as he welcomes home the son who was 'lost and is found'. As we continue our preparation for Easter, we are reminded of the importance of letting go of selfish and indifferent attitudes that impede our experience of our merciful Father in Heaven. The good news preached by Jesus, is not just about forgiving and being forgiven; it is, as Pope Francis keeps on reminding us, about joy! It is never too late to return to the Lord and with a contrite heart, seeking his compassion and mercy enabling God's plan for us to transform the way we now live.

*"We must be ready to allow ourselves
to be interrupted by God."*

Today is Mother's Day and we give thanks for the many blessings of motherhood paying tribute to all mothers who by loving their children enable their children to love themselves and others .



Mother's Day Prayer

God, our Loving Father,
Look with kindness on all mothers today;
Bless and reward them for their care;
Give them comfort in moments of sorrow
and joy in their work for their families.
Help them always to appreciate the
importance of being a mother. Amen.

Mass Changes at the Church of Our Lady and St David, Sallins Road:

On both St Patrick's Day the 17th March and Easter Sunday the 27th March

there will be **No 6pm evening Mass** on either of these dates.

PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION

PRIEST ON DUTY: 085 708 8407

PARISH WEBSITE: www.naasparish.ie

NAAS AND SALLINS PARISH OFFICE Tel 879730 Fax 894287

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SACRISTY OUR LADY AND ST DAVID: Tel 856925

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Opening Hours: Monday to Friday 10am to 1pm

PARISH TEAM

FR. JOHN BRICKLEY Parochial House 897703

FR. LIAM MORGAN Curates House 949576

FR. JOE O'NEILL Sundays well 898866

DN. FERGAL O'NEILL Parish Deacon 086 3816133

MS. MAIREAD D'ARCY Pastoral Assistant 897134

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: Ss Perpetua and Felicity, martyrs

Tuesday 8th: St John of God, religious

Wed 9th: St Frances of Rome, religious

Friday 11th: St Aengus, bishop and abbot

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

Naas:

Reg Debnam, formerly of Fr. Murphy Place

MAY HE REST IN PEACE

RECENT BAPTISMS

Naas:

Kian Peadar Gill McAuliffe, St Conleth's Place

Sam James Henderson, Cluain Aoibhinn

Josh Jake Smyth, Millbridge Avenue

Zoey Ciara O'Keefe, Craddockstown Park

Sophie Reilly Saunders, Alderwood Court

Charlie Michael Rigney, Castlesize Grove

Isabelle Kathleen Susanna Quinn, Broadfield

Aoibhe Jane Higgins Loughran, Lacken View



CHURCH OF OUR LADY AND ST. DAVID , SALLINS ROAD

MASS TIMES

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

CHURCH OF OUR LADY AND ST. DAVID , SALLINS ROAD

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Every First Friday before and after the 10am Mass

Every Saturday after the 10am Mass

John Joseph O'Connell, Oldtown

Naoise Morgan Payne, Broadfield View

Sallins:

Ellie Maria Dalton, Newbridge

Two Mile House:

Patrick John Hargaden, Two Mile House

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.'*

Preparation and Reflection for Easter:

The next Lenten Sunday Readings prayer meeting takes place in the room at the back of the Church on Tuesday coming, 8th March after 10am Mass .

Also we invite Parishioners to come together on Tuesday and Thursday evenings during Lent at 7.30pm at the Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane for a half hour of gentle prayer, reflective music, stillness and welcomed calm.

The Irish Cancer Society Annual Daffodil Day will take place on Friday coming, 11th March.



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

St Pio Prayer Group next meeting on Wednesday coming, 9th March at 7.10pm in the Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane. All most welcome.

Cancellation: The Lenten Ecumenical Inter-Faith Gathering due to take place in Clane Parish Church, on Tuesday coming 8th March has been cancelled and will be re-arranged for a later date.

Naas Local History Group: Presentation of Heritage Cup and Scroll followed by Illustrated Talk on the "History of The Sisters of Mercy and McAuley Place" takes place tomorrow Monday 7th March at 8pm in the Town House Hotel. All Welcome

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

St. Mary's College Musical- 'Oklahoma' runs from 9th to 12th March at 8pm. Tickets available from the school at lunchtimes only or on the door on the night. Special price family tickets for Thursday night only. Buy early to avoid disappointment

Naas Special Olympics Club hold basketball training on Thursday evenings in the CBS. If you are a nurse or First Aider, who could give 1 hour a week to the club, please phone Sheila on 0861099311.

Cake Sale organised by the Baldonnell Male Voice Choir will take place in the back porch at the Church of Our Lady and St David on Sunday 20th March after the 9am and 11am Masses.

Parish Pilgrimage to Medjugorje takes place from Wednesday 1st to 8th June 2016 for seven nights. Price €659 (fully inclusive). Spiritual Director: Fr. Liam Morgan. To book phone John or Catherine Murphy at 866233 or John at 086 8563773.

Parish Office is now open on Saturday's from **10am to 1pm** to facilitate with Mass Cards, **only**.

Vincent de Paul helpline number 045 897306.

SALLINS NOTICE

Mass Change: There will be no 6.30pm Vigil Mass

on Wednesday 16th March, eve of St Patrick's Day in Sallins.

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

Date for your Diary.....Sallins Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place on 24th June 2016. Cooleragh/Staplestown Parish will join with Sallins this year for the Pilgrimage. Spiritual Director will be Fr. Jimmy Doyle. For more details phone Rita Fanning on 045 861070 or 087 6536112.

TWO MILE HOUSE

Week Day Masses during Lent: Monday to Thursday at 9.15am and Friday evening at 7pm, as usual.

St Peter's Church Two Mile House 225th Anniversary Book has now been launched. Copies are available from Parish Offices, Naas and Barker & Jones, Naas; Valentine's Post Office, Two Mile House or Bill at 897160 and Art at 875618.

GENERAL NOTICE

Parish Finances:

Sallins: Baskets: € 755 Envelopes: € 390
Naas: Offertory: €3,520 Development €3,600
Two Mile House: € 515

Sports Lottery Results:

Naas:25/2 (9-15-18-23) No winner, Jackpot €7,150
Sallins: 29/2 (1-10-30) No winner, Jackpot €1,450
Splotto: No Results available

St Corban's Cemetery: Please be vigilant at all times regarding your bag/personal belongings while visiting the cemetery and **never leave** any personal belongings in or exposed in your car.

Trocaire Boxes delivered to your door with instructions that they will be collected after Lent is not a genuine Trocaire/Parish method of delivery or collection. We ask you please to report any such activity to the Garda on 045 884300 or direct to Trocaire on 01 5053233.

CHRISM MASS 2016 You are warmly invited to join with Bishop Denis and the priests of the diocese in the Cathedral, Carlow at 7.30pm on Monday, March 21 to celebrate the Chrism Mass - the largest diocesan celebration held during the year!



You Could Win €4,500

On this Wednesday coming, 9th March in Naas Parish Lotto Draw Simply Buy A €2 Ticket And It Could Be You

There was no winner of the Jackpot on Wednesday 2nd March; numbers drawn were 15-2-22-28

Tickets are available from the Parish Office on the Sallins Road, or in The Church of the Irish Martyrs Ballycane .
Lotto Envelopes are also available in the Church Porches, simply complete and drop it into the Parish office before the weekly draw. Tickets can also be purchased from various outlets throughout the town

**Remember you can join the Lotto anytime. If you would like to join the Parish Lotto Draw or renew your Annual Subscription please complete your details below and return it to any of the Priests;
The Parish Office, Sallins Road: Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane.**

If you're not in you can't win!!

Name: _____

Address: _____

Contact Number: _____ Mobile: _____

Email: _____

**Please choose four numbers between 1 and 28
(inclusive) and write them in the boxes** →

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**Naas Parish Bingo continues on Tuesday nights at 8.30pm sharp in the
Care of the Aged Centre, Newbridge Road with *bigger* Prizes and
Jackpot. All welcome**

Naas Special Olympics Club hold basketball training on Thursday evenings in the CBS. If you are a nurse or First Aider, who could give 1 hour a week to the club, please contact Sheila on 0861099311.

Annual Memorial Mass for Deceased Civilian Employees of the Defence Forces including the Curragh Camp, Devoy Barracks Naas, Magee Barracks Kildare and Coolmoney Camp takes place Friday 11th March at 10am in St. Brigids Church the Curragh Camp. Refreshments will be available after Mass in McDonagh Catering Centre until 12 noon.

Springtime Floral (Free) Demo, to create a beautiful Springtime arrangement, takes place on Tuesday 8th March from 6.30pm - 7.15pm. To reserve a place phone Naas Library on 045 879111.

AA Open Public Meeting takes place on Wednesday coming, 9th March at 8pm in the Nun's Chapel, McAuley Place, Sallins Road, (AA and AI-Anon speakers). All are welcome. Refreshments will be served.

Preliminary Flood Risk Management Options: A Public Consultation Day takes place at Aras Chill Dara, Newbridge Road, Naas tomorrow Monday 7th March from 1pm to 7pm. For more information contact info@eastcfamstudy.i

Holy Land Pilgrimage for Naas, Sallins, Two Mile House and Carlow Parishes takes place from 2nd to 10th September 2016. €1,495 per person sharing €200 booking deposit required. Spiritual director, Fr. Liam Morgan. Bookings through Parish Office, Naas or Tullys Travel, Carlow. Ph: 059 9136100.

Divine Mercy Pilgrimage to Rome Fully Escorted Pilgrimage takes place from 1st April for three nights, €599pps. For bookings and more details phone 01 8788159 or www.marian.ie



Thought for the Week: The bond between mothers and their children is one defined by love. As a mother's prayers for her children are unending, so are the wisdom, grace and strength they provide to their children.