

# Parish Newsletter

**Fifth Sunday of Easter  
29th April 2018.**



No: 1648

John 15: 1 –8

## THE ROLE OF CONSCIENCE

On the 25th May you will be asked to vote on whether the 8th Amendment of the Constitution, which recognises the equal right to life of the mother and the unborn, should be preserved or repealed. In coming to a decision on an answer one must of course resort to his/her conscience which *'is the secret core of the person'*. For those of us who profess to be Catholic it is important to remember that one must have recourse to a conscience that is properly formed and informed in the light of the faith we profess. *'Conscience is not merely somebody whispering in my ear; it is not just a feeling or an instinct. It is my judgement of what is the best thing to do in a particular situation'*. By conscience we mean the sense of right and wrong, but also the obligations that follow from our understanding of what is right and wrong. Catholics must educate themselves to understand what is just and what is not and should seek out proper guidance and follow good examples.

Nobody should be forced to act against their conscience, the Church teaches, and it is true that a person could carry out a wrongful act with a clear conscience because they have mistakenly concluded that the act is right. But no one with a properly informed conscience could do this because they would know what they were considering is wrong. *'Conscience has rights because it has duties...*, and one of them, for those who claim to be Catholic, is to follow the principles of natural law and of Christian ethics. A Catholic who is well-formed and has properly understood the doctrine of the Church on abortion can't appeal to freedom of conscience to dissent from a clearly defined teaching. It is a matter of consistency: *'In forming their consciences, the faithful must pay careful attention to the sacred and certain teaching of the Church. For the Catholic Church is by the will of Christ the teacher of truth. It is her duty to proclaim and teach with authority the truth which is Christ and, at the same time, to declare and confirm by her authority the principles of the moral order which spring from human nature itself.'*

We must be clear in knowing that in repealing the Eighth Amendment of our Constitution we deny the foundation of all human rights. If we reject the venerable systematic hierarchy of human rights in favour of a dislocated pick and mix compilation, we then must be ready to defend any infringement upon the rights of another. In a society where anyone can elevate their right above another's right to live, the weak will always suffer before those who are able to assert their rights more strongly. As we celebrate our parish day of prayer for the protection of the eighth amendment and for the right to life of the unborn child, we do so emphasising *'that every human being, at every stage of life, has a fundamental and unalienable right to life which is granted by neither the state nor its people, but it is their absolute duty to protect it.'*

## Naas, Sallins and Two Mile House Parishes Pro-Life Weekend

In light of the upcoming referendum on repealing the eight amendment of our constitution this weekend, 28th/29th April, has been designated a Pro-Life weekend.

The recent Pastoral Letter from Bishop Denis, "Supporting a Culture of Life" will be read and distributed at all Masses. Immediately following the 11am Mass in Our Lady and St. David's Church the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed until 5pm. Parishioners are invited to come and spend time with the Lord, praying for the protection of life at all stages. Exposition will conclude with Benediction at 5pm led by Bishop Denis Nulty.



**Easter Collection in support of the Priests of the Parish: Our sincere thanks and gratitude to all who supported us in this recent collection. We deeply appreciate your kindness, generosity and encouragement. Liam, Joe, Michael and Alex**

## **PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION**

**PRIEST ON DUTY: 085 708 8407**

**PARISH WEBSITE:** [www.naasparish.ie](http://www.naasparish.ie)

**NAAS & SALLINS PARISH OFFICE** Tel 879730

**Opening Hours: Monday to Friday 10am to 5pm**

**Naas eMail** office@naasparish.net

**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. LIAM MORGAN** Sallins Road **087 133 7879**

**FR. JOE O'NEILL** Sunday's Well **045 876197**

**FR. MICHAEL FLATTERY** Sallins Road **045 897703**

**FR. ALEX KOCHATT** Lakelands **045 898684**

**DN. FERGAL O'NEILL** Parish Deacon **086 3816 133**

**Ms. HILDA CAMPBELL** Pastoral Admin Ass. **045 879730**

**New Safeguarding Policy recently updated is now displayed in all our Church Porches.**

### **SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN PARISH REPRESENTATIVES**

**Naas:** Geraldine Faherty and Adrian King

**Sallins:** Keith Murphy

**Two Mile House:** Mary Valentine, Paula Clancy and Suzanne Powell.

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

**Diocesan Designated Liaison Person: Ms Joan Treacy, C/o Bishop's House, Dublin Rd, Carlow. 085 802 1633**

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

#### **Naas:**

Elizabeth Lily Dooley, Our Lady's Place

Sheila McMahon, Blessington formerly of Main Street

***MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.***

#### **FEAST AND MEMORIAL DAYS FOR THE COMING WEEK:**

Wednesday 2nd: St Athanasius, bishop/doctor

Thursday 3rd: SS Philip and James, Apostles

#### **RECENT BAPTISMS**

##### **Naas:**

Denver Jordan Monteiro, Church Court

Conor Timothy Sheehan, Killashee View

Ruby Elizabeth Leamy, Forenaughts



## **MASS TIMES**

### **CHURCH OF OUR LADY AND ST. DAVID , SALLINS ROAD**

**WEEKDAYS:** Mon-Fri 7:30am 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 GUARDIAN ANGELS, SALLINS**

**WEEKDAYS:** Tues and Fri 10am

**SUNDAYS:** Sat Vigil 6:30pm Sun 10am 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

Mary-Kate Julia Monaghan, Oldbridge  
Ben Noah Mitchell, Oldbridge Station  
Grace Elizabeth Dillon, Bán na Greinne  
Sean Patrick Freaney, Osberstown Park



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

Theodore Forrest Wilson, Oakglade

For those requesting the Sacrament of Baptism two weeks notice is required. Further details of Baptisms in Naas, Sallins and Two Mile House Parish at [www.naasparish.ie/sacraments/baptism](http://www.naasparish.ie/sacraments/baptism).

## **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.'**

**Marian Movement Cenacle** meets every month in Our Lady and St David's Church after the 10am Mass. Next meeting is on Saturday coming, 5th May. All most welcome.

#### **First Friday 4th May 2018:**

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in Our Lady and St David's Church after the 10am Mass until 6pm.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** in the Church of Our Lady and St David from 9.30am -10am.

## **Kildare and Leighlin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes, led by Bishop Denis Nulty.**

The Pilgrimage takes place on 16th July for 5 nights at a cost of €739 per person sharing, staying at "Hotel Solitude". The Pilgrimage is being organised in conjunction with Joe Walsh Tours.

Booking Forms are now available from the Parish Office, Sallins Road. €200 Booking Deposit required at time of booking.

Spiritual Director: Fr. Liam Morgan.

**Scripture Sharing** will resume on Monday 14th May at **8.15pm** in the Parochial House.

**World Meeting of Families: Contact point for Volunteers/Completion of Garda Vetting Forms.** You can call into the Parish Office, Sallins Road on **Monday coming, 30th April, from 3pm to 5pm.**

**Coffee Morning** on Wednesday coming 25th after the 10am Mass in the Parochial House....*come and join us for a cuppa and a chat.*

**Naas Active Retirement**, members only meeting, on Wednesday coming, 2nd May at 2pm in the Naas Community Centre.

**Cake Sale:** Craddock House Nursing Home are hosting a Cake Sale / Tea & Coffee morning on Thursday coming, 3rd May From 11am to 1pm in aid of Alzheimers Association. All are most welcome.

**Brian Brady Youth Theatre presents 'Sister Act'** from 1st to 4th May, '**Grease**' from 9th to 12th May at the Moat Theatre. For bookings phone 88303

**Cemetery Mass at St Corbans Cemetery** will take place on Wednesday, 15th August 2018 at 7.30pm.

**Lost:** Pandora Bracelet lost in Naas on Tuesday last, 24th April. Phone 087 9085437.

### **SALLINS PARISH NEWS**

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Tuesday coming 1st May from 10.30am -11am.**

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

**Date for your Diary...Sallins Pilgrimage to Lourdes** will take place on 23rd June for 7 Nights, Full Board staying at the 'Jeanne d'Arc Hotel'. For bookings phone Rita Fanning on 087 6535112 or 086 0834807. Spiritual Director Fr. Michael Flattery. **Each year Sallins Lourdes Pilgrimage invite a number of sick people from Sallins Parish on their Pilgrimage.** If you or a member of your family would like to be considered you can contact Rita.

## **World Meeting of Families Icon**

Parishioners from our Parishes can visit the WMOF Icon, recently blessed in Rome by Pope Francis, in any of the following three churches:



**Carlow Cathedral** from 27th to 30th April;

**SS Peter and Paul's Church, Portlaoise** from 30th April to 3rd May; and

**St Conleth's Church, Newbridge** from 3rd May to 7th May (see Church Porches or kandle.ie for detailed timetable). The opening and closing prayers in each of the Churches will be led by Bishop Denis. The Diocesan Petition Box will accompany the Icon and all petitions will be brought to Dublin to be prayed for at the WMOF.

On Friday coming, 4th May, pupils from our Parishes, representing our Primary and Secondary Schools, will travel together to St Conleth's Church in Newbridge to participate in the 12noon Prayer Service.

**Parish Conversations;** As part of our preparation for the World Meeting of Families in Dublin this August you are welcome to join us for relaxed and informal conversations with light refreshments on what it means to be a family to-day. Our next get - together takes place on Thursday coming, **3rd May** in the Church of the Irish Martyrs from **8pm to 9.15pm** on '**Married love growing to Maturity.**'

**Thursday 17th May:** God's Mercy – No One Excluded

**Thursday 24th May:** A Gospel of Hope for our family Using engaging short videos, animations and activities to encourage discussion our gatherings will offer an opportunity to chat about the reality of family life in the world today.

### **Pro-Life Speakers:**

On the week-end of 12th and 13th May speakers from the Pro-Life Campaign will speak at most of our Masses (except the 10.30am on Sunday in the Irish Martyrs and the 6pm on Sunday in Our Lady and St David).

### **Family Prayer:**

**Guide the work of our doctors, Nurses and midwives.**  
**May the life of a mother and her baby in the womb be equally cherished and respected.**  
**Help those who make our laws to uphold the uniqueness of every human life from conception to natural death**  
**Amen.**



## Naas, Sallins and Two Mile House Parish Race Day on Sunday 20th May at Naas Racecourse.

The Management of Naas Racecourse have very kindly offered us the opportunity to hold a "Parish Race Day" in order to raise funds for our three Parishes of Naas, Sallins and Two Mile House. We hope that our Community will get involved and enjoy what promises to be a great Parish day out.

The event will feature the Royal Ascot Trials Day at Naas Racecourse. This is one of the feature race meetings within the Irish Flat season especially for those preparing for glory at Royal Ascot. This meeting is the flagship flat Race Day of the year.

- ◆ You can support this great event by: Purchasing Tickets, €15 each or 8 for €100.
- ◆ Corporate Tickets at €50 each, which covers Admission, Race Card and Three Course Meal.
- ◆ Free Admission for children under 18 yrs.
- ◆ Race Sponsorship is also available, if interested phone Tom on 087 233 5206.

Tickets are now on sale from the Parish Office, Sallins Road.

Monies received from tickets sold prior to the meeting within each Parish will be allocated to that Parish accordingly.

## Naas Parish Weekly Lotto Draw. €6,900 to be won on Wednesday, 2nd May in the Parish Lotto Draw

The Draw takes place at 7pm at the Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane and all are welcome to attend.

Simply buy A €2 Ticket and *It Could Be You!!*



**There was no winner of the Jackpot on Wednesday 26th April.**

**Numbers Drawn were 23 —26—16—4: Four Lucky dip winners of €100 each:**

**James O'Brien, John Timpson, Celine Dunne, Willie Sheehan.**

Tickets can be purchased from:- Menswear, Nolans Butchers, Barker & Jones, Liz Bergin Hair Salon, Veritas Stationery Store, The Soda Bread Shop, Gouldings Hardware, Swans on the Green. Tickets are available from the Parish Office on the Sallins Rd, or in The Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane .



**Parish Bingo continues every Tuesday night at 8.30pm sharp, in the Care of the Aged Centre, Newbridge Road, with Bigger Prizes and Jackpot. Parish Lotto Tickets on Sale at Bingo.**

### Parish Finances:

Sallins: Baskets: € 615 Envelopes: €350  
Naas: Offertory: €3,230 Development Fund: €3,780  
Two Mile House: € 550

### Sports Lottery Results

Naas: 19/4 (3-4-19-21) No Winner, Jackpot €1,600  
Sallins: 23/4 (13-27-40) No Winner, Jackpot €1,300

### GENERAL NOTICES:

**At Camphill Community**, Dunshane coffee morning on Tuesday coming, 1st May from 10am to 2pm.

**Irish Wheelchair Association** church street collection next weekend, 5th/6th May.

**St Therese National Day at Knock Shrine** on Monday, 7th May with 3pm Solemn concelebrated Mass.

**Is someone's drinking affecting your life?** Al-Anon can help. Meetings every Monday night at 8pm in Parish Centre, Ballycane (Tuesday on Bank Holiday Weekend). Also on Wednesdays at 8.30pm in Parish Centre, Newbridge, Thursdays in Áras Bríd, Parish Centre, Kildare.

**'Hope Cottage' Kill.** A Family support Service for Kildare and West Wicklow supporting Families and concerned persons affected by a loved one's subsistence misuse. For more information phone 045 877991.

**St Vincent de Paul Society Naas** helpline phone number 045 897306