

# Parish Newsletter

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
24th June 2018.

No: 1656

Mark 4: 35-41



## *Time to believe in Miracles again.*

John the Baptist was a revered figure in the early Church. Many followers of the Lord had originally been disciples of the Baptist. Many remained followers of the Baptist even after his death. John represents the continual need we have for repentance to prepare for the irruption of God's presence into our lives. Secondly, John's whole mission in life was to point the way to Christ. That is very much the heart of the Christian Vocation.

In the Gospel (Lk 1:57-66,80) when Zechariah wrote the name John his speech was restored. He had lost his tongue due to his disbelief and it was belief that untied his tongue. It was an outright miracle. In fact the whole episode was miraculous. John's birth to the aging couple was hard to accept.

Just like every birth is a miracle, it takes stepping outside of our indifferent attitude to see what God has done. We are all God's works of art. It takes a dose of faith to see what is exceptional and miraculous in every human birth. We think we know more about it than God and that attitude is the root of most sins. Zechariah was a fool, but we are just as foolish in our attempts to play God.

Yet, John the Baptist came as a beacon of hope, a hope that is our heritage as believers in the Gospel. Zechariah got his voice back when he believed the miracle of his little John. We, too, always have that hope when we trust Jesus with our lives, when we are forgiven and restored.

This Feast of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist is a celebration of a life that changed salvation history. Without John's voice crying out in the desert, the people would not have been prepared to the Messiah. Without you, what would be absent from God's kingdom? You were born to bring a gift to all of us. You are a miracle and your life is a part of redemption. John was a miracle, as is every child. It is time to believe in miracles once again.

## **Pope Francis visit to the World Meeting of Families in Dublin 25th-26th August 2018.**

Tickets for the Papal Mass, which will be held in the Phoenix Park on Sunday August 26th at 3pm will go online at the [worldmeeting2018.ie](http://worldmeeting2018.ie) website tomorrow, Monday June 25th. If you intend to travel to the Park for Mass, you must have a ticket to gain entrance.

**We are very mindful of those who do not have a computer or have access to the internet and may be feeling excluded from the process. With this in mind you are invited to come to the room over the Parish Office (use side entrance) from 9am tomorrow, Monday 25th June where we will provide computer access and assistance with booking your ticket.**

## **Thank You**

On behalf of the Race Committee I would like to say a sincere *Thank You* to everyone for the wonderful support given to our recent Parish Race Meeting which raised a total of €5,950 in support of our Parishes. We look forward to seeing you all again next year!

**Fr Liam**

## **PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION**

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### **PARISH TEAM**

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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**

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

Thursday 28th: St Irenaeus, bishop/martyr

Friday 29th: SS Peter and Paul, Apostles.

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

#### **Naas:**

Seamus Behan, Monread Heights

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

Michael McDonnell, Harbour Road

**MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.**



### **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'**

## **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**

### **Weekday Mass Change for June, July and August:**

There will **Only** be 7.30pm Mass on Wednesday evenings in the Church of the Irish Martyr's, Ballycane. Adoration at the Irish Martyrs Church will finished at **5pm on Fridays** during this period. Mass will be celebrated as usual on Friday evenings at 7pm in Two Mile House.

**Summer Collection in support of the Priests of the Parish will take place at all Masses this weekend, 23rd/24th June.**

**Divine Mercy Prayer Group** takes place immediately after the 7.30pm Mass in the Irish Martyrs Church, Ballycane on Wednesday coming, 27th June. **Blessing with 1st Class Relic of St Faustina will also take place on the night. All welcome.**

**St Joseph's Young Priests' Society Monthly Meetings** will resume on the Second Monday of July. We invite new members to help in the important work of supporting and assisting Seminarians in their studies and training for the Priesthood and Religious Life. If you would like to be part of this important work please contact John Murphy, National President of St Joseph's Young Priest Society on 086 8563773 or Maureen Long, Hon. Secretary, Naas Branch on 087 2077044.

**Naas Active Retirement**, members only, meeting this Wednesday 27th June at 2pm in the Naas Community Centre.

## Parish Youth Groups and the World Meeting of Families.

Last Friday week the Altar Servers Group, Altar Ministers Group and ARK Youth Group from our Parish gathered together to sing and pray together in front of the Blessed Sacrament. This moment of Celebration was recorded by a camera crew from The World Meeting of Families.

As you can imagine, the excitement was palpable as Daniel the camera man set up his recording equipment.

Daniel spent the evening with the groups during our time of prayer and also afterwards in McAuley Place where he filmed the groups playing games and eating Pizza together.

Fr. Bill Kemmy from icatholic explained that we were one of three parishes throughout Ireland that was selected to represent the experiences of young people's present day encounter with Church.

**Kingsfurze Avenue Annual Open Air Mass** takes place on Friday coming, 29th June at 7.30pm. Everyone welcome.

**Scripture Sharing** with Fr. Michael will resume in September.

**The Wednesday Coffee Morning** in the Parochial House is suspended for the summer months.

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

**Mothers Prayers** at the Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane on Wednesdays' at 8.15pm.

### SALLINS PARISH NEWS

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Tuesday coming 26th June from 10.30am -11am.**

**Summer Collection in support of the Priest of the Parish will take place at all Masses this weekend, 23rd/24th June.**

**Cemetery Mass at Bodinstown will take place on Sunday 1st July at 12noon. There will be NO 12noon Mass in the Sallins Church on that day.**

### TWO MILE HOUSE PARISH:

**Weekday Morning Mass** is celebrated from Monday to Thursday at 9.15am. Friday evening Mass as usual at 7pm.

**Cemetery Mass at Two Mile House will take place on Sunday 8th July at 11am.**

### GENERAL NOTICES:

#### **Parish Finances:**

Sallins: Baskets: € 661 Envelopes: € 415

Naas: Offertory: €3,025 Development Fund: €3,785

Two Mile House: € 445

#### **Sports Lottery Results**

Naas: 14/6 (10-12-22-24) No Winner, Jackpot €2,800

Sallins: 18/6 (10-36-37) No Winner, Jackpot €1,300

**Lough Derg:** Kildare Three Day Pilgrimage from Friday 6th—Sunday 8th July and Monday 13th—Wednesday 15th August. For more information contact Michael 087 6697902 or Joe 087 3815887.

**Cystic Fibrosis Ireland** church street collection takes place at all Masses next weekend, 30th June and 1st July in Naas, Two Mile House and Sallins.

**NAAS TIDY TOWNS:** Naas is looking it's best thanks to everyone. Judging in the National Competition takes place over the summer. Could you volunteer an hour to help please? Even to pick some litter with others on a Saturday/Sunday, morning or evening? Litter pickers supplied. Ph/text Vourneen on 086 813 8821 with your name / availability. Thank you.

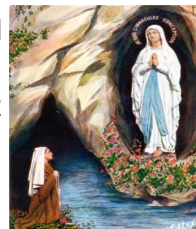
**Alzheimer Café, Naas** takes place on the last Wednesday of each month from 7pm-9pm in the Convent Tea Rooms at McAuley Place, Sallins Road, Naas (beside Parish Church). Those living with a dementia, families, carers and professionals with an interest in the area are all welcome to attend. Each month a different speaker will give a perspective on Alzheimer disease and an open discussion takes place with questions and answers.

**Cooleragh/Staplestown Parish Cemetery Mass** takes place on Sunday 1st July at 11.30am....there will be no 10am Mass in Cooleragh on that Sunday.

**Save for Winter:** St Vincent de Paul have €5 fuel (coal and oil) Stamps available in 'Vincent's' Clothes Shop, Friary Road. These may be redeemed through local suppliers.

**Sylvia Murtagh Memorial Table Quiz** in support of McAuley Place Residents Association takes place in Hayden's Pub, Poplar Square at 6pm today, Sunday 24th June. Contact Jim 087 640 2512 or Jack 086 816 4892.

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



**We would like to extend an invitation to those who are sick in our Parish to join us on our Pilgrimage. If you or a member of your family or if you know of someone who would like to be considered you may contact any of the Priests directly or the Parish Office on 045 879730.**

### ***Update on WMOF 2018: Ticket Information***

#### **For the WMOF Congress in the RDS August 22nd—24th 2018**

A one day Registration/ Booking for Wednesday for the RDS (our Diocesan Day) is still available but very limited. So if you intend making a one day booking it should be done as soon as possible.

#### **For the Festival of Families on Saturday, August 25th 2018**

Tickets for the Festival of Families have been available to the General Public for over a year for anyone booking for one or more days to attend the Pastoral Congress in the RDS. As availability has now reduced due to a great demand, tickets are now only available for people booking to attend three days of the Pastoral Congress in the RDS and is subject to availability.

Each Diocese in Ireland will receive a limited allocation of tickets to the Festival of Families for a family group from each parish to be able to be present at the event. This allocation still has to be determined for all Dioceses including Kildare and Leighlin.

#### **For the Final Mass or Knock:**

**Tickets are free and will be available from [www.worldmeeting2018.ie](http://www.worldmeeting2018.ie) on 25th June 2018.** You will need a ticket for the event at Phoenix Park. From tomorrow, Monday 5th of June, you can book your ticket through an online form on [www.worldmeeting2018.ie](http://www.worldmeeting2018.ie). Your ticket will be sent to you by email closer to the event. You must choose which event you would like to attend – Phoenix Park or Knock. You will not be able to get tickets for both. The Mass is a free event but you will need a ticket to gain entry. Every adult and every child attending will need a ticket. Under 18s must be accompanied by an adult.

**See <http://gov.ie/en/about-the-phoenix-park/> for very helpful advice on the following steps:**

**Get a ticket – plan your transport – Prepare for a long journey**

### **Naas Parish Weekly Lotto Draw.**

**You could Win €2,000.....**

**on Wednesday, 27th June 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 the draw.

**There was No Winner of the Jackpot on Wednesday last, 20th June .**

**Numbers Drawn were 27-9-14-18; There were four Lucky Dip winners of €100 each.**

Tickets are available from the Parish Offices and all our other usual outlets.



**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.**

*Never regret a day in your life:*

*Good Days give Happiness; Bad Days give Experience, Worst days give Lessons;  
and Best Days give Memories.*

