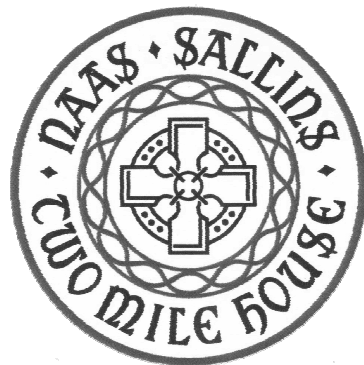


Parish Newsletter



**Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
6th September 2015**

No 1511

Mark 7: 31-37

*Taste and See
that the Lord is Good*
Ps 33

Autumn

This week we are very conscious that Autumn has arrived. We are aware of the change in the season with the wonderful colours of the fallen leaves, mellow days, and of the harvest moons. We see the fields of ripened grain and we are aware of the wonderful bounty of the fruit and vegetation all round us.

Harvest time is a time for us to pause and reflect on our role within God's creation and our responsibilities for this.

During this week, Pope Francis led prayers to mark a 'World day for the care of Creation'. He has spoken out strongly about the ecology and this week he has reminded us that we need to "contemplate, give thanks and safeguard" all creation.

In his opening prayer, he asked God to fill people with a desire "to protect every life, to prepare a better future, so that your kingdom of justice, people, love and beauty would come"

Creation is a gift from God, given to us by God, we *do not own* creation. We should care for it and use it for the good of all and always do so with great respect for this most precious freely given gift.

He asked that we all become protectors of creation; he has reminded us that it is part of our responsibility as Christians and as people is to strive to protect all

creation, the beauty of the world around us.

This is part of our calling as the people of God. We too share in the responsibility of looking after creation. Pope Francis knows, as did his namesake St. Francis, that anything he is able to use, especially food, is a gift from God.

So when we enjoy the fruits of the harvest let us remember

those who might not be so lucky. Let us be thankful as we remember all those who work so hard to provide us with all of these things and who care about the earth in order that it is a good place for those who come after us. Let us be a caring Christian people who are willing to help and share in the care of people and the environment.

"The Lord has bestowed the fruits of the earth for the benefit of all the world's people".

May we share with all and be good stewards of God's earth and it's abundance. Amen"

Laudato Si'

If you didn't get the chance to read Pope Francis' encyclical, **Laudato Si'** over the summer months, you are warmly invited to come along to our faith development classes starting tomorrow, Monday September 7th and running through to Monday, October 12th. Classes will be presented by Deacon Fergal O'Neill. Presentation and discussion in the foyer of the Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane from 8pm - 9pm. Refreshments and chat from 9pm to 9.30pm. All welcome!



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SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN PARISH REPRESENTATIVES

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

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

FEAST AND MEMORIAL DAYS FOR THE COMING WEEK:

Tuesday 8th: Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Wednesday 9th: St Ciaran, abbot

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

Naas:

Eileen Donnelly, Dublin Road

MAY SHE REST IN PEACE



RECENT BAPTISMS

Naas:

Arthur Sales Bernardo, Rathasker Road



For those requesting the Sacrament of Baptism two weeks notice is required. For further details see our website at www.naasparish.ie/sacraments/baptism

Coeliac Catholics: We would like to remind you that low gluten hosts are available for distribution at every Mass in all Churches. If you need to receive a low gluten host, come forward to the sanctuary at Communion time.

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.'*

Autumn Collection in support of the Priests of the Parish takes place at all Masses next weekend, 12/13th September.

Live Streaming of Services: Please note that all Services in the Church of Our Lady and St. David are broadcast live to the internet.

Naas Local History Group meet tomorrow, Monday 7th September at 8pm in Town House Hotel with an illustrated talk by members on "75 years of Naas Cinema Experience in Naas." All welcome.

Naas Active Retirement Assoc, members only meeting, takes place on Wednesday coming, 9th September at 2pm in Naas Community Centre.

Naas Toastmasters Club next meeting takes place in the Town House Hotel, Naas at 8pm on Wednesday coming, 9th September. Guests and new members always welcome.

Thank You to all who supported our recent Musical Evening for the Irish Franciscan Lourdes Fund. As a result of your generosity we are able to fund 4 people on our trip to Lourdes on 22nd-27th September. We will remember you all during our pilgrimage. Sincerely, *Kay Delaney*.

Kids Bricks Club North Kildare resumes on Tuesday 15th September in Ballycane Church Centre from 4.50pm-5.50pm. Bookings to Maria at 086 4455994.

The Parish Office is now open on Saturday's from 10am to 5pm to facilitate with Mass Cards, only.

St Vincent de Paul helpline number 045 897306

SALLINS PARISH NEWS

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament continues on Tuesday coming from 10.30am—11am.

Autumn Dues in support of the Priests of the Parish takes place at all Masses next weekend, 12/13th September.

Confessions available in Sallins every Thursday from 2pm to 4pm.

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

GENERAL NOTICE

Parish Finances:

Sallins: Baskets: € 670	Envelopes € 340
Naas: Offertory: €3,029	Development €3,655
Two Mile House: € 420	

Sports Lottery Results

Naas: 27/8 (4-9-26-27) No winner, Jackpot €3,400
Sallins: 31/8(21-22-32) No winner, Jackpot €1,300
Naas United 31/8 (3-7-15-27) No winner Jackpot €3,000

Knock Pilgrimages:

National Grandparents Pilgrimage takes place on Sunday next, 13th September 2015.

Padre Pio Pilgrimage on Sunday 20th September. Bookings and further details phone 045 525432.

Legion of Mary Pilgrimage takes place on Sunday 27th September. More details to follow.

Beginners Bridge Classes at Naas Lawn Tennis Club (Junior Room), on Monday the 21st September 2015 commencing at 8pm. Enrolment will take

place the same evening from 7.30pm. For bookings phone Bert on 0879220233.

Christmas with Celine Byrne and Guests; Christmas Concert in aid of Our Lady and St David's Church Restoration Fund will take place on Saturday, 19th December at 8pm in Our Lady and St David's Church.

Kildare and Wicklow Education and Training Board are enrolling for Autumn Courses from Monday 14th September from 10am-4pm at the Further Education and Training Centre, Jigginstown, Naas. For more info contact 045 866314/881863 or www.kwetb.ie

Is someone's drinking affecting your life?

Al-Anon can help. Meetings are held every Monday night at 8.15pm in Parish Centre, Ballycane (Tuesday on Bank Holiday Weekend).

Kildare Suicide Bereavement Support Group (K.S.B.S.G.) acknowledges with grateful thanks a donation of €650. This money is the proceeds from the sale of this year's crop of St Brigid's Crosses in Naas Parish.

Being a Voluntary Group, funding is an on-going issue for us and that is why we are so grateful to the two Mary's in Naas Parish Office, together with their dedicated team, who made and sold the crosses. We thank them and the generous people who bought the crosses for their continued support of the work we do.

KSBSG was founded in 1997. We offer a free, one to one, confidential counselling service for people bereaved by or contemplating suicide.

- * No waiting lists; * No referrals are necessary;
- * No donations required; * No one is turned away

There is a walk-in service every Thursday night in the Parish Centre in Ballycane from 8pm to 9.30pm or appointments can be made by phoning 045 895629 or 086 8554852

Bereaved? Need to Talk? Want to talk?

Eist Cancer Support Centre is a registered charity affiliated to the Irish Cancer Society. They provide practical help and emotional support to all those who have been affected by cancer. The centre is open from Tuesday to Thursday from 10am to 4pm. They are located at the Waterfront, Mill Lane, Carlow. For more information phone 059 9139684.

World Suicide Prevention Day
Thursday 10th September.
‘It’s OK not to feel OK
and it’s absolutely OK to ask for help’

You Could Win €2,250

**On this Wednesday coming, 9th September 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 September.

Numbers drawn were: 15—27—19—26

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, Sallins Road before 3pm for the weekly draw.

Tickets can also be purchased from:- Menswear, Londis, Nolans Butchers, Barker & Jones, Stationery Store, Veritas, The Soda Bread Shop, Gouldings Hardware, Swans on the Green. Supervalu.

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!!*

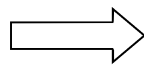
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(inclusive) and write them in the boxes**



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Thought for the week: ‘Life is A Gift’

Today before you think of saying an unkind word; think of someone who can’t speak.
Before you complain about the taste of your food; think of someone who has nothing to eat.
Today before you complain about life; think of someone who went too early to heaven.
Before you argue about your dirty house; think of the people who are living in the streets.
Before you complain about your husband or wife; think of someone who is crying out to God for a companion.
Before you complain about your children; think of many couples yearning to conceive a child at this time.
When you are tired and complain about your job; think of the unemployed, and those who wish they had your job.
But before you think of pointing the finger or condemning another; remember that not one of us are without sin and we all answer to one maker. “Let those who have no sin, cast the first stone”.
And when depressing thoughts seem to get you down; put a smile on your face and thank God you are alive and still around.
Life is a gift — Live it, Enjoy it, Celebrate it, and Fulfil it.

