



NAAS SALLINS TWO MILE HOUSE NEWSLETTER



Mass Times: The Baptism of the Lord (Year B) Gospel: Mark1: 7-11

<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

Baptism – What is it about?

We celebrate the baptism of the Lord today, a very significant moment on his journey. In this action of being baptized, Jesus was pointing the way for the rest of us to follow. It is a very significant moment for us too. Nowadays there is a lot of debate around this sacrament as for some it has become a mere social event. It is important to celebrate the sacrament with family and friends, but it is all the more important to reflect on what this sacrament is all about and the implications it has on our journey of life and faith.

So what actually happens to us at Baptism? One would need a lot more space to outline this, but in summary, there are a few basic points to be made;

- The Church sees Baptism as the first important step on the Christian journey.
- On the day we were born, we were welcomed into our family.
- On the day of baptism we are welcomed into the bigger family of the Lord, the Parish or the Church, which is the Body of Christ.
- In baptism we enter into a unique and special relationship with the person of Jesus Christ and we try to live out that relationship in and through the people around us.
- On the day Jesus was baptised by John in the river Jordan, He received his mission from His Father, the same happens to us. The words of the Father were; “This is my Son, the beloved, my favour rests on him”. The same words are addressed to us by God the Father at baptism.

Or put another way ... In Baptism we become.....

- A son/daughter of God the Father
- A brother/sister of Jesus Christ
- A temple of the Holy Spirit
- A member of God’s family, the Parish, the Church

In baptism we are called to the mission of Jesus Christ. That is quite a lot to reflect upon as we begin a new year! We are left with the questions; how am I living out my baptismal call in my life today? Am I living the mission Jesus has called me to in baptism?

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Fr John Brickley: 045 897260

PARISH OFFICE, NAAS

(Sallins Road): Ph 879730; Fax 894287
Opening Hours: Mon-Fri 10am-5pm
Wed: 10am-1pm: Lunch 1-2pm

BALLYCANE OFFICE: Ph 895629

Opening Hours: Mon-Fri 10am-1pm

SALLINS OFFICE: Ph 897150

Opening Hours: Tuesday & Thursday
10am to 1pm

SACRISTY, Church of Our Lady and St David:
(during Mass times) Ph: 856925

SACRISTY, Church of the Irish Martyrs:
Ph: 895629

Confessions:

Every Saturday after the 10am Mass in the Church of
Our Lady and St David, Sallins Road.

Every Saturday after the 11am Mass in the Church of
The Irish Martyrs, Ballycane.

Parish Website: www.naasparish.ie

Naas Parish Email: naasparishoffice@gmail.com

Sallins Parish Email: sallinsparishoffice@gmail.com

Diocesan Website: kandle.ie

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN; PARISH DESIGNATED PERSONS:

Caroline Quinn (Naas); Sheila Pyke (Sallins)

Mary Valentine (Two-Mile-House). They can be contacted
through the Parish Office, Sallins Road, Naas. Phone 045 879730.

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

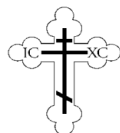
Naas:

John Connerney, Sarto Park
Mary Prendergast, Bluebell Kilashee
Anthony Faherty, Maynooth

Two Mile House:

Michael O'Brien, Green Avenue
Peter Cowley, Mullacash
James Choiseul, formerly Two Mile House
who died in Detroit

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE



**THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY WELCOMES
YOU WITH GREAT JOY!**

Naas:

Maria Buday, Morell Dale
Harry William Parkin, Rathcoole

Sallins:

Emily Mary Josephine Gahan, Sherlockstown

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

For those requesting the Sacrament of Baptism two
weeks notice is required. For further details of
Baptisms in Naas, Sallins and Two Mile House see
Parish website www.naasparish.ie



GAA Lotto:

Sallins: No Draw

Naas 22/12 Jackpot €6,400: Numbers 1-4-10-16: One
winner: Next weeks' Jackpot €1,150

Splotto/Ballycane Celtic: No draw.

Naas United FC: No Draw

Parish Finances:

<u>Sallins:</u>	Baskets:	€ 650
	Envelopes:	€ 775
<u>Naas:</u>	Offertory:	€3,622
	Development Fund:	€4,507
<u>Two Mile House:</u>		€ 1,363

Grateful thanks to all who support our collections.

All Masses and Services in Naas Parish can
be heard on the Radio at 107.3FM

Did you know that you can now read the current
parish newsletter as well as back issues online???
Just log on to www.naasparish.ie click on "current
parish newsletter" or "parish newsletter past issues."

FEAST AND MEMORIAL DAYS DURING THE COMING WEEK:

Friday 13th: St Hilary, bishop and doctor of the Church

Sallins Parish News

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction on Friday 13th January at 7.45pm.

Do this in Memory Programme takes place at all Masses next weekend, 14/15th January.

Sallins Conference of Saint Vincent De Paul may be contacted at 085 7052294.

Naas Parish News

Naas Active Retirement Association meeting on Wednesday 11th November at 2pm in the Naas Community Centre, Sallins Road.

St Vincent de Paul Society, Naas: Helpline phone number 045/897306.

Bridge Club at McAuley Place recommences on Friday next, 13th January at the new time of 2pm.

Toastmasters: Start to improve your Career prospects by developing your communication and leadership

skills with Toastmasters Educational Programme. Toastmasters meetings take place on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month at 8.15pm Next Meeting January 11th in Town House Hotel, Come along & see what you think. Visitors always welcome .

Naas United FC KDFL awards night is on Saturday 14th January in the Town House Hotel, DJ John Lawlor and Finger food on the night, admission free, there will be over 20 awards plus our Lumsden cup medals to be presented as we celebrate another very successful year. Our clubs AGM is fixed for 1st February in the Town House Hotel all are welcome, our KDUL teams will be back in Pipers Hill College on Tuesday night the 10th January from 7pm to 9pm for training under lights contact team managers for more info. Can all parents ensure their children have lifts home afterwards. Pre-season tournament the Seamie Moore cup will be starting at the end of February. New players always welcome. As part of our fund raising efforts our club continues to collect bags of unwanted clothes. Please call Tommy to arrange collection from your home on 087 9472385, your support is much appreciated. Our club lotto restarts on Sunday 15th January @ a jackpot of €1000.

'Are YOU unemployed? Naas Local Employment Service invite you to kick off the new year on a positive note by registering with us and using our One-To-One Career Guidance service. For more information call to see us at our Naas Office, Unit 5, Rathasker Square, Kilcullen Road, or phone Eugene on 045 895555 for an appointment.'

Night Classes —Spring 2012 at Piper's Hill College, Naas. Your New Year's Resolution.....Join a Local Night class. See Spring brochure or for the full range of classes log on to www.kildarevec.ie. For further information phone 045 898923.

St Joseph's Young Priest Society next



meeting Thursday coming, 12th January at 8pm in the Parish Centre at the Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane. Adoration from 8pm to 9.30pm.

All welcome.

Two Mile House Parish News

Do This in Memory: Meeting of Parents' organizing group in the school staff room on Wednesday coming, 11th January at 8pm.

Many Thanks; To all who have supported the priests' collection so generously at Christmas. Your support is very much appreciated in these difficult financial times. Thank you.

School: The celebrations are over and we wish all the staff and students the very best in the new term ahead!

General Notices

Midlands Support Group - For Family and Friends Affected by Suicide. This new confidential support group, recently established in conjunction with HOPE(D) welcomes people from all areas in Kildare. We meet the first Wednesday of each month at the Aras Building (beside Fas) Main Street, Newbridge at 8pm. Our aim is to connect with people where members can share experiences, advice or just listen providing sympathetic understanding towards one another. For people who have lost a loved one to suicide and would like to connect with others who have gone through the same experience please feel free to come along. Please do not hesitate to contact Jacinta on 087 2229695 should you require more information.

STRESSCONTROL: Is STRESS, WORRY or feeling LOW getting in the way of you living your life? FREE courses of six classes to control stress in Kildare & West Wicklow: **Naas** in Ballycane Church, Naas on every Tuesday from January 17th until February 21st from 10.15am – 11.45 am. **Baltinglass** in The Lalor Centre, Baltinglass every Thursday from February 2nd - March 8th from 7pm–8.30 pm. INTERESTED? Text the word 'Stress' followed by 'Naas' or 'Baltinglass' and the number of people who wish to attend to 51444* (eg Stress Naas 3). Or simply just turn up on the day. Anyone can come along. Family and friends are all welcome too.



JESUS' BAPTISM