

## Mass Times: Twenty Eight 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 Banquet

In today's Gospel Jesus' story may be a bit far-fetched. Who would be so crazy as to turn down an invitation to a royal wedding? But people can be very foolish. The excuses that kept the invited guest from attending the wedding feast weren't all bad, in fact, in most cases they were perfectly good ones.

If each of us takes a brief look at our lives we could draw up quite a long list of things which we know, in our heart of hearts, we should do, or should not do, but which we refuse to look at. And we have no shortage of excuses.

The greatest danger facing us is not that we might abandon God and turn to evil, but rather that we might just ignore his invitation. To ignore God's invitation altogether is the worst form of refusal.

We are invited not merely as individuals but as a community to the banquet of the new People of God, namely, the Christian community. To accept means to admit our need and willingness to receive from others, to share with others, to associate with others and to collaborate with others. There is a streak in us that not only refuses the good, but can't even recognise it. God is continually calling us, as individuals and a community to a deeper and more authentic life, but alas, this precious invitation is like the seed that fell among the thorns; it gets choked!

We don't have to earn our place at the banquet; we are invited. God's call comes to us in many ways and at many different levels. A spiritual hunger is God's way of inviting us to his banquet.

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Fr Bogdan: Ph 879792

#### 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:

George Higgins, formerly of Dublin Road who died in Oxford.



# THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY WELCOMES YOU WITH GREAT JOY!

#### Naas:

Lucas Ian McGibney, Gleann na Ríogh Way Layla Marie Doheny Laabei, Kerdiff Ave Lennon Doheny Laabei, Kerdiff Avenue

#### **Two Mile House:**

Cameron Mark O'Brien, Florida

#### **Parish Finances:**

Sallins: Baskets: € 533

Envelopes: € 465

<u>Naas</u>: Offertory: €3,575

Development Fund: €3,629

<u>Two Mile House</u>: € 523

Grateful thanks to all who support our collections.

### 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: 03/10 Jackpot €2,350: No winner: 2-23-34

Venue 10/10 Railway Inn; Jackpot €2,500

Naas 29/09 Jackpot €4,600: Numbers 3-6-13-27: No

winner: Next weeks' Jackpot €4,750

**Splotto/Ballycane Celtic:** 

2/10 (3-10-19-24) No Winner: Jackpot on 9/10 €6,000

The Master is here; He is calling you".

Would you like to spend an hour each week in silent prayer? Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place in the Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane: Monday and Tuesday: 10am - 9pm

Wednesday: 10am – 9.30pm Thursday: 8pm - 9pm

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

<u>Loop Hearing System</u>: The loop system in Our Lady and St David's Church has been serviced and is now fully operational.

#### FEAST AND MEMORIAL DAYS DURING THE COMING WEEK:

Tuesday 11th: St Canice, abbot

Saturday 15th: St Teresa of Avilia, virgin and doctor of the Church

## **Sallins Parish News**

<u>Sallins</u> <u>Novena:</u> The Novena continues on Friday night coming at <u>7.30pm</u>. The Theme this year is 'HOPE' and the speaker will be Fr Peter McVerry. Come one, Come all! Bring a friend.

<u>First Holy Communion:</u> On the weekend of 15th and 16th October at all Masses in Sallins we will formally welcome the children for First Holy Communion.

The Sallins Conference of St Vincent de Paul can be contacted at 085-7052294.

### **Naas Parish News**

Apostolic Work Society Next meeting will take place on Tuesday coming, 11th October at 7pm in the Naas Community Centre, Sallins Road.

**Leaving Certificate History**: As part of the modern revised Leaving Certificate, history students have the opportunity to undertake a research study in conjunction with their regular examination, accounting for 20% of their total marks. All Leaving Certificate and Fifth Year History Students are invited to a History seminar to help prepare for their special topic. It is



St Joseph's Young Priest Society next meeting Thursday coming, 13th October at 8pm in the Parish Centre at the Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane. Adoration from 8pm to 9.30pm.

All welcome.

an ideal opportunity for students to learn valuable tips on how to create a successful project with experienced speakers on hand including, a representative from the Department of Education, teacher Thomas Nelson and Local Studies Librarian, Mario Corrigan. This is the sixth such seminar and the emphasis this year is on interaction with a chance for students to ask questions and discuss problems they might encounter in choosing and preparing their topic. To highlight the importance of the seminar Professor Marian Lyons, Head of the History Dept., NUI Maynooth, will give a special address. The Seminar will be held in Naas Library on **Saturday, 15th October 9.30—1pm.** The Seminar is organised by Kildare Library & Arts Services, Co Kildare Federation of Local History Groups and Kildare Education Centre. For further information phone Anne McNeill 01 6271136 or contact Mario Corrigan at 087 9871046 or localhistory@kildarecoco.ie

<u>Christmas Shoebox Appeal</u>: Over the last twelve years more than two million children in 17 countries have received gift filled shoeboxes from Ireland. More than 10,000 boxes were donated by the people of Naas. The boxes are distributed to poor and needy children in communities, school, hospitals, churches and orphanages all over Eastern Europe, the former South Union and Africa. For many it was the only gift they received and it was the highlight of their year. If you would like to take part again this year we would love to hear from you. For further information please contact Adrienne 086 3948488.

**COOKERY DEMONSTRATION DAY**: A Cookery Demo Day will be held in Naas on Saturday 22nd October from 10am to 4.30pm in Aid of the Prader Willis Syndrome Association. (<u>www.pwai.ie</u>). Cost €70 per person to include dinner. Max eight people. Further details from Vourneen at 086 813 8821.

<u>Dancing at Lughnasa</u> Don't miss a great opportunity to see this wonderful production of Dancing at Lughnasa, considered one of Friel's best plays. It takes place at the Moat Theatre, Naas from Tuesday 11th to Saturday 15th October at 8pm nightly. Tickets from the Moat Box office at 045 883030 or email www.moattheatre.com

Is someone's drinking affecting your life? Al-Anon can help?

Meetings every Monday night at 8.15pm in Parish Centre, Ballycane. Wednesdays at 8.30pm in Parish Centre, Newbridge, Ph 431394 and Thursdays in Arás Bríd, Parish Centre, Kildare, Ph 521352

## **General Notices**

'National Day of Prayer' Once again our committee are inviting a 'National Day of Prayer' on the anniversary of St. Oliver's canonisation, Wednesday 12th October. Besides praying for peace and reconciliation we wish to invoke St. Oliver's intercession at this time for much needed healing in our Church and throughout the wider community. Resources and prayers for a Mass in honour of St. Oliver can be found on the website: www.saintoliverplunkett.com

**Found:** Sum of Money found on Tuesday last at the Ballymore Roundabout, Naas. Phone 045 879379

**Remembrance** Mass in St Luke's General Hospital, Carlow/

#### **Naas Parish Rainbows:**

Application Forms for the coming programme are now available from the Schools and the Parish Office, Sallins Road, which need to be completed and returned not later than, Friday 14th October 2011. The programme will commence on Monday, 7th November 2011. If you child attends school out side Naas and would be interested in Rainbows, please contact Sr Maureen at 086 0823563 or the Parish Office at 045 879730.

Kilkenny. 'The End of Life Care Committee' is holding its Annual Remembrance Mass, in memory of all patients who have died in the hospital, on St Luke's Feast Day, 18th October in St Andrew's Church Bagenalstown, Co Carlow at 7.30pm. Refreshments will be served afterwards. All are welcome.

<u>PARISH WEBSITE STATISTICS:</u> The following are the independently gathered google analytics for the Naas, Sallins and Two Mile House Parish Website. During the two month period from 1st August 2011 to 30th September 2011 there were 5,630 visits to the Parish Website. There were 4,037 individual visitors from individual IP addresses. There were 13,886 page views. The equivalent numbers for Aug / Sept 2010 were 3,307 visits, 2,479 visitors and 8,961 page views.

We are delighted that so many people are using the website and that the traffic numbers are increasing steadily month on month. The Parish Website was launched in January 2010. You can visit the website at www.naasparish.ie where you will find local information in relation to parish life and many activities in the wider Naas, Sallins and Two Mile House Communities.

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

