

# Parish Newsletter



**The Baptism of the Lord.  
7th January 2018.**

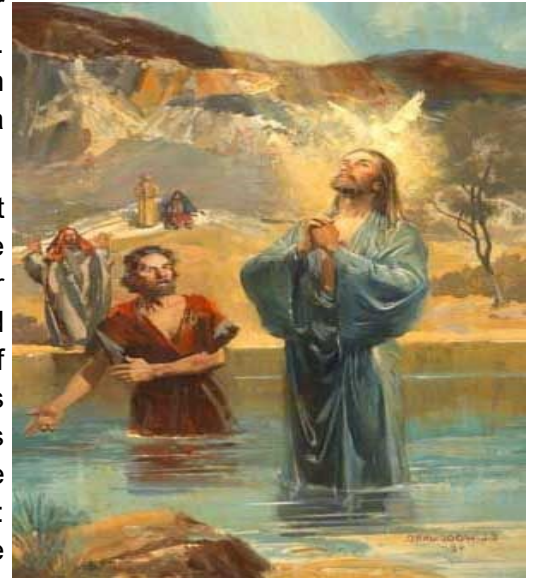
No 1633

Mark 1: 7-11

## The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

Today the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Baptism of Our Lord. This brings to an end the season of Christmas. The Church recalls Our Lord's second manifestation or epiphany which occurred on the occasion of His Baptism in the Jordan. Jesus descended into the River to sanctify its waters and to give them the power to beget sons of God. The event takes on the importance of a second creation in which the entire Trinity intervenes.

In the Eastern Church this feast is called Theophany because at the Baptism of Christ in the River Jordan God appeared in three persons. The Baptism of John was a sort of sacramental preparatory for the Baptism of Christ. It moved men to sentiments of repentance and induced them to confess their sins. Christ did not need the baptism of John. Although He appeared in the "substance of our flesh" and was recognised "outwardly like unto ourselves," He was absolutely sinless and impeccable. He conferred upon the water the power of the true Baptism which would remove all the sins of the world: "Behold the Lamb of God, behold Him Who takes away the sin of the world.



Many of the incidents which accompanied Christ's Baptism are symbolical of what happened at our Baptism. At Christ's Baptism the Holy Spirit descended upon Him; at our Baptism the Trinity took its abode in our soul. At His Baptism Christ was proclaimed the "Beloved Son" of the Father; at our Baptism we become the adopted sons of God. At Christ's Baptism the heavens were opened; at our Baptism heaven was opened to us. At His Baptism Jesus prayed; after our Baptism we must pray to avoid actual sin.

*'Looking at the events in light of the Cross and Resurrection, the Christian people realised what happened: Jesus loaded the burden of all mankind's guilt upon His shoulders; he bore it down into the depths of the Jordan. He inaugurated his public activity by stepping into the place of sinners' (Joseph Ratzinger, Jesus of Nazareth, Bloomsbury 2007, p 18).*

**Naas, Sallins and Two Mile House Parishes**

## Parish Social

**on Friday 2nd February in Killashee House Hotel**

**Music by 'Helter Skelter'**

**Tickets €25 includes 3 Course Meal.**

*Complimentary Sparkling Wine/Bellini/ Reception on arrival at 7.30pm  
with still or sparkling water for the non drinkers.*

*Guests take their seats at 8pm/ Dinner served at 8.15pm Sharp.*

**Tickets are on sale from the Parish Office Sallins Road and  
Ballycane Office.**



## PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION

**PRIEST ON DUTY: 085 708 8407**

PARISH WEBSITE: [www.naasparish.ie](http://www.naasparish.ie)

NAAS AND SALLINS PARISH OFFICE Tel 879730 Fax 894287

Opening Hours: Monday to Friday 10am to 5pm

Naas email [office@naasparish.net](mailto:office@naasparish.net)

Sallins email [sallinsparishoffice@gmail.com](mailto:sallinsparishoffice@gmail.com)

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. JOE O'NEILL Sundays Well 045 876197

FR MICHAEL FLATTERY SALLINS ROAD 045 897703

FR ALEX KOCHATT LAKELANDS 045 898684

DN. FERGAL O'NEILL Parish Deacon 086 3816133

Hilda Campbell Pastoral Adm Assistant 089 4037570

### SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN PARISH REPRESENTATIVES

Naas: Andrew Fagan and Geraldine Faherty

Sallins: Keith Murphy

Two Mile House: Mary Valentine

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

**New Safeguarding Policy recently updated is now displayed in all our Church Porches.**

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

#### Naas:

Maureen Murray, Roselawn

Teresa Butler, St. David's Terrace

Kathleen (Kay) Davey, Ashgrove Avenue

Cyril Ferris, Lakelands



**MAY THEY REST IN PEACE**

### RECENT BAPTISMS

#### Naas:

Chloe Coffey, Hillside Drive

Mannix Madden, Woodlands

Gabriella Rozmus, Sallins Bridge

Oliver Rozmus, Sallins Bridge

Jacob Arthur Gough, Kerdiffstown

Xander Ciaran Kearns, St Michael's Terrace

Ayla Cooke, Kill

#### Two Mile House:

Charlie Maguire, Pipers Hill

For those requesting the Sacrament of Baptism two weeks notice is required. Further details of Baptisms in



## 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: 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, Sallins and Two Mile House Parish at [www.naasparish.ie/sacraments/baptism](http://www.naasparish.ie/sacraments/baptism).

## NAAS PARISH NEWS

**PARISH MISSION STATEMENT** - *'Naas Catholic Parish 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.'*

**St Joseph's Young Priests Society** next meeting takes place tomorrow, Monday 8th January at 8pm in the Parish Centre at the Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane. Adoration from 8pm to 9.30pm.

**Coeliac Hosts** We would like to remind you that low gluten hosts are available for distribution at every Mass in all Churches. If you need to receive a low gluten host, come forward to the sanctuary at Communion time.

**Live Streaming of Services** Please note that all services in the Church of Our Lady and St. David covering the Sanctuary area. The purpose of the webcam is to broadcast Mass, Weddings, Funerals, and other Ceremonies on the internet for parishioners confined to bed or living away from home. [www.naasparish.ie](http://www.naasparish.ie)

**Coffee Morning** resumes on Wednesday coming 10th January after the 10am Mass in the Parochial House....*come and join us for a cuppa a and a chat.*

**Eucharistic Adoration**  
**At the Church of the Irish Martyrs.**

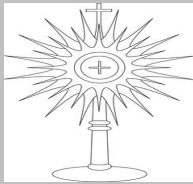
Monday and Tuesday 10am to 7pm.

Wednesday 10am to 7pm and resume after the 7.30pm evening Mass until 9.30pm.

On the 2nd Wednesday of each month, Adoration will take place from 10am to 5.15pm and resume after the 7.30pm evening Mass until 9.30pm.

Thursday 10am to 7pm.

Friday 10am to 7pm.



**Mothers Prayers** continue each Wednesday at the Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane, at 8.15pm.

**Winter Closing Time:** For Safety and Security reasons the Church of Our Lady and St David closes at 4pm for the duration of the winter months.

**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).

**Naas Parish Development Envelope Boxes** for the coming year are still available for collection from the Church porches or the Parish office.

Your support for this collection is and as always very much appreciated. It would greatly facilitate accurate record – keeping for tax relief purposes if you would write your name and address on the first few envelopes your return.

**“A sincere thank you to all who contribute to our collections”**

**Naas Toastmasters Club** First Meeting of 2018 takes place on Wednesday coming 10th January at 8pm in the Town House Hotel, Newbridge Road. Guests and new members welcome.

**Vincent de Paul Naas; helpline number 045 897306.**

**SALLINS NOTICE**

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** continues Tuesday coming, 9th Jan from 10.30am—11am.

**Tuesday Club** resumes on Tuesday coming 9th January from 2pm to 4.30pm in the Community Centre. It is a Social afternoon with activities including Cards, Bingo, a Chat and Afternoon Tea. New members welcome. *Come along and join us.*

**Sallins Parish Envelope Boxes** for the coming year are now available for collection from the Church Porch. Your support is and 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.

**TWO MILE HOUSE**

**Weekday Morning Mass** is celebrated from Monday to Thursday at 9.15am. Friday evening Mass as usual at 7pm.

**GENERAL NOTICES**

**Parish Finances:**

Sallins: Baskets: € 680 Envelopes: € 310  
Naas: Offertory: € 3,925 Development €3,715  
Two Mile House: € 585

**Sports Lottery Results:**

Naas: 21 /12 (2-7-21-25) No winner, Jackpot €6,550  
Sallins: 27/11 (1-3-21)) No winner, Jackpot €2,950



**The World Meeting of Families comes to Ireland.**

Dublin has been personally chosen by Pope Francis to host the next World Meeting of Families in August of this year. Families from all over the world will gather in Dublin from 21st to 26th August this year, to celebrate their lives together, to share their experiences from different parts of the world, to reflect on the different challenges they face and to grow together in faith. It will attract thousands of Irish and International pilgrims.

**Volunteers:** Organising it and seeing it through will only be possible with the help of thousands of volunteers. There are currently 1500 volunteers signed up for WMOF2018 but thousands more are needed. Volunteer roles will include stewards, welcoming and information teams, photographers, media support, logistics, programming support and all the general day to day roles involved in running an event like this. One of the things the WMOF2018 is looking for volunteers to do is to help deliver the famous Irish welcome – the “Céad Míle Fáilte”.

**Registration:** Registration for all WMOF2018 events is open via [www.worldmeeting2018.ie](http://www.worldmeeting2018.ie). Individual pilgrims and families can now register for the main 3 day WMOF2018 Congress from August 22nd to 24th, guaranteeing your ticket(s) for the Festival of Families on Saturday 25th August and for the Closing Mass on Sunday 26th. Don't miss out on these once in a generation events. Register Now! [www.worldmeeting2018.ie](http://www.worldmeeting2018.ie)

# You Could Win €10,000

on Wednesday coming, 10th January 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 December.

Numbers Drawn were 27—2— 5—15: Four Lucky dip winners of €100 each:

C & Ev Casey, Ann Sullivan, Hugh and May Crawford and John Harte.

Tickets can be purchased from:- Menswear, Nolans Butchers, Barker & Jones, Stationery Store, Veritas, The Soda Bread Shop, Gouldings Hardware, Swans on the Green. Tickets are available from the Parish Office on the Sallins Road, or in The Church of the Irish Martyrs Ballycane .

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.

Tickets are also available from the Parish Office on the Sallins Road, or in the Office at The Church of the Irish Martyrs Ballycane.

Remember you can join the Lotto anytime. *If you're not in you can't win!*

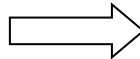
Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please choose four numbers between 1 and 28



--	--	--	--

**Free January Events at Naas Library** including Book Clubs, Children's Books Clubs, Storytime, Knitting Club, Irish Language Group and Art Group. All events are free of charge and open to everyone. Booking required for some events. Further information [www.kildare.ie/library](http://www.kildare.ie/library) or Phone 879111

**Stay Warm Saving Scheme in association with St Vincent De Paul.** Take the chill off your Bill by saving up for your Central Heating or Solid Fuel, by purchasing €5 stay warm stamps. Once the card is full you can use it to pay for your fuel from any of the Stay Warm Suppliers (listed on the Card) Savings card and stamps are available from Vincent's Shops, Naas and Sallins also Supervalu, Naas and Sallins.

**Naas Parish Bingo** continues on Tuesday nights at 8.30pm sharp in Care of the Aged Centre, Newbridge Rd. All welcome. **Parish Lotto Tickets on sale on Tuesday night at Bingo.**



**Samaritans Support** lines are available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, offering non-judgemental and confidential support whenever you need us. Free-phone 116 123 or Text 087 260 9090 or email [jo@samaritans.org](mailto:jo@samaritans.org).

**Thought for the Week:**

**In the New Year**



**May his presence be your source of joy**

**May his promise be the confidence of your faith**

**May his power be the boldness of your witness**

**May his purity be the motivation of your heart**

**May his presence be the focus of your love.**