

Parish Newsletter

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
18th January 2015

No 1483

John: 1:35-42



You are my son
the beloved
Mark 1:11

Church without Frontiers Mother to All.

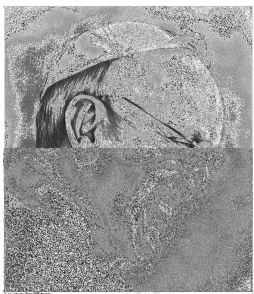
Today we celebrate Immigrant and Emigrant Sunday throughout the church, recalling the flight into Egypt, as refugees, of the Holy Family.

Pope Francis calls on all Christians to renew our faith in each other as God's children, sharing a common family bond in a world of ethnic and cultural diversity which should enrich all of us. Specifically we are invited, even commissioned, to "respond to the globalisation of migration with the globalisation of charity and cooperation, in such a way as to make the conditions of migrants more humane"

He goes on to say "Solidarity with migrants and refugees must be accompanied by the courage and creativity necessary to develop, on a world wide level, a more just and equitable financial and economic order, as well as an increasing commitment to peace, the indispensable condition for all authentic progress".

Today we pray for all Irish emigrants, in a special way, that they may be a leaven of goodwill wherever they are living and we also pray the we, as a nation, will make all immigrants as welcome as we hope other nations would welcome our sons and daughters.

May Christ, the infant refugee, bless all those living away from their homes at this time, whether by choice or necessity, and open our hearts to welcome the immigrant and refugee as we welcome Christ himself.



The Meaning of Marriage - An Invitation

On 3rd December 2014 at Columba Centre, Saint Patrick's College, Maynooth, Bishop Liam MacDaid, chairman of the Council for Marriage and Family, along

with Bishop Kevin Doran, Bishop of Elphin, officially launched the pastoral statement 'The Meaning of Marriage on behalf of the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference'.

The pastoral statement advises the faithful that "to redefine the nature of marriage would be to undermine it as the fundamental building

block of our society. The Church seeks with others to reaffirm ... that marriage should be reserved for the unique and complementary relationship between a woman and a man from which the generation and upbringing of children is uniquely possible."

The document was distributed through all our Churches over the Christmas period. In response to the issuing of this important document and in light of the upcoming referendum on Marriage, Fr PJ Madden and Deacon Fergal O'Neill will facilitate an open forum on the theme of 'Marriage' on Monday, 26th January at 8.15pm in the main hall of the Irish Martyrs Church in Ballycane. Questions / discussion will be an integral part of this meeting. All most welcome to attend.

PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION

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Opening Hours: Monday to Friday 10am to 1pm

PARISH TEAM

FR. JOHN BRICKLEY Parochial House 897703

FR. LIAM MORGAN Curates House 949576

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MS. MAIREAD D'ARCY Pastoral Assistant 897134

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN PARISH REPRESENTATIVES

Naas: Caroline Quinn **Two Mile House:** Anita Comer Julian

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

FEASTS / MEMORIALS FOR COMING WEEK

Wednesday 21st: St Agnes, virgin and martyr

Thursday 22nd: St Vincent, deacon and martyr

Saturday 24th: St Francis de Sales, bishop

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

Martin Butler, Pacelli Road

Patricia Lipinska nee O Shea, Sarto Road

Kathleen Fitzsimons, Jigginstown

Frank Cleary, Monread Road

Danny O'Leary, Ashgrove Avenue

May they rest in peace



RECENT BAPTISMS

Naas:

Kevin William Kearney, Broadfield

Gabrielle Christine Dorney, Monread Heights

Sean James O'Halloran, Dún na Ríogh Ave



For those requesting the Sacrament of Baptism two weeks notice is required. For further details of Baptisms in Naas, Sallins and Two Mile House Parish website at www.naasparish.ie/sacraments/baptism/

MASS TIMES

CHURCH OF OUR LADY AND ST. DAVID , SALLINS ROAD

WEEKDAYS: Mon-Fri 7.30am and 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 THE GUARDIAN ANGELS, SALLINS

WEEKDAYS: Tues and Fri 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.'

Naas Parish Envelope Collection 2015 Boxes of Envelopes for Naas Parish Development Fund **collection** are now available in the church porches and from the Parish Offices. Your support for this collection is vital and as always very much appreciated. It would greatly facilitate accurate record-keeping for tax relief purposes if you could please write your name and address on the first few envelopes you return. **Thank you! Naas Parish Pastoral Council.**

Mass for Brazilian Community will be celebrate by Fr Pat this coming Sunday afternoon in the Church of the Irish Martyrs, at 2.30 pm. All are welcome.

St Pio Prayer Group next meeting on Wednesday coming, 21st January at 7.10pm in the Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane. All welcome.

Week of Christian Unity takes place this year from Sunday 18th to Sunday 25th January. An Ecumenical Prayer Service, celebrating Christian

Unity, takes place on Thursday coming, 22nd January at 8pm in St. David's Church, Main Street.

Mass Cards and Intentions have changed from Veritas to the Parish Office. As always we appreciate your patience and understanding which helps a lot during a time of change.

Nás na Ríogh ICA Guild next meeting takes place tomorrow Monday, 19th Jan at 8pm in Naas Community Centre, (behind McAuley Place). New members welcome; for more information phone Mary 086 1552145 or Maureen 086 8232113.

Naas Local History Group AGM takes place on Tuesday coming, 20th January at 7.45pm in Naas Community Library. All welcome.

Naas United FC 2014 Club Annual Awards Night takes place in the Osprey Hotel on Friday coming, 23rd January. Email www.naasunited.com

St Mary's College Parents Association are holding the annual Bag Pack/Church Street Collection next weekend, 24th/25th January. All proceeds towards school facilities and activities.

Back to Education Classes in the Further Education Training Registration Centre, Jigginstown. Registration takes place tomorrow, Monday 19th January in the Centre between 10am and 4pm. For further info phone Maria/Deirdre at 045 866314.

Ballycane Church Choir sing at the 10.30am Mass in Ballycane on Sundays. **Naas Parish Church Choir** sing at 11am Mass on Sundays in the Parish Church. Would you like to join either of the Choir? Phone 087 235 2545 for further details.

Medjugorje Annual Parish Pilgrimage takes place this year from Wednesday 27th May for 7 nights. Cost of Pilgrimage €609, €100 deposit secures €609, after 17th February price of €659 applies. To book phone John or Catherine at 086 8563773.

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

St Vincent de Paul helpline number 045 897306.

SALLINS PARISH NEWS

Candlemas Dues Collection takes place at all Masses next weekend, 24th/25th January.

Thanks to all who support our weekly envelope collections. 2015 boxes have now been distributed. New contributor boxes are available for collection in

the Sacristy, and for new contributors please remember to write your name and address on the first few envelopes you return. Thank you.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Tuesday coming 20th from 10.30am to 11am.

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

Lourdes 2015 40th Anniversary travelling on 12th June for 7 nights. Anyone intending to travel should contact Rita at 087 6535112 as seats are limited, €200 booking deposit required by 1st February.

TWO MILE HOUSE PARISH NEWS

Two Mile House National School is now accepting Enrolments for Junior Infants 2015. Contact the school secretary at 045 871200.

GENERAL NOTICES

Parish Finances

Sallins: Baskets: €820 Envelopes: €500
Naas: Offertory €4,609 Development Fund €4,002
Two Mile House: €650

Sports Lottery Results

Naas: 8/01 (1-2-12-16) No Winner Jackpot €2,950.
Sallins: 12/01 (7-26-35) No Winner Jackpot €3,700
Naas United FC No Results

Would you like to be a Parish Reader? Are you already a Parish Reader who would like a refresher course? "Entrusted with the Word" is a three night training course for Parish readers offered by Kildare and Leighlin Diocese Faith Development Services. The course takes place on Wednesdays 21st and 28th January in Clane Parish Centre and Thursday 5th February in the Parish Church, Clane, from 8pm to 9.30 pm. **Booking is essential.** If you would like to explore this ministry for the first time or if you would like to renew your training please contact the Parish Office, Sallins Road no later than tomorrow, Monday 19th January with your details.

Alcoholics Anonymous: A.A. Meetings are now held in the Pre-fab in the grounds of St David's Church, Main Street, Naas as follows: Monday and Thursday nights at 8.30pm; Tuesdays at 1pm; Saturdays at 7.30pm.

For further details please phone 085 7300357.

Naas Parish Lotto Draw

€4,250 that's the Jackpot in the Next Draw on Wednesday coming 21st January.

There was no winner of the Jackpot on Wednesday 14th January, numbers drawn were 2 - 28 - 16 - 12

The Parish would like to sincerely thank all those who worked so hard to sell tickets in these very difficult economic times and we hope people will continue to support us into the future.

There are many areas in the town where we still need ticket sellers and if you think you could even sell a couple of tickets, on a weekly basis, to your friends, family or neighbour please contact the Parish Offices on the Sallins Road, or in The Church of the Irish Martyrs Ballycane or phone 086 1635994.

Tickets cost €2 each: or an Annual Membership costing €90. You can also pay by Standing Order where €8 per month will be deducted from your bank account. For information contact either of the Parish Offices.

Tickets can also be purchased from:- Menswear, Londis, Nolans Butchers, Barker & Jones, Stationery Store, Veritas, The Soda Bread Shop, Gouldings Hardware, Swans on the Green. Supervalu.

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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Your chosen numbers will be included in all weekly draws for one year.

Annual Memorial Mass for deceased Civilian Employees of the Defence Forces, including the Curragh Camp, Devoy Barracks Naas, Magee Barracks Kildare and Coolmoney Camp will take place on Friday, 6th February 2015 at 10am in St Brigid's Church, the Curragh Camp. Relatives and friends of the deceased are invited to attend. Refreshments will be available after Mass in McDonagh Catering Centre until 12 noon.

The Irish Cancer Society's 'Care to Drive' Transport Service is available for patients undergoing chemotherapy treatment in the Dublin Hospitals and Tullamore Hospital. This service is completely free to the patient – a driver will pick you up at your home, bring you to the hospital and then, after treatment, bring

you home. So if you are having trouble getting to and from the hospital for your chemotherapy treatment and you are living in Meath, Kildare and Offaly or Laois then please speak to your oncology team on 01 2310566 or phone the National Cancer helpline on 1800200700.

Lost: Set of Keys lost in Naas Town. Phone the Parish Office at 045 879730

Thought For The Week:

One day at a time—this is enough.
Do not look back and grieve over the past,
for it is gone;
and do not be troubled about the future,
for it has not yet come.
Live in the present and make it so beautiful
that it will be worth remembering. *Ida Scott Taylor*

