

Parish Newsletter



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GAUDETE SUNDAY

Today is 'Gaudete Sunday', the invitation to be hope filled, and to know that belief in God, as our divine Saviour, is a source of Joy. The Prophet Zephaniah proclaims: *'shout for joy, daughter of Zion, Israel shout aloud'*, for we are loved, saved and redeemed by our Saviour. And St Paul reminds us, that what God wants for us is a deep, inner happiness. We are to approach Jesus in times of worry, in times of need, so that we may know and experience that peace and consolation that only God can give.

On *Wednesday evening* we will celebrate the love of God in our midst. Our *Parish Penance Service* will be an invitation to hear, believe and trust in the loving Mercy and forgiveness of God. Pope Francis reminds us *"that God never tires of offering us His Mercy"*.

God always takes the first step, what we call the 'Divine Initiative'. Always coming forward to meet us, and we can acknowledge the beautiful words of the Act of Sorrow....*'O my God I thank you for loving me'*, echoes of St. John and his writings, that God loved us first.

So, on Wednesday we will come together and acknowledge our common humanity, trusting the we come together before a loving and merciful God. On this Gaudete Sunday that is something to be joyful about!

Confessions for Christmas: The Parish Penitential Service will take place on Wednesday 19th December at 7.30pm in the Church of Our Lady and St. David.

Confessions also on Saturday 22nd December beginning after 10am Mass and on Christmas Eve, Monday 24th December, after 10am Mass until 1pm.

GOOD NEWS & THANK YOU TO THE GUBAY FOUNDATION

The Gubay Foundation is the legacy of Welsh businessman and philanthropist Albert Gubay who pledged from his personal success and fortune as a retailer to support charitable projects connected with the Catholic Church. In 2010 Mr Gubay announced that he would transfer most of his personal fortune to a charitable trust. Albert Gubay died in 2016. Through encouragement from the Diocese of Kildare and Leighlin, Parishes were invited to make applications for grant funding. In 2016 we made an initial application for funding to assist with roof repairs and refurbishment of the mortuary chapel. After further submission in 2017 and earlier this year we were deemed successful! Only, in the last number of days, we have received a grant of €74,916. We are most grateful to the Gubay Foundation for their support to our Parish. We now propose to continue with works to the mortuary chapel which will now become known as the 'Chapter Room'. Its primary function will be to offer the opportunity for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. A place of Prayer that will be warm and inviting. The Parish will also use this space for other prayer experiences particularly during Advent and Lent. As well as having it as a place for Parish use on special occasions for instance selected Sundays and during the Parish Novena. *"I am glad to share this very good news and to acknowledge the generosity of the Gubay Foundation and the legacy of Mr Albert Gubay."* Fr. Liam

PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION

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Naas e-mail: office@naasparish.net

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BALLYCANE OFFICE AND SACRISTY : Tel 895629

Opening Hours: Monday to Friday 10am to 1pm

PARISH TEAM

Fr. Liam Morgan	Sallins Road	087 1337879
Fr. Alex Kochatt	Lakelands	045 898684
Fr. Michael Flattery	Sunday's Well	045 888112
Fr. Seán Maher	Sallins Road	045 897703
Dn. Fergal O'Neill	Parish Deacon	086 3816133
Ms. Hilda Campbell	Pastoral Admin Asst.	045 879730
Fr. Mark Zygadlo	(Part-time)	045 434069

Safeguarding Policy is displayed in all our Church Porches.

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN PARISH REPRESENTATIVES

Naas: Geraldine Faherty and Adrian King
Sallins: Keith Murphy, Emer McCarthy and Dermot McGilloway
Two Mile House: Paula Clancy and Suzanne Powell.
All of the above can be contacted through the Parish Office, Sallins Road, Naas. Phone 045 879730.
Diocesan Designated Liaison Person: Ms Joan Treacy, C/o Bishop's House, Dublin Rd, Carlow. 085 802 1633

FEAST AND MEMORIAL DAYS FOR THE COMING WEEK:

Tuesday 18th: St Flannan, Bishop
Thursday 20th: St Fachanan, Bishop

THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY WELCOMES YOU WITH GREAT JOY!

NAAS:

Elise Sheila McParland, Millbridge Way
Nicholas Brady, Blackhorse Avenue
Aeladh Fidelma Skelton, Racecourse Gate
Zoe Anna Ryan, Dun na Riogh
Róisín Anna Aherne, Oldtown Rise

TMH:

Oran Patrick O'Sullivan, Arconagh

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

For those requesting the Sacrament of Baptism two weeks notice is required. Details from Parish website.

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

Naas:

Mary Quinn, Sallins Rd. & TMH
Kay (Kathleen) Carrick, Lakelands

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.



MASS TIMES

CHURCH OF OUR LADY AND ST. DAVID, SALLINS ROAD

WEEKDAYS: Mon-Fri 7:30am 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 GUARDIAN ANGELS, SALLINS

WEEKDAYS: Tues and Fri 10am
SUNDAYS: Sat Vigil 6:30pm Sun 10am 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 the 10am Mass
Every Saturday after the 10am Mass

NAAS PARISH NEWS

Advent Preparation for Christmas: You are invited to pray and study the Advent Sunday Readings each Tuesday during Advent, after 10am Mass in the Parochial House.

Christmas Flowers/Plants for Christmas: We would be most grateful for the donations of flowers (red) and Poinsettias for the decoration of Churches for Christmas (both OLSD, Naas and CIM, Ballycane Churches). *Thanking you in advance.*

Naas Parish Development Fund Envelope Boxes for the coming year are now available for collection from the Church Porches or the Parish Office, Sallins Road. Your support for this collection is 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. ***"A sincere thank you to all who contribute to our collections"***

Padre Pio: Next Meeting will take place on Wednesday 19th December after the 7.30pm evening Mass in Ballycane. Benediction & Prayers.

Bible Sharing/Study: is now finished for 2018 and will resume Monday 14th January 2019.

Please note that the Parish Office will be closed on Monday 17th December from 2.30pm onwards. We will reopen on Tuesday 18th at 10am as normal.

Adoration in the Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane will finish on Friday 21st December and will resume on Monday 7th January at 10am.

St. Joseph's Young Priests Society meeting on Monday 17th December at 8pm in Ballycane with Adoration. Finishes at 9.30pm.

Afternoon Retreat, conducted by Fr. Liam Morgan will take place on Sunday 23rd December at 3pm in the Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane with Holy Hour, the Rosary, the Anointing of the Sick and concluding with Holy Mass; (refreshments will be served during the break). *St Joseph's Young Priest Society.*

SALLINS PARISH NEWS

Confessions available in Sallins Church every Thursday from 2pm - 4pm.

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

TWO MILE HOUSE PARISH NEWS

Weekday Morning Mass is celebrated from Mon-Thurs at 9.15am. Friday eve Mass at 7pm.

Collection: There will be a Church gate collection after Mass on Sunday 23rd December for Mustard Seed Communities Ireland, in aid of orphanages for disabled children in Jamaica. A volunteer trip has been organised by TY students from TMH. *Your support is much appreciated.*

GENERAL NOTICES

Bishop Denis Nulty & Diocese Reach Out Cards: Reach Out Cards will be distributed at Masses this weekend. We will have volunteers who will be distributing these at Mass and they will also be available for collection in the porches of the Churches. *Please don't forget to collect yours!*

The St Vincent de Paul Society would like to express their sincere thanks to all who contributed so generously to their annual collection. Your contributions will greatly assist us in our work with those in need in our community this Christmas and in the year ahead. *Thank you and we wish you and your families a very Happy and Peaceful Christmas.*

Naas Community Men's Shed are holding a Christmas Music session on Thursday 20th December at their shed on Rathasker Rd. at 8.30pm. *All are welcome! Wishing you a very Happy Christmas from the Men's Shed.*



A special Christmas invitation to all families in the Parishes!

On Sunday 23rd December at 1pm in Ballycane Church, the ARK/JPII Youth Group and the Altar Servers will lead us in prayer and song in Eucharistic Adoration.



The Adoration will take approximately 20 minutes (child friendly!) and will be followed by carol singing and festive fayre.



Nás Na Rí Singers with County Kildare Orchestra and the choirs of local schools, present a gala concert on behalf of Homeless Care CLG, helping Kildare's homeless youth. With Mae Leonard as special guest, we present 'A Christmas Miscellany', Tuesday 18th December at 8pm in the Church of Our Lady and St. David, Naas. Tickets €10/€5 from Barker and Jones, choir members or at the door.

Lost: Snooker cue in a silver carry case. Last seen on 22nd September at a funeral in OLSD, Naas. This is of huge sentimental value, please call the Parish Office if you have any info. regarding this. Thank you.

Christmas Concert: St Clare's Church, Graiguecullen, Wednesday December 19th at 7pm. Featuring Graiguecullen/Killeshin Parish choirs, the Poor Clare Sisters and the Killeshin Pipe Band. Free entry, collection during concert for SVP.

All-Ireland Rosary Rally for Faith and Life is taking place outside Dáil Éireann at 12 noon on 1st January 2019. For more information please contact rosaryrallyforireland@gmail.com.

Qualified counsellors are available every Thursday night in Ballycane Church from 8pm to 9.30pm. For further info. phone 045 895629 or 086 8554852. This is free, confidential and non denominational.

Sports Lottery Results

Naas: 06/12 (2-11-24-25) No Winner, Jackpot €6,550
Sallins: 10/12 (6-15-25) No Winner, Jackpot €4,450

Parish Finances:

Sallins: Baskets: €900 Envelopes: €425

Naas: Offertory: €4420 Development Fund: €3775

Two Mile House: €675

Naas, Sallins and Two Mile House

Christmas Timetable 2018

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (PENITENTIAL SERVICE)

Wednesday 19th December: Our Lady and St David's Church at 7:30pm

CONFESSION TIMES: Monday 24th December

Our Lady and St David's Church: 10:30am – 1pm

CHRISTMAS EVE MASS TIMES, Monday 24th December

Our Lady and St David's Church: 5pm, 7pm, 9pm and 12 midnight

Church of the Irish Martyrs: 4pm, 6pm and 8pm

Our Lady and the Guardian Angels, Sallins: 5pm, 6:30pm and 9pm

St Peter's Church, Two Mile House: 9pm

CHRISTMAS DAY MASS TIMES, Tuesday 25th December

Our Lady and St David's Church: 9am, 11am and 12:30pm

Church of the Irish Martyrs: 10:30am and 12noon

Our Lady and the Guardian Angels, Sallins: 10am and 12noon

St Peter's Church, Two Mile House: 11am

FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY MASS TIMES, Sunday 6th January

Our Lady and St David's Church: Sat 6pm, Sun 9am, 11am & 6pm

Church of the Irish Martyrs: Sat 7:30pm, Sun 10:30am & 12 noon

Our Lady and the Guardian Angels Church: Sat 6:30pm, Sun 10am and 12noon

St Peter's Church: 11am

WEEKDAY MASSES

Wednesday 26th December - Friday 4th January Masses

10am Mass only in Our Lady and St David's Church

No other weekday Masses in Ballycane, Sallins or Two Mile House

(Normal Mass schedule resumes on Monday 7th January)

Naas Parish Weekly Lotto Draw

We have a Winner!

Congratulations to B Cowley

Winner of the €2,450 Jackpot on Wednesday last, 12th December

Numbers Drawn were 2-19-24-27;

The next draw will be on **Wednesday 19th December** at **6.30pm** in the Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane and all are welcome to attend the draw.

Jackpot on 19th December is **€1,300.**

Tickets are available from the Parish Offices and all our other usual outlets.

