

#### Mass Times: Fifth Sunday of Lent (Year B) Gospel: John 12:20-30

<u>Church</u>	<u>Weekdays</u>		<u>Sundays</u>
Our Lady and St David, Naas	Mon - Fri 7.30am, 10am	Saturday 10am.	Saturday Vigil: 6.30pm Sunday 8.30am, 10am, 12noon, 6pm.
Irish Martyrs, Ballycane, Naas	Mon - Fri 7.30pm	Saturday 11am	Saturday Vigil: 8pm Sunday 11am, 12.15pm
Our Lady & Guardian Angels, Sallins	Tues - Fri 10am.		Saturday Vigil: 6.30pm; Sunday 10am, 12noon
St Peter's Two Mile House	Friday 7pm		Sunday 11am

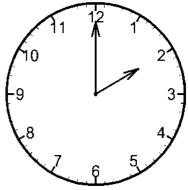
### Seeking Jesus

How can we meet Jesus in our lives and introduce him to others who are searching for him? John tells us today that some Greek travellers who came to Jerusalem for the Passover wanted to meet Jesus. They were not Jews, but were devout seekers of God. It was not unusual for Greeks to travel the then known world. Greeks loved to journey and discover new things. When these Greeks heard of Jesus, they wanted to meet him personally, but didn't know how to approach him. So they did something a Greek would feel comfortable doing. They found a sympathetic looking insider named Philip, a disciple of Jesus whose name happened to be a Greek name, and asked him how they could meet with Jesus. Philip surprisingly didn't know what to say. Andrew fortunately stepped in and personally introduced these foreigners to Jesus.

Perhaps we are all a little like the Greeks in the Gospel today, each one of us on the journey of life seeking to meet Jesus and discover his love for us. The question arises as to where we are searching for the Lord? Further to this where is he revealing himself to us at this point on our journey? The next couple of weeks are a particularly apt time to reflect upon these questions as we approach the very heart of our faith in celebrating the life, death and resurrection of Jesus.

Summer Time starts at 2am Sunday morning!!!!!!

Clock goes forward by 1 hour.



# **Naas-Sallins-Two Mile House-Parish Team**

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#### Priest on Duty: Fr Declan Thompson; Ph 897150

#### PARISH OFFICE, NAAS

(Sallins Road):	Ph 879730; Fax 894287				
Opening Hours:	Mon-Fri 10am-5pm				
Wed:	10am-1pm: Lunch 1-2pm				
BALLYCANE OFFICE: Ph 895629					
Opening Hours:	Mon-Fri 10am-1pm				
SALLINS OFFICE:	Ph 897150				
Opening Hours;	Tuesday & Thursday				
	10am to 1pm				
<b>SACRISTY</b> , Church of Our Lady and St David:					
(during Mass times)	) Ph: 856925				
<b>SACRISTY,</b> Church of the Irish Martyrs:					
Ph: 895629					

#### **Confessions:**

Every Saturday after the 10am Mass in the Church of Our Lady and St David, Sallins Road. Every Saturday after the 11am Mass in the Church of The Irish Martyrs, Ballycane.

**Parish Website:** Naas Parish Email: **Diocesan Website:** 

www.naasparish.ie naasparishoffice@gmail.com Sallins Parish Email: sallinsparishoffice@gmail.com kandle.ie

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN; PARISH DESIGNATED PERSONS: Caroline Quinn (Naas); Sheila Pyke (Sallins) Mary Valentine (Two-Mile-House). They can be contacted through the Parish Office, Sallins Road, Naas. Phone 045 879730.

### **"THOSE WHO DIE IN GRACE GO BUT TO GOD**

AND GOD IS VERY NEAR"

NAAS:

Mary Cassidy, New Jersey and formerly of Lakeside Park



MAY SHE REST IN PEACE

#### **GAA** Lotto:

Sallins: 19/03 Jackpot €1,150: Numbers 11-15-29; No winner; Venue 26/03 Bridgewater; Jackpot €1,300

Naas 15/03 Jackpot €1,750: Numbers; 8-14-23-24 No winner: Next weeks' Jackpot €1,900.

Splotto/Ballycane Celtic: 18/03 Number 6-16-22-23; No Winner: Jackpot 25/03 €6,000

Naas United FC: 18/03 Jackpot €1,900; Numbers: 1-4-13-15; No winner Jackpot 25/03 €2,000

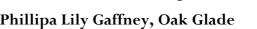
Is someone's drinking affecting your life. Al-Anon can help? Meetings every Monday night at 8.15pm in Parish Centre, Ballycane.; Wednesdays at 8.30pm In Parish Centre, Newbridge, Ph 431394 and Thursdays in Arás Bríd, Parish Centre, Kildare, Ph 521352.

#### **THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY WELCOMES** YOU WITH GREAT JOY!

Naas:

Eabha Grace Close, Bán na Gréinne

Elena Anna Micheli, Belguim



#### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

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

#### **Parish Finances:**

<u>Sallins</u> :	Baskets:	€ 618
	Envelopes:	€ 515
Naas:	Offertory:	€5,662
	<b>Development Fund:</b>	€3,417

**Two Mile House:** 

Grateful thanks to all who support our collections

€ 1,103

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



<u>Afternoon Retreat</u> Today, Sunday 25th March at 2.30pm in the Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane, conducted by Fr Moling Lennon and concluding with Holy Mass.



### FEAST AND MEMORIAL DAYS DURING THE COMING WEEK:

Monday 26th: The Annunciation of The Lord

## **Sallins Parish News**

<u>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction</u> on Friday coming, 30th March at 7.30pm. <u>Mass Changes</u>: There will be <u>NO</u> 10am Mass this coming Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday in Sallins Parish Church ......Confirmation takes place at 11am on these days.

Lourdes 37th Annual Pilgrimage from 26th June to 3rd July 2012...... 7 nights, full board in the Hotel Paradise. Cost €759. For bookings phone Rita Fanning at 045 861070. Deposits now due. Payments may be made to Rita after the 12noon Mass on Sundays.

Each year Sallins Lourdes Pilgrimage invite a number of sick people from the Parish to join them on their pilgrimage. If you or a member of your family would like to be considered, you can contact Rita directly.

Sallins Conference of Saint Vincent De Paul may be contacted at 085 7052294.

### **Naas Parish News**

<u>Preparation for Easter</u> You are invited to pray and study the Lenten Sunday readings each Tuesday morning continuing on Tuesday coming, 27th March after the 10am Mass in the Parish Meeting Rooms, Sallins Road, Naas. Sr Peggy Cleary will lead the sessions.

<u>DIVINE MERCY PRAYER GROUP</u> takes place immediately after the 7.30pm Mass in Church of The Irish Martyrs, Ballycane on Wednesday coming, 28th March. All welcome .

<u>Lenten Reflection</u>: Our Parish Tus Nua Youth Group invites you to join with them for a half hour of spiritual reflection and Taize music on Friday coming 30th March after the 7.30pm Mass in Ballycane Church.

**Easter Flowers:** If you would like to donate White/Yellow flowers to enhance the Church for Easter please leave them into the sacristy no later than Monday 2nd April.

<u>New Choir</u>: A new adult choir to sing at 11am Sunday Mass in Ballycane Church is now established. Would you like to join? Practice is on Tuesday nights from 8pm - 9pm in the Church. You are most welcome to come along. Further details 087 235 2545.

Join <u>Arthritis Ireland's Walking Leaders</u> for a Walk in the Park on Saturday 31st March from 2-3pm in the Monread Park. Ger Mc Carthy from Naas History Group will join us to talk about the history of Naas on the day. Leaders will meet every Saturday at 2pm in preparation for the 'Get your Joints in Motion Walk' taking place in the Phoenix Park on Saturday, 5th May. Contact Mary at 086 3507438 or Marie at 085 1124744. Don't forget to wear comfortable clothing and footwear and bring rainproof gear!

<u>Naas</u> <u>Toastmasters</u> :"Lost for words for that Special Occasion" Why not enhance your public speaking skills with Toastmasters in Naas. Meetings 2nd & 4th Wednesday of each month in the Town House Hotel Naas starting at 8.15pm . Next Meeting Wednesday coming 28th March . Enjoy an entertaining evening. Visitors welcome .

<u>MS</u> <u>Ireland</u> church gate collection takes place on Saturday March 31st & Sunday April 1st in Naas. Please support. <u>Table Quiz</u> organized by the Nás na Ri Singers on Friday March 30th at 8pm in Naas GAA Club. All welcome.

**EASTER CRAFT AND FOOD FAIR, The Moat Theatre, Naas** on Saturday 7th and Sunday 8th April (Easter Sunday) in the Auditorium of the Moat Theatre. Places Limited. To book your stall at the Fair ph Padraic Doyle at 087 146 0467 or alternatively the Moat Theatre Box Office at 045 883030. Look forward to seeing you there!! **The Moat Club presents EASTER 1917** — Written and Directed by Gerard O'Shea — from Tuesday 17th to Saturday 21st April at the Moat Theatre Naas. Bookings at the Moat, phone 883030.

#### Special invitation to Young People.....

Young people are particularly welcome to participate in the 50<sup>th</sup> International Eucharistic Congress Youth Space, which will host the Programme "Go! Be Church", specially prepared for young adults between 17 and 25 years of age. Come and participate in this event with workshops, dramas, interactive catechesis, concerts, social activities, games, art, fun and much more! Book for the Congress a) <u>yvonne.rooney@kandle.ie</u> or call 0877788007or b) online <u>www.iec2012.ie/registration</u> or phone our Booking offices on 01 2981122. Advance bookings are open until the 9th of May 2012. After that date all bookings are onsite at the RDS during the week of the Congress. Book now!

**<u>50th</u> International Eucharistic Congress (IEC2012)** There are three ways to book for the Congress:

1) By phone at 01 2981122. 2) Book Online: www.iec2012.ie/registration. 3) Download a Booking Form from website www.iec2012.ie/registration and send the completed form to CSSL, 3rd Floor, Paradigm House, Dundrum Office Park, Dundrum, Dublin 14. Advance bookings are open until May 9th 2012. After that date all bookings are onsite at the RDS. BOOK NOW!

# **Two Mile House Parish News**

<u>Something for Lent</u>; During Lent after the 7pm Mass on Fridays we have exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Rosary. All are welcome to come along.

Parish Pastoral Council meeting this Tuesday, 27th March at 8.15pm. in the School Staff Room.

**First Confessions**; This ceremony takes place this Thursday coming, 29th March at 7.30pm for Two Mile House and Killashee Schools.

**Coeliac Hosts**; The Liturgy Group have discussed placing a ciborium containing Coeliac Hosts on the altar during communion time. This means that Coeliacs can come forward to the altar and receive the Coeliac Host themselves while the rest of the congregation are receiving. We hope to begin with this on Easter Sunday.

# **General Notices**

<u>ACCORD</u> <u>Newbridge</u> is seeking to recruit facilitators for their Marriage Education Team. In this regard they have organised a public Information Night in the Parish Centre, Newbridge at 7.30pm on Monday coming, 26th March. See notice boards in the church porches for further information.

<u>Mothers</u> <u>Prayers</u> <u>Annual</u> <u>Weekend</u> on Fri/Sat, 30th/31st March and Sunday 1st April at St John's Rest and Care, Knock Shrine, Co Mayo. Tea will be available, you my wish to bring a packed lunch.

**Thank You** to all who supported the Goal Mile on Christmas morning in the Naas GAA which raised €4,589.

**Naas Youth Café** in the Town Hall, every Wednesday 7 - 9.30pm...... Appeal for Volunteers The young people at Naas Youth Cafe would like to invite the adults in our community to stop by for a cuppa any Wednesday over the next few weeks. We really need some more adult volunteers to help us out each week. This would involve putting your name on our Leaders Roster once a month. The young people look after the running of the Cafe including planning weekly fun activities and taking care of the premises, clean up etc. We desperately need more parents or interested adults to be around in a supportive capacity. We can't do it on our own! Volunteers will be provided with free Leadership Training and will also be provided with Child Protection Training. Garda Vetting is required. A few of us young people have completed our leadership training and really want our cafe to be a great place to drop in to every week. We have a few important rules here so that everyone feels respected and valued. It helps us when adults take part each week and provide support and backup when we need it. Can you help? Please drop in for a cuppa to see if you would like to be part of Naas Youth Cafe - you'd be very welcome. Thank you.

<u>Auction</u>: St. Vincent de Paul Furniture Shop in Naas is holding an Auction at the end of May. We are looking for good quality furniture for the Auction. Collection and Delivery service is available. For further information contact (045) 899453. All proceeds from the Auction will go to SVP.

<u>Annual Book Sale In Naas Community</u> <u>Library</u> begins on Friday coming, 30th March and will continue until Friday 13th April 2012.