

Parish Newsletter



Second Sunday of Advent 9th December 2018

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Lk 3:1-6



Wrapped in the Love of God

Advent is 'Wake up' time! Be alert; be attentive to the choices you make. A new season of life begins at Advent and there are steps we must take in the right direction. Newness is in the air. Choose now!

This second Sunday of Advent, a beautiful invitation to '**wrap the cloak of beauty around you**'. It is a message of comfort and consolation that in the midst of sorrow and distress, we are wrapped lovingly and safely in the gentle embrace of God. The notion of being wrapped echoes the Baptismal Rite when the Baptismal shawl is wrapped around the newly Baptised child. Reminder too, that we are often wrapped in the love of family, of people near and dear to us and most especially in the love of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. That collective love and encouragement is a source of inspiration and hope.

In the midst of sorrow, distress, moments when life is tough, we hear the clarion call of the Gospel to make time and space for the Lord. Advent time... a time to soothe, to bring hope, to bring light to troubled souls. And perhaps these words of Anne Frank from her diaries, she who knew the darkness of pain and suffering might resonate somewhere deep within.

'Today the sun is shining the sky a deep blue and there is a lovely breeze and I am longing – so longing for everything. For talk, for freedom, for friends, just to be alone. And I do so long to cry. I feel as if I am going to burst because there is so much to cope with and so much fear and so much angst. My heart wants to fold up and sleep and it cries out to God saying, 'Can't you satisfy my longing'? All God says in reply is to stay awake and be alert and the sun will burst the clouds. I trust.'

(Anne Frank died February 1945 in Bergen-Belsen concentration camp)

Bambinelli Sunday! 16th December 2018



Baby Jesus from your Crib:

For the past several decades, each year on Gaudete Sunday, children and adults bring their Baby Jesus figure from the crib in their homes to St. Peter's Square in Rome where the Holy Father blesses both the people and the figurines during the Angelus. This has become affectionately known as 'Bambinelli Sunday'.

This year we will celebrate 'Bambinelli Sunday' in our three Parishes. Families are invited to bring the figure of the Baby Jesus to any of the Communion Masses (please see list of Communion Mass times enclosed). A suggestion is, following the blessing, take your 'Bambinelli' home and place it in a gift box, wrap it and save it for Christmas. Let this be the first gift your family open on Christmas morning and together place the Baby Jesus into the family crib. Say a prayer of blessing together asking God to protect your family and thanking God for the gift of His Son.

PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION

PRIEST ON DUTY: 085 708 8407

PARISH WEBSITE: www.naasparish.ie

NAAS & SALLINS PARISH OFFICE Tel 879730

Opening Hours: Monday to Friday 10am to 5pm

Naas e-mail: office@naasparish.net

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 1337879
Fr. Alex Kochatt	Lakelands	045 898684
Fr. Michael Flattery	Sunday's Well	045 888112
Fr. Seán Maher	Sallins Road	045 897703
Dn. Fergal O'Neill	Parish Deacon	086 3816133
Ms. Hilda Campbell	Pastoral Admin Asst.	045 879730
Fr. Mark Zygodlo	(Part-time)	045 434069

Safeguarding Policy is displayed in all our Church Porches.

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN PARISH REPRESENTATIVES

Naas: Geraldine Faherty and Adrian King
Sallins: Keith Murphy, Emer McCarthy and Dermot McGilloway
Two Mile House: Paula Clancy and Suzanne Powell.
All of the above 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:

Wednesday 12th: Our Lady of Guadalupe
St Finian, Bishop

Thursday 13th: St Lucy, Virgin & Martyr

Friday 14th: St John of the Cross, Priest
and Doctor of the Church

THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY WELCOMES YOU WITH GREAT JOY!

SALLINS:

Grayson Patrick McDermott, Oldbridge

TMH:

Daire Paul Murphy, Oldtown Heights

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

For those requesting the Sacrament of Baptism two weeks notice is required. Details from Parish website.

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

Naas:

Mary Lenihan, Ashgrove Drive

Kevin Carey, Mill Lane Nursing Home

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.



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 the 10am Mass

Every Saturday after the 10am Mass

NAAS PARISH NEWS

Following on from the disappointing news that Veritas will be closing its doors for business in Naas, we will be very sorry to see them go. We wish all the staff the very best for the future. While Veritas are closing the Parish Office will remain open for business as usual.



Advent Preparation for Christmas: You are invited to pray and study the Advent Sunday Readings each Tuesday during Advent, after 10am Mass in the Parochial House.

The St Vincent de Paul Society's Annual Collection takes place at all Masses this weekend 8th & 9th December. Donations can also be sent to St Vincent de Paul, PO Box 1, Naas. All donations will be greatly appreciated. *Thank you for your continued support. St Vincent de Paul Helpline 045 897306.*

Apostolic Work Society will hold their next meeting Tuesday 11th December at 2pm in the meeting rooms at the Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane. *New members very welcome.*

Mothers Prayers: In Ballycane Church continues every Wednesday at 8.15pm. All welcome.

Please note that the Parish Office will be closed on Monday 17th December from 2.30pm onwards.



Collection: There will be a Church gate collection next weekend 15/16th December in Sallins and Naas Churches for Mustard Seed Communities Ireland who operate orphanages for children with special needs who are abandoned in the developing world. A group of transition year students who live in the Parishes of Naas, Sallins & Two Mile House are going on a volunteer trip for one week to work in one of these orphanages in Jamaica. *Please support - it will make a difference. Thank you.*

Naas Parish Development Fund Envelope Boxes for the coming year are now available for collection from the Church Porches or the Parish Office, Sallins road. Your support for this collection is as always very much appreciated.

It would greatly facilitate accurate record-keeping for tax relief purposes if you could write your name and address on the first few envelopes you return. ***“A sincere thank you to all who contribute to our collections”***

SALLINS PARISH NEWS

Confessions available in Sallins Church every Thursday from 2pm - 4pm.

Sallins Parish Envelope Boxes for the coming year are now available for collection from the Church Porch. Your support is as always very much appreciated. It would greatly facilitate accurate record-keeping for tax relief purposes if you could write your name and address on the first few envelopes you return. ***Thank You.***

TWO MILE HOUSE PARISH NEWS

Weekday Morning Mass is celebrated from Mon-Thurs at 9.15am. Friday eve Mass at 7pm.

Parish Youth Group Fundraising Calendars will be on sale today, Sunday 9th December, after Mass. All monies raised will go towards the Parish Lourdes Fund as well as other Youth Group activities for the year ahead. *Your support is greatly appreciated.*



Carol Service will take place in the Church on Tuesday, 11th December at 7.30pm. Donations of non perishable goods will be collected for the 'Newbridge Share Food Group' on the night. *Please support this very worthy cause and thank you in advance for your donations.*

GENERAL NOTICES

Communion Masses:

Please note that the Monthly Communion Masses will take place next weekend Sat/Sun 15th/16th December in the following churches at the following times; 6pm Vigil (Sat) & 11am (Sun) OLSD

12 noon CIM, Ballycane

11am TMH

6.30pm Vigil (Sat) & 12 noon (Sun) Sallins

Reach Out Gift: This year's Parish Reach Out Gift will be given out at Masses next weekend Saturday 15th and Sunday 16th December.

Thank You: The Parish Race Meeting which was held on the 20th May 2018 raised a total of €6,050. A big thank you to all supporters and promoters including Naas Racecourse and all of our sponsors. The proceeds have been divided equally between the three Parishes.

Naas Art Group Exhibition: will take place from December 6th-16th in The Atrium, John's Lane, Naas (beside the car park behind Eddie Rockets). Open daily from 10am-6pm. Free admission. All welcome.



GALA Concert: Nás Na Rí Singers with County Kildare Orchestra and the choirs of local schools, present a gala concert on behalf of Homeless Care CLG, helping Kildare's homeless youth. With Mae Leonard as special guest, we present 'A Christmas Miscellany',

Tuesday 18th December at 8pm in the Church of Our Lady and St. David, Naas. Tickets €10/€5 from Barker and Jones, choir members or at the door.

Carols for Zambia: In support of the Zambia Immersion Project Fund 2019. Naas CBS will hold a night of music in the school on Thursday 13th December at 7.30pm. There will be performances by the Naas CBS choir, The Island of Ireland Peace choir and other special guests on the night. Entry on the night is free and all are welcome.

Plain Speakers Toastmasters Club meets every second and fourth Monday each month at 7.45pm. Venue is Tricky Tricksters Magic Castle, Ladytown Business Park. Learn the art of public speaking in a friendly supportive environment. Guests are always welcome.

Confessions for Christmas: The Parish Penitential Service will take place on Wednesday 19th December at 7.30pm in the Church of Our Lady and St. David.

Confessions also on Saturday 22nd December beginning after 10am Mass and on Christmas Eve, Monday 24th December, after 10am Mass until 1pm.



Naas Parish Weekly Lotto Draw

There was **NO WINNER** of the Jackpot on
Wednesday last, 5th December

Numbers Drawn were 14-4-20-1;

The next draw will be on **Wednesday 12th December** at **6.30pm** in the
Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane and all are welcome to attend the draw.

Jackpot on 28th November is **€2,450**.

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

let's celebrate! Naas Parish Lotto is celebrating its 6th Birthday on Wednesday 12th December. To celebrate this we are giving out lots of extra cash prizes, vouchers and surprises at our draw on Wednesday 19th December!

The last five years have been a great success due mainly to the unselfish and trojan work carried out by our ticket sellers and also the generosity of those who have supported us during this time. The funds raised have had an important and significant impact on our Parish Finances and we look forward to your continued and invaluable support in 2019.

If you think you could sell a few tickets to your family, your neighbours or in your work place, we would love to hear from you! Tickets cost €2 each. You can also join by completing a Standing Order Form for €8 per month, or pay a Yearly Subscription of €90. If you would like to join the Parish Lotto Draw, renew your Annual Subscription, or become a ticket seller, please contact the Parish Office, Sallins Road (045 879730) or Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane (045 895629).

Further information can also be obtained from the Draw Secretary at 086 1635994 and remember you can join our Parish lotto anytime!

Ticket sellers please note that our next draw after Christmas is on **Wednesday 9th January 2019**.



O Holy Night Concert: Newbridge Parish present 'O Holy Night' with the Owen Lynch Vocal Ensemble and twenty piece orchestra on Sunday 16th December at 8.30pm. Tickets €20 on sale from Newbridge Parish Office 045 431121 or Veronica 087 7940850. *A spectacular night of festive music not to be missed!*

McAuley Place: Apply today to join our Board of Management. We are now seeking to recruit a number



of new non executive directors. We are particularly interested in persons with the following backgrounds: Community, Arts, Culture, Leisure, Finance, Planning & Development, Information Technology, Architectural, Legal. To express your interest in joining our Board please contact: Mark Hazzard, General Manager, McAuley Place, 045 897 833, manager@mcauleyplace.ie.

Qualified counsellors are available every Thursday night in Ballycane Church from 8pm to 9.30pm. For further info. phone 045 895629 or 086 8554852. This is free, confidential and non denominational.

Sports Lottery Results

Naas: 29/11 (4-9-16-27) No Winner, Jackpot €6,400
Sallins: 03/12 (1-19-40) No Winner, Jackpot €4,300



Parish Bingo continues every Tuesday night at 8.30pm sharp, in the Care of the Aged Centre, Newbridge Road, with big prizes and Jackpot.

Parish Finances:

Sallins: Baskets: €660 Envelopes: €365
Naas: Offertory: Priests Collection
Development Fund: €3060
Two Mile House: €882