

Parish Newsletter

Second Sunday of Advent
7th December 2014

No 1479

Mark: 1: 1-8



Let the earth bring forth
a Saviour
Isaiah 45:8

our behaviour and conversations. Our faith impels us to proclaim Christ and his peace in every encounter.

The seed you received, or may pick up after today's Mass, if planted, will grow to a beautiful flower, reminding us that we are each

Jesus, Our Hope And Peace

Last Sunday we offered a Christmas gift from Bishop Denis to each family by way of a chamomile seed, symbol of healing from anxiety and fear! We are invited to plant the seed and pray, during this season of HOPE, for the grace and gift of Christ's PEACE for ourselves, our families and our world throughout 2015.

The world never needed Christ more than now. We can be witnesses to his presence by

beautiful, unique, and loved in God's eyes. This is what we want to offer, as a gift, to others bound down by materialism, consumerism and yes, sin itself!

The joy of Mary at the birth of her Son is the joy of the Gospel which is available to all and fills us with hope. Today's Gospel calls us to go and proclaim this message!

**May your Advent prayer open
Your heart to HOPE and Your home to PEACE
this Christmas.**



Advent Nights for Young Adults

Aged 18-30 years

As we journey through the Season of Advent take some time out and join our final 'Advent Night' of reflection and prayer and quiet music.

In

The Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane

Friday 12th December

From 8pm to 9pm

Tea/Coffee will be served afterwards. We hope you can join us!

PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION

PRIEST ON DUTY: 085 708 8407

PARISH WEBSITE: www.naasparish.ie

NAAS AND SALLINS PARISH OFFICE Tel 879730 Fax 894287

Opening Hours: Monday to Friday 10am to 5pm

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Sallins eMail sallinsparishoffice@gmail.com

SACRISTY OUR LADY AND ST DAVID: Tel 856925

BALLYCANE OFFICE AND SACRISTY: Tel 895629

Opening Hours: Monday to Friday 10am to 1pm

PARISH TEAM

FR. JOHN BRICKLEY Parochial House 897703

FR. LIAM MORGAN Curates House 949576

FR. KEVIN WALSH Sallins 879730

FR. PJ MADDEN Two Mile House 876160

DN. FERGAL O'NEILL Parish Office 879730

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SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN PARISH REPRESENTATIVES

Naas: Caroline Quinn **Two Mile House:** Anita Comer Julian

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

FEASTS / MEMORIALS FOR COMING WEEK

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

Saturday 13th: St Lucy, virgin and martyr

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

Willie Callaghan, Esmondale

May he rest in peace



RECENT BAPTISMS

Naas:

Luca James Walsh, Caragh Meadows

Darragh Robert Merrick, New Caragh Court

Saoirse Patricia O'Brien Chew, Clane

Anais Bouzid Murphy, Oldtown Demesne

Ellyssa Bouzid Murphy, Oldtown Demesne



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/

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

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.’

Feast of the Immaculate Conception tomorrow,

Monday 8th December. Masses times are:

Our Lady and St David: 7.30am and 10am.

The Irish Martyrs: 12noon and 7.30pm.

An Afternoon of Reflection takes place today, Sunday 7th 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 PJ Madden. Refreshments during break. *St Joseph's Young Priest Society.*

A Prayer Service for the safe return of Trevor Deely and other missing people takes place in the Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane today, Sunday 7th December at 7pm. All are welcome.

The History of the Catholic Church: The Sixth Session of the series will be held on Monday coming, 8th December in the main foyer of Ballycane Church from 8.15pm to 9.30pm and will include scripture, prayer and time for questions /

discussion. A cup of tea / coffee will be served afterwards. All are most welcome!

Advent Preparation for Christmas continues on Tuesday coming, 9th December in the Parish Meeting Rooms, Sallins Rd, (behind Veritas shop) after 10am Mass. All are most welcome to come pray and study the Advent Sunday Readings. Sr Peggy Cleary will lead the session.

Apostolic Work Society next meeting takes place on Tuesday coming, 9th December at 7pm in the Naas Community Centre, Sallins Road.

St Vincent de Paul Society Naas Annual collection take place at all Masses this weekend, 6th/7th December. Donations can also be sent to St Vincent de Paul, P.O. Box 1, Naas. All donations will be greatly appreciated. Thank you for your continued support.

Naas Conference of St Vincent de Paul helpline phone number is 045 897306

A Sincere Thank You from Naas CBS Zambian Immersion Project to all who baked for and all who supported their recent Bake Sale. It is greatly appreciated.

Found: Mobile phone found on Sallins Road last week. Phone the Parish Office at 879730.

SALLINS PARISH NEWS

Feast of the Immaculate Conception tomorrow, Monday 8th December. Mass at 10am only.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Tuesday coming, 9th December, from 10.30am -11am.

Confessions available in Sallins Church every Thursday afternoon from 2pm-4pm.

Sallins National School – Enrolment for Junior Infants 2015 is now taking place. Application Forms are available from school reception office and must be returned by Friday January 30th. Please see criteria as per Enrolment Policy on school website – <http://sallinsns.scoilnet.ie>

On behalf of Friends of Calcutta I would like to thank all who supported the Christmas Fair held in the Parish Hall on Sunday last. To those who organised, helped, baked, supported and donated, well done. We raised €2,300. Thank You. *Fr Kevin*

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

TWO MILE HOUSE PARISH NEWS

Feast of the Immaculate Conception tomorrow, Monday 8th December. Mass at 9.15am.

GENERAL NOTICES

Parish Finances

Sallins: Baskets: €761 Envelopes: €155

Naas: Offertory: €3,203 Development Fund: €3,927

Two Mile House: €608

Sports Lottery Results

Naas 27/11 (9-12-16-20) No Winner Jackpot €2,200

Sallins 1/12 (11-25-30) No Winner Jackpot €3,100,

Naas United FC 1/12 (5-19-21-27) No Winner; €3,000

Splotto: Ballycane Celtic: No Results.

The Simon Community Kildare will be Carol Singing this Monday 8th December in Tesco, Monread from 10am -12noon. For more info phone 087 6349246. You can contact the Kildare Housing Support Service, who offer confidential support and information, at 045 875548.

Trócaire Christmas Gifts are now on sale and can make a life-changing difference to families in some of our poorest countries. Log on to trocaire.org/gifts.

Youth 2000 Ireland are hosting their annual Christmas Retreat in Newbridge College from Friday 12th to Sunday 14th December. Over 500 young people from across Ireland (aged 16-35) are expected at this, donation only, event. All newcomers welcome Free buses available. Booking online, www.youth2000.ie or phone 01 6753690.

Christmas with Friends invite you to join them for their Annual Christmas Day Dinner in the Platinum Club, Newbridge on December 25th. Adults from Newbridge, Naas, Kildare and surrounding areas, are invited to join them. If you would prefer they can deliver dinner to your home. There is no charge for this event as it is kindly sponsored by the Lions Club. If you would like to attend phone Anne Crowe 086 8042724 or Willie Crowley 087 6929212 or Damian Molyneaux 087 2450881.

Smash and Grab and the Seven Dwarfs extra show, due to demand, on Friday 2nd January 2015 at 3pm. Booking from Moat Box Office at 883030.

Christmas Craft Fair in Caragh today, Sunday 7th December. Doors open from 12 noon. Santa will also be coming so whether you've been naughty or nice Santa would be delighted to see you, with treats for all boys and girls.

Naas Parish Lotto Draw

The first draw in the second year of our Lotto took place on Wednesday last 3rd December.

Numbers drawn were 19 - 21 - 22- 1. There was no Jackpot winner so next week's Jackpot will be €3,250.

The Parish would like to sincerely thank all those who worked so hard to sell tickets in these very difficult economic times and we hope people will continue to support us into the future.

There are many areas in the town where we still need ticket sellers and if you think you could even sell a couple of tickets, on a weekly basis, to your friends, family or neighbour please contact the Parish Offices on the Sallins Road, or in The Church of the Irish Martyrs Ballycane or phone 086 1635994.

Tickets cost €2 each: or an Annual Membership costing €90. You can also pay by Standing Order where €8 per month will be deducted from your bank account. For information contact either of the Parish Offices.

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!!***

Name: _____

Address: _____

Contact Number: _____ Mobile: _____

Email: _____

Please choose four numbers between 1 and 28 (inclusive) and write them in the boxes ➡
Your chosen numbers will be included in all weekly draws for one year.

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Kildare Suicide Bereavement Support Group

Kildare Suicide Bereavement Support Group very gratefully acknowledges the effort and commitment from Phil Brown of Naas Garda Station and all who took part in the Cycle on Saturday, 6th September in aid of KSBG, which raised the magnificent sum of €1,420. KBSG would also like to thank and acknowledge the fruit and energy drinks, donated by Rushes Supermarket and Swans on the Green.

KBSG was founded in 1997. We offer a free, one to one confidential Counselling Service.

There are:

- ♦ **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 - 9.30pm or Appointments can be made by phoning 045 895629 or 086 8554852.

Bereaved? Need to Talk? Want to Talk?

Our Lady and St David's Church, Naas *Restoration Fund Concert*

CHRISTMAS WITH CELINE BYRNE

AND GUESTS

Featuring: Celine Byrne - Soprano,
Norah King - Mezzo Soprano,

Ailbhe McDonagh-Cello, Lynda O'Connor-Violin,
Dearbhla Brosnan - Piano, Nás na Rí Singers,
Aine Mulvey, Musical Director
Annalisa Monticelli - Accompanist.

on Saturday, 20th December 2014

at 8pm

**in Our Lady and St David's Church,
Sallins Road, Naas**

**Tickets €15 from: Parish Office's Sallins Road
and Ballycane; Barker and Jones; Veritas.**

