

Parish Newsletter

Fifth Sunday of Easter
24th April 2016

No 1543

John 13: 31-35



Francis....

"The World's Parish Priest"

Reading Breda O'Brien in last Saturday's, Irish Times Breda wrote.. "this is a particular kind of parish priest, of course, one completely orthodox but utterly aware of and compassionate towards human frailty". Others have echoed similar comments throughout the papacy of Francis. The publication of Pope Francis' latest Encyclical '**Amoris Laetitia**' latin for "The Joy of Love" will further confirm that view, widely held of our Holy Father.

Building upon the earlier themes of his papacy, Pope Francis seeks to extend that attitude of mercy, warmth and human understanding into the lives of all the faithful. Deeply in touch with his own sinfulness and his frail humanity, Francis speaks with compassion and understanding about family life, about human relationships. About that desire that resides in every human heart for peace, and the healing love of God. That healing love of God felt; where there is break down in marriage, in family life, in the loneliness that is sometimes felt in the single state. Ever mindful, that despite our best efforts towards living faithful and committed lives, that sometimes for reasons only known to ourselves, life's hopes and dreams don't always go according to plan. For the separated, the divorced, for the person who is gay, Pope Francis repeats and repeats

again how the door of welcome, of mercy, of love must remain open to all Gods people.

In this journey we call life, he urges us to accompany each other with compassion, as we walk together this common journey, offering not harsh judgment but mercy and always the chance to turn our gaze towards the merciful love of the Father. To delve further, '**Amoris Laetitia**' is now available and on sale in Veritas. It is a piece of writing that is a must read for all and that's a recommendation!

P.S. The visit of Pope Francis to the Island of Lesbos last Saturday, and while there returning with three Muslim Syrian Families, is an inspiring example of 'mercy in action'. A World Spiritual Leader not just prepared to talk the talk but to walk the walk!



'Come and See'

An afternoon on Vocations to the Priesthood in Kildare & Leighlin, takes place on Sunday next 1st May at the Church of The Irish Martyrs, Ballycane, from 2.30pm to 5pm for those who are interested in discovering what a vocation to priesthood actually entails. For further details contact Fr. Ruairi O'Domhnaill at 045 897470.

We pray God's continued blessing on the work undertaken by Fr. Ruairi in promoting vocations in our diocese.

PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION

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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. JOHN BRICKLEY Parochial House 897703

FR. LIAM MORGAN Curates House 949576

FR. JOE O'NEILL Sundays well 898866

DN. FERGAL O'NEILL Parish Deacon 086 3816133

Ms. MAIREAD D'ARCY Pastoral Assistant 897134

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN PARISH REPRESENTATIVES

Naas: Andrew Fagan and Geraldine Faherty

Two Mile House: Anita Comer **Sallins:** Ann Moran.

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

FEAST AND MEMORIAL DAYS FOR THE COMING WEEK:

Monday 12th: St Mark, Evangelist

Wednesday 27th: St Asicus, bishop

Friday 29th: St Catherine of Siena, Virgin/doctor

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

Naas:

Bertie Moriarity, Kingsfurze Ave.

Bernard Rogers, Crumlin



MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

RECENT BAPTISMS

Naas:

Hannah Drennan, Kingscourt

Eilis Healy, Jigginstown Park

Jackson Hennessy, Hollywood Park

Ava Rose Vickers, Morell Dale

Hugh Wrafter, Hunters Wood

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.



CHURCH OF OUR LADY AND ST. DAVID , SALLINS ROAD

MASS TIMES

WEEKDAYS: Mon-Fri 7.30am and 10am , Sat 10am

CHURCH OF THE IRISH MARTYRS, BALLYCANE

SUNDAYS: Sat Vigil 6pm Sun 9am, 11am and 6pm

WEEKDAYS: Mon, Wed and Fri 7.30pm

SUNDAYS: Sat Vigil 7.30pm Sun 10.30am, 12noon

CHURCH OF OUR LADY AND THE GUARDIAN ANGELS, SALLINS

WEEKDAYS: Tuesday and FRIDAY 10am

SUNDAYS: Sat Vigil 6.30pm Sun 10am and 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

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.*

Divine Mercy Prayers and Holy Hour for the Jubilee Year of Mercy will follow the 7.30pm Mass on Wednesday coming, 27th April in the Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane. All welcome.

Booking Anniversary Masses; In order to make sure names are included for Anniversary Masses we kindly ask that people would contact the Parish Office Sallins Road or the Ballycane Office at their earliest convenience (at least a week in advance). The Anniversary Mass list is completed on Friday for the following week's Masses.

Exam Mass Bouquets Cards are now available for the Parish Offices.

Parish Office is now open on Saturday from **10am to 1pm** to facilitate with Mass Cards, **only**.

Wednesday Morning Cuppa takes place in the room at the back of the Church (Old Mortuary) every Wednesday morning after 10am Mass. *All welcome for a cuppa and a chat.*

Naas St Vincent de Paul helpline number 045 897306.

Our Annual Golf Classic for the Parish Church Restoration Fund will take place on **Friday, 20th May 2016.**



If you would like to participate as a Team on the day, Sponsor a Tee Box or Prizes for the Golf Competition or Raffle, please contact the Parish Office on 045 879730.

Thank You to all who contributed to and supported the recent Cake Sale in support of the Baldonnel Choir.

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

Walking Sunday to-day 24th April, takes place at PuncHESTOWN Racecourse. Inspect and walk the course, from 3pm. McAuley Place are delighted to be associated again this year with this event. There will be entertainment and fun for all the family. All are welcome.

Naas Local History Group present an Illustrated talk "The Proclamation", "A Minor Epic of Printing" by Stan Hickey tomorrow Monday 25th April 8pm in The Town House Hotel. All Welcome.

The Alzheimer Café Evening takes place on the last Wednesday of every month from 7pm to 9pm in the Convent Tea Rooms at McAuley Place, (Beside Parish Church). Those with a dementia, families, carers, professionals with an interest in the area are all welcome to attend. A talk on "Dealing with behaviours that challenge" takes place on Wednesday coming 27th April, by Dr. Anne O' Driscoll, Geriatrician at Naas General Hospital.

Family Carers Ireland (former name The Carers Association) will be holding a church street collection on Sat 30th April / Sun 1st May at all Masses at the Church of Our Lady and St David and at the Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane.

SALLINS NOTICE

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament continues on Tuesday coming 26th April from 10.30am to 11am.

Vincent de Paul Shop the Waterways Sallins are holding a customer event on Thursday coming 28th April from 10am to 5.30pm. We are always grateful for donations of reusable clothes, bric a brac and small pieces of furniture.

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

Date for your Diary.....Sallins Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place on 24th June 2016.

Cooleragh/Staplestown Parish will join with Sallins this year for the Pilgrimage.

Each year Sallins Lourdes Pilgrimage invite a number of sick people from Sallins and Naas Parishes on their Pilgrimage. If you or a member of your family would like to be considered you can contact Rita directly on 861070 or 087 6536112. Spiritual Director.

TWO MILE HOUSE

Congratulations to the children of our own Two Mile House school and Killashee school who received their First Holy Communion last Saturday. It was an inspiring and very happy day for us, and a special word of thanks goes to all who contributed, in any way, to the joy and love that was evident everywhere. Special thanks to those who carried out the area clean up the week before.

GENERAL NOTICES

Trocaire Boxes may be left into the Sacristy or Parish Offices. **Please do not leave them within the churches/porches.**

Parish Finances:

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| Sallins: Baskets: | €575 | Envelopes: | €530 |
| Naas: Offertory: | €3,315 | Development | €3,615 |
| Two Mile House: | €580 | | |

Sports Lottery Results:

Naas:14/4 (13-16-21-24) No winner, Jackpot €8,200
Sallins: 18/4 (7-25-31) No winner, Jackpot €1,900
Spotto: No Results available

Novena Mass in Honour of Our Lady of Perpetual Help takes place in Clane Parish Church, on Monday nights during the month of May, starting on Monday 2nd May at 7.30pm to 23rd May inclusive. All welcome.

Decade of Commemorations: Photographic Exhibition "Naas Then & Now 1916-2016." is now taking place in Naas Public Library (opening hours) until Friday 29th April. The exhibition will take you back one hundred years or more to a Naas of bygone days. Admission free. All welcome.

The Friends of St Brigid's Hospice and Home Care Services would be delighted to hear from anyone willing to participate, in this years Women's Mini Marathon, which takes place on 6th June. Phone or txt 087 2848611 or 086 8140412 for sponsorship cards and t-shirts.

You Could Win €6,250

On this Wednesday coming, 27th April in Naas Parish Lotto Draw Simply Buy A €2 Ticket And It Could Be You

There was no winner of the Jackpot on Wednesday 20th April; numbers drawn were 14– 20– 21- 22.

Tickets are available from the Parish Office, Sallins Road, or at The Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane .
Lotto Envelopes are also available in the Church Porches, simply complete and drop it into the Parish office before the weekly draw. Tickets can also be purchased from various outlets throughout the town

**Remember you can join the Lotto anytime. If you would like to join the Parish Lotto Draw or renew your Annual Subscription please complete your details below and return it to any of the Priests;
The Parish Office, Sallins Road: Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane.**

If you're not in you can't win!!

Name: _____

Address: _____

Contact Number: _____ Mobile: _____

Email: _____

**Please choose four numbers between 1 and 28
(inclusive) and write them in the boxes**



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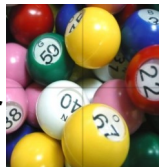
Q22 Census Form. The Census 2016 takes place to-day, Sunday 24th April. The Census includes a dedicated section, Q22, all about family care. Help us raise awareness of Q22 by forwarding this message to a family carer you know. Our Carers Count Campaign has clear advice on how to fill out Q22 properly so that we can gain an accurate measure of the number of carers in Ireland and the number of hours spent caring. See www.familycarers.ie

'Four Minutes Past Noon' to-day Sunday 24th April at 12.04pm there will be a 'Reading of the Proclamation' on the front lawns of Carlow College, St. Patrick's. The reading takes place at the precise time that Patrick Pearse read it for the very first time outside the GPO in 1916.

Parish Pilgrimage to Medjugorje takes place from Wednesday 1st to 8th June for seven nights. Price €659 (fully inclusive). Spiritual Director: Fr. Liam Morgan. Bookings phone John or Catherine at 866233 or John at 086 8563773.

Is someone's drinking affecting your life? Al-Anon can help. Meetings every Monday night at 8.15pm in Parish Centre, Ballycane (Tuesday on Bank Holiday Weekend).

Naas Parish Bingo continues on Tuesday nights at 8.30pm sharp in the Care of the Aged Centre, Newbridge Rd, with *bigger* Prizes and Jackpot. All welcome.



Holy Land Pilgrimage for Naas, Sallins, Two Mile House and Carlow Parishes takes place from 2nd to 10th September. €1,495 per person sharing €200 booking deposit required. Spiritual director, Fr. Liam Morgan. Bookings through Parish Office, Naas or Tullys Travel, Carlow. Ph: 059 9136100.

The Big C Choir and Special Guests will again be performing a concert in aid of Cancer Research and to support the work of the Friends of St. Brigid's Hospice, The Curragh. This upcoming concert will be held in St. Brigid's Garrison Church, Curragh Camp on Friday 6th May at 8pm. This year, the Choir is delighted to support the work of St. Brigid's Hospice as it embarks on a major refurbishment and extension to the hospice on the Curragh. The choir is made up of cancer survivors and friends. Tickets from the Parish Offices in Naas, Kildare, Carragh Newbridge, Curragh Camp and members of the Big C Choir.

Thought for the Week:



Kindness consists in loving people more than they deserve. *Joseph Joubert*