

Parish Newsletter



**Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
3rd February 2019**

No: 1687

Luke 4:21-30

Saint Brigid and the Perpetual Flame

In the Gospels we repeatedly hear the phrase, in reference to the Apostles, "and they believed". This phrase appears in the Gospels 22 times in total. It is reassuring that even for the Apostles, they needed Jesus to continually call them back to conversion through his words and miracles, turning their doubt into belief time and time again.



The Church's liturgical year has been called "the Church's year of Grace", and has its origins in the festivals held in the early centuries of the Church's life. The Church recognises our broken nature and how we, like the close friends of Jesus, are in need of continuous reminders. Each cycle of the seasons brings us even deeper into what God calls us to be.

Last Friday we celebrated the Feast of St. Brigid and the beginning of Spring in the Northern Hemisphere. This Feast Day is an opportunity for us to reflect, not only on St. Brigid but also on our lives. It is a time to make new beginnings and changes, a time for possibilities.

From all the many stories and legends about this unique woman, what emerges is a woman who was gentle yet strong, a healer, an efficient organiser and a powerful leader. She has become for men and women a "potent symbol of Christian womanhood and the feminine face of God".

A perpetual flame burned in Kildare in pre-Christian times and it was kept alight by Brigid and her nuns until the 16th century. The sacred flame was re-lit in 1993 and has been tended by the Brigidine Sisters ever since.

This flame represented for Brigid the new light of Christianity. The constant tending to this fire was a work and a responsibility that was taken very seriously. Like the Apostles, the continual work of starting again, in belief and faith in Jesus is also given to us. It is a work that we have to be aware of in our lives. This work is like a fire that if not tended to, goes out.

Recently Pope Francis has asked people to bring the fire of God's love to the whole Christian Community. St Brigid's feast is a reminder to us to bring the Perpetual Fire of God's love to all we meet in our everyday lives.

**"We sing a song to Brigid,
Brigid brings the spring,
Awakens all the fields and the flowers,
And calls the birds to sing."**



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 Zygadlo	(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:

Tuesday 5th: St Agatha, virgin and martyr
Wed. 6th: Ss Paul Miki and Companions, martyrs
Thursday 7th: St Mel, bishop

RECENT BAPTISMS

NAAS:

Eve Doherty, Oldtown Lawns
Erin Duff, Acres Green
Brandon Duff, Acres Green
Lucy McCarthy, The Drive
Mollie Kate Staunton, The Drive
Jamie Patrick John Connolly, Mountain View

SALLINS:

Nancy Vera Mallon, Osberstown Park

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

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



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

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

Naas:

Breda Sherry, Lucan and formerly of
St Joseph's Rd. Naas
Doreen Morrissey, Morell Lawns



MAY SHE REST IN PEACE.

NAAS PARISH NEWS

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will take place during the 7.30pm Mass on Monday 11th February in COIM, Ballycane to mark the World Day of the Sick on the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes which takes place each year on the 11th February. Everyone is welcome to come along.

February Collection in support of the Priests of the Parish will take place at all Masses today, 3rd February. We thank you for your continued support and kindness to us.

Sadly, this week saw Veritas close its doors and we in the Parish, are very sorry to see them go. While Veritas is closing, the Parish Office, Sallins Road will remain open for business and we will shortly be stocking a limited range of religious items and magazines including Messenger, Magnificat and more. Please be patient with us as we make this transition over the next couple of weeks. Thank you.



St Valentines Day Celebrations

To celebrate St Valentine's Day we extend an invitation to all Parishioners to join us for a special St Valentine's Mass on Wednesday 13th February at 7.30pm in the Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane.

We especially welcome all engaged couples planning to get married this year, those who are recently married and couples celebrating a Wedding Anniversary.

Please contact the Parish Office, Sallins Road on 045 879 730 if you have a significant Anniversary this year.

If you are interested in your child being baptised as part of the Easter Vigil Celebrations in the Parish, please contact the Parish Office, Sallins Road on 045 879 730 as soon as possible. Please note, there will only be one child baptised, per Church, at the Easter Vigil Mass.

Apostolic Work Society will hold their next meeting on Tuesday 5th February at 2pm, in the meeting rooms at the Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane. New members very welcome.



Little Blessings Children's Liturgy Group will take place during the 10.30am Mass at Ballycane Church next Sunday, 10th February. All children over four are welcome.

Participants will hear a child friendly version of the Gospel or other Bible story along with related artwork, drama or music. Children can join at any stage.

SALLINS PARISH NEWS

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

February Collection in support of the Priests of the Parish will take place at all Masses today, 3rd February. We thank you for your continued support and kindness to us.

Date for your Diary! Sallins 45th Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place on 14th June 2019 for 7 nights. Full Board. Hotel Jeanne d'Arc. For bookings please phone Rita Fanning on 087 6535112.

TWO MILE HOUSE PARISH NEWS

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

Please note that there will be **NO** Morning Mass in Two Mile House from Monday 4th February up until Tuesday 5th March inclusive. Morning Mass will resume as normal on Ash Wednesday, 6th March.

GENERAL NOTICES

Feast of St Blaise: The Annual Blessing of the Throats will take place in the Carmelite Friary, Kildare Town today, Sunday 3rd February from after 8am Mass until after 7.30pm Mass. All welcome.

Found - Sum of money found on Friday morning in Naas. Please contact Parish Office, Sallins Road for details.

Allow Happiness to Happen: Fr Brian Kavanagh will hold a workshop on Saturday 16th February, 11am - 4pm, in Ressurexit, Kilmeague, Co. Kildare. In this workshop, Fr Brian, as well as sharing his own journey, will encourage us again to take Jesus at His word when he says "I have come so that they may have life and have it to the full" (John 10:10). All welcome, no need to book and please bring your lunch. Contributions welcome and appreciated, For further info. Please contact Jerry 087 682 5407.



A Centennial Statue of Our Lady of Fatima will visit Castledermot on Wednesday 13th February. The statue will arrive in the Church at 12 noon. There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament all day and devotions during the day ending with Mass at 7.30pm. For further details please contact Marian on 086 3564 365.

Kildare and Leighlin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes, led by most Reverend Bishop Denis Nulty, will take place from 1st - 6th August 2019 at a cost of €759 per person staying at the 'Hotel Agena'. The Pilgrimage is being organised in conjunction with Joe Walsh Tours. Booking forms are now available from the Parish Office, Sallins Road.



Parish Finances:

Sallins: Baskets: €805 Envelopes: €490

Naas: Offertory: €3525 Development Fund: €3750

Two Mile House: €640

Naas Parish Weekly Lotto Draw

You could Win €1,950.....



on Wednesday, 6th February in the Parish Lotto Draw

The draw takes place at **6.30pm** 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, 30th January.

Numbers Drawn were 25-2-12-16;

Winners of the Lucky Dip 4 x €100 prizes were: J. Cashman, J. Loughran, A. Doherty, D. Dore

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

Caragh History Group: Invitation to a talk by Dr. Andrew Rynee MD, 'The Caragh Orphanage, A Scandal without Precedent'. Venue: Caragh Parish Centre, Our Lady & St Joseph Church, Caragh. Friday 8th February at 8pm. All welcome.



Charlie Sexton Charity Vehicle Drive:

In aid of 'Co-operation Ireland - Working for a Future Together', Sunday 10th February. All welcome - Car/Truck/Tractor/Bike. Starting point Cross Keys Kildangan. Registration from 12.30pm and departing at 1.30pm sharp. Refreshments served and raffle on the day! For more information please contact Cathal 086 260 1730 or Pat 087 259 4937.

Sports Lottery Results

Naas: 24/01 (12-14-21-26) No Winner, Jackpot €7,600

Sallins: 21/01 (22-25-33) No Winner, Jackpot €1,450

St Corbans BNS Naas - School cleaner required Monday to Friday 2.30pm - 5pm, during school term. Please apply in writing with a CV to: The Principal, St Corbans BNS, Naas before Friday 8th February 2019. *Experience desirable.*

Irish Heart Foundation are looking for a collector in Naas to organise church gate collections. If you would like to help, please contact Anne Harrington on 01 634 6947.

Naas Local History Group: Ger Kinchella Annual Heritage Cup presentation and talk on "Naas Print and The Leinster Leader" by Stan Hickey will take place in The Town House Hotel, Naas on Monday 4th February at 8pm. *All welcome.*

Naas Active Retirement - Members Only Meeting, this Wednesday 6th February at 2pm in Naas Community Centre.

CONFIRMATION - CEREMONY OF LIGHT

The month of March is fast approaching and all our 6th class children, who are making their Confirmation are busy preparing for this Sacrament along with preparing for the Ceremony of Light.

The following are the dates and venues for the Ceremonies of Light taking place in our Parish;

CNS Naas	Tuesday 5 th February	7pm	Church of the Irish Martyrs
Mercy Convent	Tuesday 5 th February	8pm	Our Lady and St. David's Church
Sallins National School	Wednesday 6 th February	7.30pm	Our Lady & the Guardian Angels Church
Gael Scoil	Thursday 7 th February	6.30pm	Church of the Irish Martyrs
Scoil Bhríde	Thursday 7 th February	7.30pm	Our Lady and St. David's Church
St. Corbans	Thursday 7 th February	8pm	Church of the Irish Martyrs
Two Mile House and Killashee MDNS	Thursday 7 th February	7pm	St. Peter's Church