



NAAS SALLINS TWO MILE HOUSE NEWSLETTER



Mass Times: 2nd Sunday of Advent(Year A) Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12

<u>Church</u>	<u>Weekdays</u>		<u>Sundays</u>
Our Lady and St David, Naas	Mon - Fri 7.30am, 10am	Saturday 10am.	Saturday Vigil: 6pm Sunday 8.30am, 10am, 12noon, 6pm.
Irish Martyrs, Ballycane, Naas	Mon - Fri 7.30pm	Saturday 11am	Saturday Vigil: 7.30pm 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

John the Baptist...

In this week's Gospel Reading and next week's, our Advent preparation for Christmas invites us to consider John the Baptist and his relationship to Jesus. Matthew describes the work and preaching of John the Baptist. John directs a particularly pointed call to repentance to the Pharisees and Sadducees, parties within the Jewish community of the first century.



John marks the conversion of those who seek him out with a baptism of repentance. Other groups in this period are thought to have practiced ritual washings for similar purposes. John's baptism can be understood as an anticipation of Christian baptism. In this passage John himself alludes to the difference between his baptism and the one yet to come: "I am baptising you with water, for repentance, He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire." (Matthew 3:11).

In this reading, John makes very clear that his relationship to the Messiah yet to come (Jesus) is one of service and subservience: "... the one who is coming after me is mightier than I. I am not worthy to carry his sandals" (Matthew 3:11). In the context of Matthew's Gospel, today's passage is followed by Jesus' baptism by John, an event that is attested to in all four of the Gospels and appears to have been the start of Jesus' public ministry.

John's preaching of the coming of the Lord is a key theme of the Advent season. As John's message prepared the way for Jesus in the first century, we too, are called to prepare ourselves for Jesus' coming. We respond to John's message by our repentance and reform of our lives. We are also called to be prophets of Christ, who announce by our lives, as John did, the coming of the Lord.

"Reach Out" This weekend our Diocese is giving out a Christmas Prayer Card and photograph of Pope Francis. Please take one home with you or take one for a neighbour or family member.

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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 Irish Martyrs, Ballycane.

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN; PARISH DESIGNATED PERSONS:

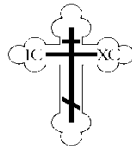
Caroline Quinn (Naas); Ann Moran (Sallins) Anita Comer Julian (Two-Mile-House).
They can be contacted through the Parish Office, Sallins Road, Naas. Ph 045 879730.

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

NAAS:

George Drewett, Sarto Road

MAY HE REST IN PEACE



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

Naas:

Darragh Gerard McDonnell, Sallins Pier

Amy Grace Leavy, Hunters Wood

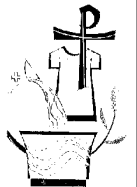
James Nicholas Gorman, Aylmer Park

Evie Karen Dodd, Aylmer Park

Julia Brady Navascues, Sallins

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

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



Parish Finances:

Sallins: Baskets: € 752: Envelopes: € 315

Naas: Offertory: €3,450

Development Fund: €6,158

Two Mile House: € 575

St Vincent de Paul's

Annual Church Collection

takes place in Naas and Two Mile House this weekend 7th/8th December. Your generous support will be greatly appreciated. Donations may also be sent to S.V.P., P.O. Box 1, Naas.

Many thanks for your continued support over the years.

GAA Lotto:

Sallins: 2/12 Jackpot €1,300 Numbers 2-16-31 No winner; Venue 9/12 Bridgewater; Jackpot €1,450

Naas: 28/11 Jackpot €2,350: Numbers 5-12-14-27; No winner: Jackpot 5/12 €2,500

Splotto/Ballycane Celtic: 1/12; Numbers 5-20-22-24; No winner Jackpot 8/12 €5,000

Naas United FC: No result available

Feast Day of the Immaculate Conception;

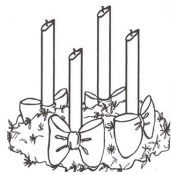
Sunday takes precedence over a Holy Day, so the Feast of the Immaculate Conception is transferred to tomorrow, Monday 9th December. Please see Mass times on this Newsletter.

Feast & Memorial Days for the coming week:

Monday 9th: Feast of the Immaculate Conception
of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Friday 13th: St Lucy, virgin and martyr
Saturday 14th: St John of the Cross

Advent Preparation for Christmas

continues on Tuesday coming, 10th December in the Parish Meeting Room (over the Parish Office) Sallins Road after the 10am Mass. You are invited to join with Sr Peggy Cleary who will lead the sessions of prayer and study of the Sunday Advent readings All welcome.



Baldonnell Singers

will hold a evening concert in
Our Lady and St. David's on
Saturday night coming,
14th December,

in aid of Our Lady & St. David's
Church Restoration Fund.

All support welcome!

Tickets from the Parish Office
Sallins Rd and Ballycane Office;
Barker & Jones, Veritas and
JAM Music.



Sallins Parish News

Feast of the Immaculate Conception will be celebrated tomorrow, Monday 9th December. Mass will be at 10am.

Confirmation 2014. All those preparing for Confirmation are invited, along with their parents, to an Enrolment Ceremony in Sallins Church on Saturday coming, 14th December at 6.30pm.

Sallins Parish Pastoral Council next meeting on Wednesday coming, 11th December at 7.30pm in the Parish Community Centre.

Parish Meeting has been arranged for Wednesday coming, 11th December at 8.30pm in the Parish Community Centre to discuss Parish issues. It is important that you attend. For more details phone Tom at 086 2568827

Parish Envelopes Collection; The annual envelope boxes for the coming year are now available for collection in the Church and are in Alphabetical order. If you wish to become a contributor please take a box of envelopes from the 'new contributor box' and write your name/ address on the first few envelopes you use. A sincere *Thank You* to all who contribute to our collections.

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."

The Advent Faith Development Programme

"New Life in Christ" continues with Session 2 'The Church: An Instrument of Grace' tomorrow, Monday 9th Dec in the Main Hall of the Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane from 8.15pm-9.15pm. Tea/Coffee afterwards.

Apostolic Work Society: Next meeting will take place on Tuesday coming, 10th December at 7pm in the Naas Community Centre, Sallins Road.

**Feast of the Immaculate Conception
of the Blessed Virgin Mary
will be celebrated tomorrow,
Monday 9th December:**

Masses in Naas:

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

Irish Martyrs: 12.15pm and 7.30pm.

A Service of Ecumenical Carols will take place in the Town Hall, Naas on Thursday coming, 12th December at 8pm. All are welcome.

Customized GAA Gloves: Naas CBS Mini Company are selling *Customized GAA Gloves* with your club's Crest and Colours; can facilitate any club. €5 deposit to secure order. Contact email gloves4gaa@gmail.com or Text Peter on 0857662049 or (Alex) on 0858395574.

Naas Envelope Collection for 2014.....Registration Form

The collection boxes for the Development Fund for Naas Parish 2014 are now ready for distribution. In order to ensure our record keeping is accurate and complete we are going to distribute the boxes of envelopes at Masses next weekend to individuals and assign a number to each person.

Some members of the Pastoral Council will be near the doors of Our Lady and St David's and the Irish Martyrs Churches to hand out the envelopes and take the details. In order to facilitate the process you should fill out this form and bring it to Mass with you next weekend. We would like if as many as possible would register and take a box of envelopes; your support for the Parish Building Fund and Priests of the Parish is very important and very much appreciated.

If you would like to make your contributions by Direct Debit then the appropriate forms will be available.

Name: _____

Address: _____ Box No: _____

Boxing Bonanza Fundraiser supporting European Boxing Champion, Gary Cully and St David's Boxing Club Naas on Saturday 14th December at 7.30pm sharp in Time Bar & Venue. Tickets ph Mick 0872289902 or at door

Kildare Down Syndrome Association wished to thank all those who supported their recent Table Quiz and bag pack. This money, which is greatly appreciated, will help us fund Speech Therapy, Swimming, Drama, Latch-on and many Early Intervention Programmes. Kildare Down Syndrome Association is a voluntary support group.

Naas Parish Lotto Draw 1st December:

Numbers:1-4-7-19. One Winner; Jackpot: 11/12 €1,000

Please note that from January 2014 the night of the Lotto Draw will move from Sunday evening to Wednesday evenings at 8pm. Please see dates below for the next 4 draws. All draws will take place in the Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane.

Wed 11th December at 8pm: Wed 18th December at 8pm.
Sunday 29th December at 7pm; Wed 8th January at 8pm.

Draw Office in Ballycane will be open for the Wednesday Night Draws on: Tuesday night from 7.30pm - 9.30pm and from 6.30pm on the Wednesday evening.

Two Mile House Parish News

Confirmation Enrolment: We welcome our Confirmation candidates to Mass today as they embark upon their journey towards Confirmation on the 8th of March.

Feast Day of the Immaculate Conception; Sunday takes precedence over a Holy Day, so the Feast of the Immaculate Conception is transferred to tomorrow (Monday), 9th December. Mass in St. Peter's at 9.30am.

Leinster Champions! Congrats to our senior team on winning the Leinster final last Sunday in a thrilling match! They played an outstanding game. There was great support from Two Mile House and further afield. Now on to the semi-final of the All Ireland, an extraordinary achievement for such a small club! Well done to one and all!

General Notices

Nas na Ri Singers present *A Christmas Gathering tonight, Sunday 8th December at 8pm in Caragh Church.....supporting HOPE(D).* Tickets at the door.

Naas Rotary Remembrance Tree will be launched at Tesco Naas Branch on Friday 13th Dec and will run until Tuesday 17th Dec. For a small donation members of the public will be given an opportunity to write the name of their loved one or a message of remembrance on a yellow ribbon which will then be placed on the Christmas Remembrance Tree in the store. These ribbons will be presented at a special ecumenical remembrance service in Ballycane Church on Thursday, 16th January 2014.