

Parish Newsletter



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Christmas Edition

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Christmas Message from Fr. Liam

'There's something about Christmas', so begins the heart warming radio ad for Barry's Tea. Yes, it is true... there is something about Christmas, and Christmas is for everyone. Whether or not you believe in Jesus, you are welcome. Young or old, there is room for you at the crib. There was no room for the child Jesus and his Mother, but there is room for you! Come as you are, for the gift the child Jesus looks for is you. Come and kneel, gaze upon the scene, see in Jesus, Mary and Joseph a tenderness that reaches deep into your heart.

If yours is a hard life, if yours is a broken heart, if your lot is a huge loneliness bring it to him. Stay in silence, or allow him to soothe, to console your heart with a message of hope, a message that says you are enfolded within my loving embrace.

Parish is about community, about having Jesus at the heart and centre of our faith community; about welcome, love and understanding. Yes, there's something about Christmas that allows me to acknowledge and recognise the goodness and generosity of so many! Of you who come Sunday after Sunday in faith, of you who support our Parish so generously in its upkeep, maintenance and mission. It's the goodness of so many volunteers, the hundreds involved in Parish Ministry, of our friendly and helpful staff, be it in our Parish offices or in our four Churches. And it's about your kindness and generosity expressed in charitable ways, reaching out to the one who struggles. It's about that first *'silent night, holy night, when Christ the Saviour was born'*. And there lies our hope and our future promise.

Finally, on a personal note, it is a real and blessed privilege for us as a Parish team to minister in Naas, Sallins and Two Mile House, our constant experience is one of encouragement, support and friendship. We thank you for your prayers, and your kindness expressed to us in so many ways. On behalf of my colleagues, have a Happy, Holy and Peaceful Christmas.

Seán, Michael, Hilda, Alex, Fergal, Mark and Liam

(Opening paragraph above has been taken from the December Edition of the Far East Magazine)

Bishop Denis Nulty will be with us on Sunday 30th December, he will celebrate the 12 noon Mass in CIM, Ballycane and the 6pm Mass in OLSD, Naas. We look forward to his presence among us, marking the Feast of the Holy Family.

The Priests Collection in support of the Priests of the Parish will be taken up at all Masses on Christmas Day. ***As always thank you for your very kind support and generosity shown to us at all times.***

PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION

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PARISH WEBSITE: www.naasparish.ie

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Opening Hours: Monday to Friday 10am to 5pm

Naas e-mail: office@naasparish.net

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. 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:

Wednesday 26th: St Stephen, First Martyr
Thursday 27th: St John, Apostle & Evangelist
Friday 28th: The Holy Innocents, Martyrs
Tuesday 1st Jan.: Mary, the Holy Mother of God
Thursday 3rd Jan.: St Munchin, Bishop

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

SALLINS:

Michael Joseph Somers, Sallins Wharf

MAY HE REST IN PEACE.



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

NAAS:

Samuel Julian Maher, Oakfield

TMH:

Emily Elizabeth Gibson, Blessington

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

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



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

The Parish Offices will be open on Christmas Eve until 12pm. We will then be closed for the Christmas Holidays and we will re-open and resume normal hours from Thursday 3rd January 2019, opening at 10am.

Naas Parish Development Fund Envelope Boxes for the coming year are now available for collection from the Church Porches/Parish Office. *"A sincere thank you to all who contribute to our collections"*

Afternoon Retreat, conducted by Fr. Liam Morgan will take place today at 3pm in CIM, Ballycane with Holy Hour, the Rosary, the Anointing of the Sick and concluding with Holy Mass. *St Joseph's Young Priest Society.*

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

Marion Movement Prayers for Priests takes place on Saturday 5th January after 10am Mass in Our Lady and St David's Church, Naas.

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.

TWO MILE HOUSE PARISH NEWS

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

GENERAL NOTICES



Goal Mile: Christmas Morning 11am - 12 noon. Meet at Naas GAA Club. Run, walk or jog a mile in Monread Park. Your support simply makes all the difference!

Annual Curragh Dog Walk in aid of Kildare Animal Foundation, Sunday 30 December. Meet at race course entrance (beside T.R.I.Equestrian) Walk starts at 12 noon. Volunteers will be collecting donations on the day. All welcome! (ALL dogs on lead please)



The 4th Annual Polish Christmas Carols event will be held on Sunday, 30th December at 5pm in St Mary's Church Maynooth. Admission is free. *All are welcome!*



A Special Christmas Invitation to all families in the Parish!

Today, 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 and will be followed by carol singing and festive fayre!

Thank you from Mustard Seed Communities for your generous support at recent collection, a total of €1,569 was collected last weekend in Naas and Sallins. Your generosity has made a difference.

Sports Lottery Results

Naas: 13/12 (4-8-10-21) No Winner, Jackpot €6,700
Sallins: 17/12 (6-9-15) Winner of €4,450! Jackpot €1000

Parish Finances:

Sallins: Baskets: €840 Envelopes: €470

Naas: Offertory: €4180 Development Fund: €4125

Two Mile House: €920

Peace Light of Bethlehem - A note from Naas Scouts

In Bethlehem a flame burns in the Church of the Nativity – the birth place of our Lord Jesus. On Wednesday 16th December, a small light from that flame was taken by local Israeli and Palestinian Scouts and given to a Scout from Austria who then brought it to Vienna.

On Saturday 16th December a Peace Light Service was held in Vienna. The Scout carried the flame to the front of the Church and lit the Viennese Peace Candle. Representatives of Scout Associations from all over the world were invited to light their lamps from this candle and return to their homes with the symbol of Peace. Scouts carried The Light by rail, by road, by ferry and on foot through Austria, Switzerland, France and the UK and then on to Dublin where Scouts and Guides lit their lamps at a service on the 20th December in the Holy Cross Church Clonliffe College. From here the light has been carried through Ireland to hospitals, hostels for the homeless and places of Christian worship.

Naas Scouts now wish to share this Peace Light with you by lighting the Christmas Candle in the Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane with the flame carried from Bethlehem, in celebration of the birth of our Lord Jesus and the Peace he brings to us all. (4pm and 6pm Masses in Ballycane on Christmas Eve.)

Light of Bethlehem: Burn brightly in our hearts this Christmas.

Light of Peace: Heal the bitter wounds in our community and show us the path of forgiveness and love.

Light of Joy: Fill our homes with happiness. Cast out the darkness, conflict and worry.

Light of Comfort: Strengthen the sick, the needy, the prisoners and all those who cannot be home this Christmas.

Light of Hope: Give hope to the homeless and lonely. Guide our way forward as we begin a New Year.

Light of the World: Teach us to love you more each day.

Light of Bethlehem: Shine in our lives this Christmas and always as a sign of our willingness to be Messengers of peace.

AMEN.

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

There was **NO WINNER** of the Jackpot on Wednesday last, 19th December. **Numbers Drawn were 21-20-2-6. Four Lucky Dip winners of €100** each were: J. Keogh, M. Gunning, P&M. McCabe, B. Kennedy.

The next draw will be on **Wednesday 9th January at 6.30pm** in the Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane and all are welcome to attend the draw. Jackpot on 9th January is **€1,550**.

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

Naas Parish Lotto Christmas Draw 19.12.18

Ten winners of **€100** each were: J. Garvey, S. Staunton, P&F Dunne, Craddock House Nursing Home, B. Pitt, R&R. Caffrey, P. Higgins, P. Leavy, D. Garvey, E. O'Hara.

Six winners of a **Christmas Hamper** were: J&F. Langan, A. Hennessy, M. Mullen, S. O'Brien, P. Monaghan, J. Murphy.

Four winners of a **Turkey & Ham Voucher** were: G&B. Donegan, M. Monaghan, H. Wheatley, M. Heavy.

Five winners of the **Promoters Prize of €100** were: Sr M. Ryan, Soda Bread Shop, Parish Office, P. Rohan, M. Reilly.

The Lotto Committee would like to thank all who continue to support our draw and we wish you all and your families a very Happy and Holy Christmas and every good wish throughout 2019.