

Parish Newsletter

24th May 2026

Pentecost Sunday



No: 2045

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Parish Church closing on Monday, 25th May!

The next seven weeks will see essential upkeep and maintenance works to our Parish Church. I want to thank you for your understanding, kind co-operation and encouragement. The closure of the church requires a certain flexibility and accommodation from all of us. The 'temporary Mass Schedule' draws upon the flexibility of our Sacristans, Choirs/Organists, all involved in ministries of Reader, Eucharistic Minister, Altar Servers, Collectors and PowerPoint Operators. For your great willingness to change routine and volunteer elsewhere, thank you!

Reminder of the Works

Painting of the Sanctuary, Gallery, window frames and lower sections of walls. Please note that it is **not a complete painting of the church**. Based on independent advice, ceilings and walls are deemed to be in good shape!

All **kneelers** in the downstairs of the Church will be removed and individually recovered in new fabric at the ICS factory in Dromod, Co. Leitrim, and then returned and reinstated.

New shrines will be installed to the rear and front of the Church. Existing statues will be temporarily housed in the back porch of the Church and then mounted upon the new shrines.

The statues of Our Lady and of St. David, currently in the left and right-hand corners respectively at the front of the Church will find new positions each side of the Sanctuary.

Car Park: the upgrade will see the resurfacing of the area immediately surrounding the church itself: tarmac, creation of designated spaces for blue badge holders, clearly defined walkways for pedestrians. **Please note that there will be a significant reduction in space available for parking in this inner area.** These changes within the car park ensure compliance with health and safety requirements.

The **organ** has been due a significant overhaul for a while, we have kept this work until the Church was closed as the organ thankfully gets much use on a weekly basis.

Suggestion:

During the closure of the Church, you might like to offer a lift to a friend or neighbour who otherwise would struggle to attend Mass as usual.

For those who can't attend, Ballycane does now have a webcam.

For details on accessing the new webcam and for the new Mass Schedule, please see page 3.

PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION

NAAS PARISH OFFICE: Tel.: 045 879 730

E-mail: office@naasparish.net

Opening Hours: Monday to Friday 10am to 5pm

SACRISTY OUR LADY AND ST DAVID: 045 856 925

BALLYCANE OFFICE AND SACRISTY: 045 895 629

Opening Hours: Monday to Friday 10am to 1pm

SACRISTY TWO MILE HOUSE: 086 399 1706

FACEBOOK: facebook.com/naasparish

TWITTER: @naasparish

PRIEST ON DUTY: **085 708 8407**

PARISH WEBSITE: www.naasparish.ie

Registered Charity No: 20015848

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN PARISH REPRESENTATIVES

Naas: Geraldine Faherty & Adrian King
Sallins: Dermot McGilloway & Gillian Fitzharris
Two Mile House: Paula Clancy & Suzanne Powell
Diocesan Designated Liaison Person: Michele Hughes,
c/o Bishop's House, Carlow **Phone:** 086 171 0643
or **email:** dlp@kandle.ie

Safeguarding Policy displayed in all Church Porches

PARISH TEAM

Fr. Liam Morgan	Sallins Road	087 133 7879
Fr. Michael Flattery	Hazelmere	045 879 730
Fr. Robert Petrisor	Sallins Road	045 879 730
Fr. Yohan Fernando	Lakelands	045 879730
Dn. Jody Callan	Parish Deacon	045 879730
Ms. Trish O'Neill	Youth/Pastoral Minister	045 879 730
Ms. Sarah Farmer	Parish Manager	045 879 730

**"THOSE WHO DIE IN GRACE GO BUT TO
GOD AND GOD IS VERY NEAR"**
Grzegorz Klemczak, The Waterfront
Daniel Doherty, Ballymore Road
MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTIONS

Naas: Development Fund: €3,660 Offertory: €2,320

Online donations (14th - 20th May): €385

Tap&Go (14th - 20th May): €810

Sallins: Envelopes: €345 Baskets: €565

TMH: €487

Third Annual Parishes Alive Day

Sat 20th June, Carlow College, 10-4pm

Exploring how we can become more synodal.

No charge, lunch etc provided.

To book, or for more info: call 083-8305681 or
email parishdevelopment@kandle.ie

Cemetery Masses 2026

Naas Wednesday, 10th June at 7.30pm

There will be no 7pm Mass that evening.

Sallins Sunday, 21st June at 11.30am

Two Mile House

Sunday, 5th July at 10am

KILDARE & LEIGHLIN PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK SHRINE

WITH BISHOP DENIS NULTY

SUNDAY 7TH JUNE

Bus will depart at 8am from **Our Lady & St. David's Church**. Tickets are €30, available from the Parish Office on the Sallins Road.



Sunday 31st May.

Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Rosary at 8pm at the Grotto outside
Our Lady & St. David's Church.



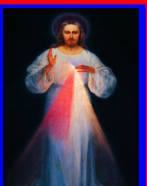
Diocesan Collection for Retired Priests
will take place at all Masses
this weekend, 23rd/24th May.

The Dublin Welsh Male Choir

Will perform in the Church of our Lady and St Joseph,
Prosperous on **Sunday 21st June at 7.30pm.**

Tickets are €25 and available from Prosperous Parish
Office or Prosperous Dramatic Society Eventbrite page

Divine Mercy Prayers
6.00pm Adoration Chapel, Ballycane
Wednesday, 27th May.
Followed by the Rosary.
All are Welcome



The Parish Shops on the Sallins Road and at Ballycane
Church will both remain open for the duration of the
improvement works in Our Lady and St. David's
Church. **Business as Usual!**

Timetable of Masses in Ballycane Church

25th May to 17th July

All Masses, Funerals, Weddings and Baptisms will take place in Ballycane Church for that period.

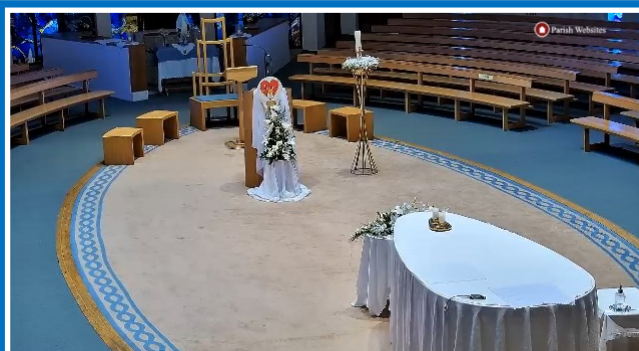
Monday	7.30am	10am			
Tuesday	7.30am	10am			
Wednesday	7.30am	10am	7pm (May + June)		
Thursday	7.30am	10am			
Friday	7.30am	10am			
Saturday	10am	6pm			
Sunday	8am	9.30am	11am	12.30pm	6pm

Weekday Adoration in the Day Chapel, Ballycane, will commence each day at 11am.

The Upper Room, Our Lady and St. David's will open each day 9am to 6pm for quiet prayer.

Ballycane Church now has a Webcam livestreaming all services

naasparish.ie/our-parish/ballycane-webcam/



NAAS
SALLINS
TWO MILE HOUSE
PARISHES

Employment Opportunity

Naas Parish are looking to employ a **Parish Caretaker for 35hrs/week to look after all parish premises and their grounds.**

Role would include general maintenance and a working knowledge of electrics, plumbing, painting and carpentry. Experience of working in a trade would be an advantage.

Closing date for applications: 19th June 2026.

CVs may be sent to the Parish Office, Sallins Road, Naas or emailed to office@naasparish.net

Naas Parish Weekly Lotto Draw

There was no winner of the €5,100 Jackpot on 20th May.

Numbers Drawn were: 4-26-11-22

Lucky Dip winners were: Anon., B. Whelan, Anon., P. Behan

You could win the Jackpot of €5,350 on Wednesday 27th May.

Thank you for your support.





WHY SUNDAY MATTERS – SUNDAY MASS CREATES AND CELEBRATES COMMUNION: AN EXCERPT FROM THE LETTER OF THE IRISH BISHOPS

‘Sunday Mass is a vital encounter with the risen Lord, the One who gives our lives ultimate meaning and purpose. Through our baptism we bear the name ‘Christian’. This identity shapes who we are and calls us to follow Jesus, who is ‘the way, the truth, and the life’ (John 14:6). Through the celebration of Sunday Mass, we experience a life-giving encounter and **communion** with Christ. Just as the two disciples encountered Jesus on the road to Emmaus and recognised Him in the breaking of the bread (Luke 24:35), so too we meet Him in the Eucharist.

Our identity as Christians is not solitary but shared. On Sundays, we gather not only as individuals but as the Church; the Body of Christ. In the celebration of the Eucharist, we affirm our communion with one another and with Christ. Pope Saint John Paul II emphasised that ‘none is as vital or as community-forming as the Sunday celebration of the Lord’s day and His Eucharist.’ This gathering creates a bond of unity, solidarity, and love, as we come together to worship as one body, with one voice, in praise of God.’

What does it mean for you to have a real encounter with Jesus in Mass? What does it mean for you to encounter Jesus with others?

EmployAbility Kildare: Are you looking for part-time/ full-time work having a Disability, Injury, or Illness? **EmployAbility Kildare will help you find employment and support you in employment.** For more information call Liam Walsh: 087 614 5356.  **Employability**

STICKY FINGERS: The Crossings, Dublin Rd, Naas
Still have some free ECCE places
for Sept. 2026 for 3-5 year olds
Contact: 045 876863 / office@sfcc.ie 

National Epilepsy Week 2026: please visit our website for information and to find out how to raise awareness of Epilepsy in Ireland through personal stories.  www.epilepsy.ie

Wider Options Sept. 2026 St. Conleth’s-Newbridge
One year Mature Adult Education Programme
QQI- business and Computer Applications.
You are invited to attend an information Meeting
Tuesday 26th May @ 10am (for 1 hour approx.) in
St. Conleth’s Community College
More info.: 045 431417 / mcurley@stconlethcc365.ie

Allen Area Historical Society:
There will be a concelebrated Mass at the Mass Rock in Ballyteague on **Sunday 31st May (Trinity Sunday) at 2pm.** There is ample parking at the Mass Rock. **All are very welcome.**

There will also be a solemn procession from Ballyteague GAA grounds to the rock in time for Mass, departing at 1.15pm.



NAAS CARE OF THE AGED ASSOCIATION ARE HAVING THEIR ANNUAL DAY TRIP ON WEDNESDAY, 24TH JUNE.
FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT MARY ON 086 8178799.

Fr. Liam Lawton Concert. Special evening celebrating his music in St. Mary’s Church, Edenderry on Sunday 24th May at 8pm. Fr. Liam Lawton recently received a papal award for his distinguished service to the Church. Tickets available from the Edenderry Parish Website, Facebook Page or Instagram.

Parish Pilgrimage to Medjugorje: 10th-17th June 2026

€895pps Spiritual Director: Fr. Liam

For more information on joining the group please contact:
John & Catherine Murphy 086 856 3773

Price includes:

- * Flights Direct to Mostar, Medjugorje
- * 7 nights air-conditioned accommodation
- * Freshly prepared breakfast & dinner
- * Luxury coach transfers with local guide

Full religious programme operated by Marian Pilgrimages Medjugorje Team.

