

Parish Newsletter

**Christmas Day
25th December 2014**

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Glory to God in the Highest

AND ON EARTH PEACE

and good will to His people

In this season of Christmas, the Parish Team serving Naas, Sallins and Two Mile House wish to extend a warm and heartfelt 'Thank You' to all our Parishioners. We mention today those who enrich our Parishes: the Pastoral Councils, To the Ministers of the Word and Eucharist; Musicians, Cantors and Choirs. To the Church Stewards, Altar Servers, Sacristans, Florists, Cleaners; To all the Office Staff; To those who co-ordinate and deliver the Sacramental Preparation Programmes; To the Lotto Team; To the Director of Nursing and the Staff of Naas Hospital; To the various Religious Communities resident in our Parishes; To the Management and Staff of our Schools; To those who count and collect money and to all those who contribute; To all the various Parish Pastoral groups; To all who add to the life of our Parishes in the social, residential, sporting and caring areas.

*A Heartfelt Thank You
And a Happy and Peaceful Christmas to you all*

Prayer to Our Lady

Take my hand O Blessed Mother;
Hold it gently lest I fall;
I am nervous when I'm walking,
so to thee I humbly call.

Guide me over every crossing;
Watch me while I am on the stairs.
Help me with my undertakings,
lessen many of my cares.

Then when darkness falls upon us
And I fear to be alone;
Take my hand O Blessed Mother,
once again and lead me home.



FEASTS / MEMORIALS FOR COMING WEEK

Tuesday 6th: The Epiphany of the Lord

RECENT BAPTISMS

Naas:

Sean Andrew McDonnell, Sallins Pier

Daniel Luke Fisher, Sallins Bridge

Martin Christopher Mongan, St Michael's Tce



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/

MASS TIMES AFTER CHRISTMAS

Weekday Masses:

From Friday 26th to Thursday 1st January (Inclusive)

10am Mass only in Our Lady and St David's Church.

No other weekday Mass in Ballycane or Sallins.

First Friday 2nd January:

Our Lady and St David: 7.30am and 10am

Irish Martyrs: 7.30pm

Sallins: 10am

Two Mile House: 7pm

Tuesday 6th January: Holy Day of Obligation

Our Lady and St David: 7.30am and 10am

Irish Marytrs: 7.30pm (Monday Vigil) and 12noon; No 7.30pm on Tues

Two Mile House: 9.15am

Sallins: 10am

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.'

Naas Parish Development Envelope Boxes for 2015

are available in the church porches. Your support for this collection is vital and as always very much appreciated. It would greatly facilitate accurate record keeping, for tax relief purposes, if you could please write your name/address on the first few envelopes you return. **Thank you. Naas PPC.**

St Vincent de Paul helpline number 045 897306.

Gaol Mile in Naas takes place this morning, meeting at the GAA Club (Mile Circuit is in the Monread Park). Registration/ Donations at the Club from 11am to 12noon. Sponsorship Cards available. For further\ information phone Morgan 086 8448530.

Mercy Convent Primary School Enrolment Forms, for junior infants for 2015/2016, need to be returned to the Principal, on or before Friday 9th January 2015.

SALLINS PARISH NEWS

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will resume on Tuesday 6th January.

Lourdes 40th Anniversary Pilgrimage will be travelling on 12th June 2015 for 7 nights. Any one intending to travel should contact Rita at 087 6535112 as seats are limited. A €200 booking deposit is required by 1st Feb 2015

Sallins National School – Enrolment for Junior Infants 2015. 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>

GENERAL NOTICES

Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord is on Sunday 11th January. If you would like to have you child baptised during the morning Masses on this day please contact the Parish Office.

Parish Finances:

Sallins: Baskets: €635; Envelopes: €520

Naas: Offertory: €3,943; Dev Fund: €4,250

Two Mile House: €850

Kildare Suicide Bereavement Support Group

offers a free, one to one confidential Counselling Service. 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.

Thought for the Week:



May Christmas morning make us happy to be God's children and Christmas evening bring us to our bed with grateful thoughts, forgiving and forgiven, for Jesus' sake.