

# Parish Newsletter

29th June 2025

## The Feast of Sts Peter & Paul



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### Fr. Jackie ..... Diamond Jubilee of Ordination

This weekend we join with the parishioners of Two Mile House, along with friends and parishioners of yesteryear in celebrating the Diamond Jubilee of Fr. Jackie's Ordination, sixty years ago! Ordained on Sunday 20th of June 1965. Jackie would probably consider Kilcock as home. Childhood saw Jackie and his family moving from one town to the next, his dad being a member of An Garda Síochána.

Likewise in priesthood Jackie had many diocesan appointments, including staff member of Knockbeg College for one year after Ordination. This was followed by some short and some longer appointments: Birmingham, Ballyfin, Tullow, St. Mullins, Bagnalstown, Naas (1975-1989), Graignamanagh, Chaplain to the Defence Forces at the Curragh and then appointed Parish Priest of Caragh in 1995. Finally, in retirement, Jackie moved to Two Mile House in 2015.

It is here in Two Mile House that Jackie occupies a place of great affection in the hearts of all parishioners. Locals feel blessed that they can gather each morning for Mass with Fr. Jackie, the perfect start to their day, while also enjoying the social dimension of being together. Though retired Jackie takes a great interest in our local school, and often shares in the personal milestones of parishioners: Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals. Fr. Jackie is blessed with a wonderful memory and an ability to recall people and events from former years.

He epitomises all that is good in priesthood: dedication, faithfulness and unflinching commitment. He has a great capacity for friendship, for life and for people. Aside from his ministry as a priest, Jackie has always maintained a lively interest in an eclectic array of pastimes and hobbies: photography, music, golf and a keen knowledge of rare and wild flowers. In the latter he is recognised nationally as being something of an expert! An avid reader, with a keen curiosity about life, making him a great man for conversation. Since he arrived in 2015 Jackie has proved to be a wonderful colleague: obliging, helpful in every way. Always the kind word of encouragement. We deeply appreciate his loyalty, support and friendship.

**Fr. Jackie, as parishioners and colleagues we join together in sending you our warmest best wishes and heartfelt congratulations, now that you have reached the milestone of your Diamond Jubilee. On an occasion like this, it is fitting that Bishop Denis joins us, giving due recognition and gratitude for a life of faithful service to our Diocese and to the Lord.**

***“Ad Multos Annos”***

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## SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN PARISH REPRESENTATIVES

**Naas:** Geraldine Faherty & Adrian King

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*Safeguarding Policy is displayed in all Church Porches.*

## LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTIONS

**Naas:** Development Fund: €3,295

**Online donations** (19th - 25th June): €92

**Tap&Go** (19th - 25th June): €745

**Sallins:** Envelopes: €475 Baskets: €455

**TMH:** €532

## **St. Peter's TMH Cemetery Mass Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> July at 10am.**

There will be refreshments available in TMH  
School after Mass, organised by the ICA.

A green bag (containing laminated prayer sheets and cards plus pictures of Our Lady & Divine Mercy), was left at St. Therese's Statue in OLSD three weeks ago, has disappeared. If you find it, please contact the Legion of Mary, via the Parish Office. Thank you.



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

Alice D'Arcy, Hollywood Park

Kay (Catherine) Mulvey,

The Sycamores

**MAY THEY REST IN PEACE**

## Recent Baptisms

Lily Fitzgibbon, Kilcullen

Grace McQuillan, Swordlestown North

Ayla Corcoran, Oldbridge Way

Aeryn Gepiga, Osberstown

Jerry Tyrrell Dunne, Lacken View

Max O'Rourke, Bellingsfield

Saoirse Russell, Craddockstown Rise

Nicholas Nitu, Morell Dale

Oliver Kerrigan, The Stableyard

Sonny Doyle, Dun na Riogh Walk

Tadgh Dwyer Travers, Gleann na Riogh Court



## Columban Day Celebrations, Carlow, 11th - 13th July

In honour of St Columbanus, one of Ireland's most influential early missionaries, recognised for his contributions to the spiritual and cultural foundation of Europe. St Columbanus, patron saint of the Missionary Society of St Columban, was born in Myshall. The three-day event promises a rich blend of cultural, spiritual and communal experiences. Highlights include

- ♦ a walk along the picturesque Columban Way.
- ♦ 'Columbanus, the Man from Myshall,' a talk by former President Dr Mary McAleese, taking place in the Holy Cross Church in Myshall.
- ♦ the XXVI Columbanus Day Mass at the Cathedral of the Assumption, Carlow on Sunday 13th July.

Please see the poster on the Parish Website for a full timetable of events.



**TURAS COLUMBANUS  
THE COLUMBAN WAY**  
.....  
**XXVI Columbanus Day  
11-13 July 2025**





Fr. Laurence pictured moments after his ordination ceremony with Bishop Denis who travelled to Romania to attend the Ordination which took place on Tuesday morning in the Cathedral in Iasi.

The ceremony was viewed on the Cathedral's YouTube channel by many parishioners here in Naas, Sallins and Two Mile House parishes and is still available to view online by clicking on the link from the parish website.



## Lourdes and the Shrines of France

A two-person room has become available!

Visiting

Paris, Lisieux, Nevers, Rocamadour and Lourdes.

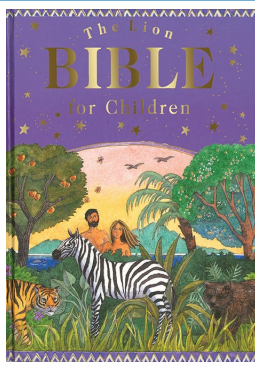
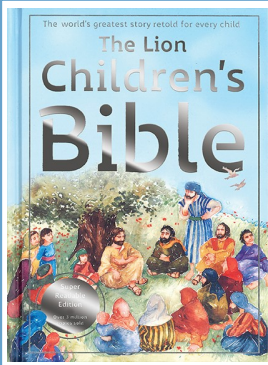
21st - 27th September 2025,

Spiritual Director: Fr. Liam

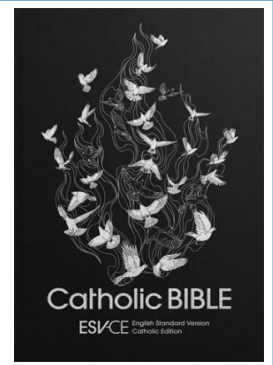
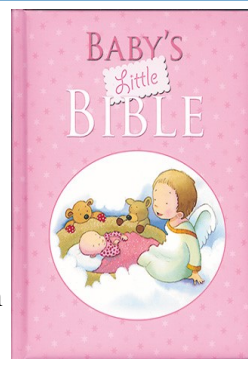
Cost: €1,390 per person. Please contact the Parish Office.







**The Parish Shop on the Sallins Road.**  
**New Bibles now in stock!**  
 Suitable for adults and children, including **The Lion Children's Bible** which is particularly clear to read, suitable for children with dyslexia.



### Vocations - Come and See Day



A day to explore priesthood with Mass, talks, time for prayer, answering your questions, **discerning a Vocation.**

Knock House Hotel F12 R6Y5, **Sun. 13<sup>th</sup> July 11.00am to 4.30pm.** Bookings only through [vocations.ie](http://vocations.ie). or for more information contact: [carol.king@vocations.ie](mailto:carol.king@vocations.ie)



**Féile Nás na Ríogh: Free Music Festival**  
**Main Street, Naas on**  
**Sunday 29th June 10am - 8pm**

**The Suaimhneas Centre**  
**24 Hour Peace Vigil**  
**Hope For A World Without Conflict**  
 12 Noon 19<sup>th</sup> of July - 12 Noon 20<sup>th</sup>  
 Main Street, Clane  
**All Are Welcome**  
**Join For a Minute or More**

**Sarto Road Open-Air Mass**  
**Friday, 4th July at 7.30pm**

**Spina Bifida Hydrocephalus Ireland,**  
 Kildare Branch, will hold their annual church gate collection in Naas on the weekend of 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> July.  
 Please support our charity.



**Care of Aged Centre**  
 are organising a day trip to **Tramore** on 27th August 2025.  
 Anyone interested can contact **086 8178790** for more info.  
 Limited seats available.








**KANDLE YOUTH**  
Catholic Diocese of Kildare & Leighlin

**YOUTH PILGRIMAGE**

**23rd August**

**Croagh PATRICK**

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 CARLOW, PORTLAOISE & NAAS



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**Naas Parish Weekly Lotto Draw**  
**There was no winner of the €7,200 Jackpot**  
**on 25th June**

**Lucky Dip winners were**  
**A. Behan-Deady, N. Mac Giolla Rua, M. Hogan, T. & B. Keenan**  
**Numbers Drawn were: 20-14-10-17**

**You could win the Jackpot of €7,450 on Weds. 2nd July**  
**Thank you for your support!**