

Parish Newsletter



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Pentecost Sunday



There is a dangerous tendency in human nature to try to domesticate the spiritual world. Beings and events beyond our comprehension become tame or even silly. Compare Ezekiel's cherubs, with their bodies covered with eyes, with the little babies that we find so often in Christian art. How much easier it is to create nice, cosy, safe images of a world that is not only terrifyingly incomprehensible but also very real. Pope Francis has warned against this tendency to bring the uncontrollable under the semblance of our control. But he is also fond of reminding us of the immense power and unpredictable nature of our great friend: the Holy Spirit. He is the Paraclete, our advocate and helper, but he is also like the wind, which "*blows where it wills*" (John 3:8).

This image of the Holy Spirit as wind is an important one. It is linked to the understanding of "*spirit*" evident in the Hebrew word *ruah*, which means "wind, spirit, breath." Indeed, we find Jesus in John's Gospel breathing on his disciples as He tells them, "*Receive the Holy Spirit*" (John 20:22). And every year in the Chrism Mass, in which a Bishop consecrates all the sacramental oils to be used throughout his diocese for the coming year, there is a solemn moment in which this successor of the Apostles breathes into each of the urns filled with oil.

Have we just domesticated the Holy Spirit by downgrading it from wind to breath? Not a bit of it. Because the wind/breath identity of the Holy Spirit is closely linked to the image of the Holy Spirit as fire. Don't forget that before the flaming tongues appeared above the disciples' heads at Pentecost, they first heard "*a noise like a strong driving wind*" (Acts 2:2). Under certain conditions, the interaction between oxygen (in other words, the air that we breathe) and some type of fuel causes a chemical reaction, one product of which is heat and light - commonly known as fire. Consider the air, or the breath, as the Holy Spirit, and the fuel as a human soul: your soul, my soul. Given the right conditions - an openness and a willingness on the part of the "fuel," spontaneous combustion takes place.

Have you ever watched a piece of wood being consumed by fire? Sighing and crackling and glowing, getting blacker and blacker until it falls apart completely and nothing remains but ash? It doesn't just look different from the original piece of wood. It *is* different, at the very core of its being. Its chemical composition has changed. It has been transformed. This is what we are called to as Christians and what awaits us when we invite the Holy Spirit into our lives. Let yourself be set on fire by the Holy Spirit. Let yourself be transformed.

*Veni, Creator Spiritus,
mentes tuorum visita,
imple superna gratia
quae tu creasti pectora*



PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION

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PARISH TEAM

Fr. Liam Morgan	Sallins Road	087 1337879
Fr. Alex Kochatt	Lakelands	045 898684
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Safeguarding Policy displayed in all Church Porches.

MASS TIMES

CHURCH OF OUR LADY & 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 & GUARDIAN ANGELS, SALLINS

WEEKDAYS: Tues and Fri 10am

SUNDAYS: Sat Vigil 6:30pm Sun 10am 12noon

CHURCH OF ST PETER, TWO MILE HOUSE

WEEKDAYS: Mon-Thurs 9.15am Friday 7pm

SUNDAYS: 11am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

CHURCH OF OUR LADY & ST DAVID, SALLINS ROAD

Every First Friday before the 10am Mass

Every Saturday after the 10am Mass

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN PARISH REPRESENTATIVES

Naas: Geraldine Faherty & Adrian King

Sallins: Keith Murphy, Emer McCarthy & Dermot McGilloway

Two Mile House: Paula Clancy & Suzanne Powell.

All of the above can be contacted through the Parish Office, Sallins Road, Naas. Phone 045 879730.

Diocesan Designated Liaison Person: Mr Mick Daly

Deputy Diocesan Liaison Person: Ms Michele Hughes

C/o Bishop's House, Dublin Rd, Carlow. 085 802 1633

FEAST AND MEMORIAL DAYS FOR THE COMING WEEK:

Mon. 10th June: The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church

St Columba, Abbot and Missionary

Tues. 11th June: St Barnabas, Apostle

Thurs. 13th June: St Anthony of Padua, priest and doctor of the Church

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

NAAS/TMH:

Jack Hiney, Gleann na Riogh

MAY HE REST IN PEACE



Cemetery Mass at St Corbans Cemetery will take place on Wednesday, 21st August 2019 at 7.30pm. Please note that there will be NO 7.30pm Mass in Ballycane Church on this evening.

RECENT BAPTISMS

NAAS:

Odhran Noel Goff, Oldtown Walk

Daire Samuel Brophy, The Crescent

Conor Michael O'Halloran, Jigginstown

Fiadh Bracken, Caragh Court

Billy Clancy Dixon, Craddockstown

TMH:

Isla Sarah Rose Campbell, Hillside

SALLINS:

Georgia Brady, Oldtown

Sonnagh James Nunn, Oldbridge

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

NAAS PARISH NEWS

Weekday Mass Change for July and August: 7.30pm Mass **only** on Monday and Wednesday evenings in CIM, Ballycane. Adoration at this Church will finish at **5pm on Fridays** during this period. Mass will be celebrated as usual on Friday evenings at 7pm in Two Mile House.

Naas Apostolic Work Society are holding their Annual Diocesan Display of Work with grand draw and cake sale on Sunday 16th June after 12 o'clock Mass in the Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane to raise funds for missionary work. Your generosity would be much appreciated.



St Joseph's Young Priest Society next meeting takes place tomorrow, Monday 10th June, at 8pm in Ballycane Church with Adoration. Finishes at 9.30pm.



Clean-up of Ballycane Church

Grounds: Would you be free tomorrow, Monday 10th June, from 7pm - 8.30pm to help sweep, edge grass, tidy shrubs and clear weeds and litter etc. in Ballycane Church grounds? We would love to see you there! Please bring a spade, hoe or brush if possible! Paper pickers and some gloves will be supplied. Meet at Ballycane Church car-park. Naas Tidy Towns will also be on hand to help with the general Ballycane area. **Thank you!**

Rosary: The Rosary is recited before all weekday Masses in our two Naas Churches commencing a half hour before the scheduled Mass time. Please join us if you can or on Parish Radio, 107.3FM, or by Parish webcam.

Every Wednesday, in OLSD, Naas from 2pm-3.30pm a member of the Legion of Mary prays the Holy Rosary for Priests. Everyone is welcome for all or part of the Rosary.

Mothers Prayers in Ballycane Church every Wednesday at 8.15pm. All welcome.

Holy Face of Jesus Prayer Meeting every Wednesday after the 7.30pm Mass/Prayer Services in Room 2, COIM, Ballycane. Please call Caoimhe on 085 2525612 if you would like more information.

SALLINS PARISH NEWS

Cemetery Mass at Bodenstown will take place on Sunday 7th July at 12noon. There will be NO 12noon Mass in the Church on that day.

The Sallins Pilgrimage Group will travel to Lourdes on Friday coming 14th June with Spiritual Director Fr Michael. *We wish them all a safe and spiritual journey!*

TWO MILE HOUSE PARISH NEWS

Cemetery Mass at Two Mile House will take place on Sunday 7th July. Mass takes place at 11am followed by Blessing of the Graves.

GENERAL NOTICES

St Joseph's Young Priests Society - Annual Pilgrimage to Knock: Please join us on our Annual Pilgrimage on Saturday 22nd June, with the main Celebrant, Bishop Kevin Doran. Bus €20, including refreshments. Departing from various locations in Naas from 8am onwards with pick-ups in Sallins and Clane. Please contact Maureen at 087 2077044 or John at 086 8563773. Thank you.

Three day Pilgrimage to Lough Derg, Friday 5th - Sunday 7th July, pick up in Naas. For all enquiries and further info. please contact Michael Sammon at 087 6697902.

Naas GAA, u.14 Boys Football Team will represent Kildare in June in 'Féile'; Europe's Biggest Youth Competition. Please support fundraising initiatives including Pub Quiz on June 14th in Naas GAA. Thank you!

Ballycane School Family Fun Day, Saturday 15th June, 2-5pm, €5 per Family. *All welcome!*



Charity Concert "A Beautiful Celebration of Music" proudly supporting Make a Wish Foundation and The Irish Cancer Society.

Thursday 27th June, 7.30pm at the Moat Theatre, Naas. Tickets €10, all funds will be donated to the charities. Tickets are available online at www.moattheatre.com or please phone 045 883030.

Please don't forget that our Parish Office Shop (Sallins Road, Naas) is open! You might like to stop by to pick up a religious newspaper such as The Irish Catholic or perhaps a magazine including the Messenger and Magnificat. We are stocking a broad range of religious items, devotional candles, a selection of books, for both adults and children, and are offering a wide selection of gifts for Baptism, First Holy Communion, Confirmation, Weddings and other special occasions. Please also call in to the shop if you need to book an Anniversary Mass, buy a Mass Card or to purchase your Parish Lotto. We are also now displaying and selling a range of beautiful art and cards from local artist Josephine Hardiman. We are open Monday to Friday 9.30am - 5pm and also every Saturday from 9.30am - 11.30am where Mary and Esther would be happy to help you or answer any questions you may have. ***Please feel free to come in and have a browse! We hope to see you soon!***





Footie Festival - Helping to give suicide the boot! On Saturday 29th June at 10am, Naas Sports Centre will host the inaugural #OK2TalkIRL Event, a 5-a-side football festival with the incredibly special Cian Mullally Memorial Cup and Shield up for grabs. This fun day is to raise mental health awareness with all proceeds going to The Samaritans in Newbridge. Also on the day, fun for all the family with face-painting, BBQ food and outdoor music! **BOOKINGS FOR TEAMS NOW AVAILABLE:** Tickets are €140 per team of 7 players (over 16's only). For bookings and more details please go to www.facebook.com/ok2talkirl, visit www.eventbrite.ie (#OK2TalkIRL), email ok2talkirl@gmail.com or call 087 9085437. *All support for this worthy cause is greatly appreciated, thank you.*

Naas Community Men's Shed are holding their Fundraising Concert in the Osprey Hotel on Friday 14th June at 8.30pm. Tickets available from members of the Men's Shed or please contact Norman on 086 8173469.

Special Workshop with Tom Kendsia, American Composer, will take place on Thursday 13th June in Portlaoise Parish Church at 8.00pm. The cost is free, as Portlaoise Parish are very kindly sponsoring the event. Many parishes sing Tom's music such as *Stand by Me*, *We will Praise you*, *Endless is your Love*, *Out of Darkness* etc. so this will be an enjoyable evening of singing old and new music.

Naas Tidy Towns Annual Garden and Estates Competition: All entries welcome for our Annual Competition. FREE to enter! Entry forms available from Naas Library. Categories include Best Street, Best Garden, Best Estate, Best Entrance, Best Shop Front. Please return completed forms to Naas Library. **Awards Day will be in Naas Racecourse on 6th July.**



Naas Town Goes Racing! Naas Racecourse has launched a new initiative which aims to encourage locals to embrace their local racetrack and to connect with the local community in a meaningful way. This initiative will include various activities over the next few months including an art competition for schools and a Naas Tidy Towns Competition. **The Naas Town Goes Racing will take place on Saturday 6th July.** The day itself will feature top class racing and will include lots of activities for families and children including face painting, novelty mascot characters, live music and a BBQ. For more details please contact Jackie Donohue at Naas Racecourse on 045 897391.

Irish Church Music Association (ICMA): Celebrating 50 years with special guest Fr Michael Joncas. The 50th Summer School will take place in St Patricks College Maynooth from 1st-5th July. For more info. please phone 01 708 3478.

Found: Small grey address book has been handed in to the Parish Office, Sallins Road. Please phone us or drop in to the office if you think this may be yours.

Sports Lottery Results:

Naas: 30/5 (1-4-11-27) No Winner, Jackpot €10,000

Sallins: 4/6 (3-10-17-22) No Winner, Jackpot €4,400

Parish Finances:

Sallins: Baskets: €725 Envelopes: €390

Naas: Offertory: €3145 Development Fund: €3515

Two Mile House: €555



Naas Parish Weekly Lotto Draw

You could Win €2,400

on Wednesday, 12th June in the Parish Lotto Draw

The draw takes place at **6.30pm** at the Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane and all are welcome to attend the draw.

There was NO WINNER of the Jackpot on Wednesday last, 5th June.

Numbers Drawn were 27-17-6-1;

Winners of the Lucky Dip 4 x €100 prizes were: J.&M. Brogan, J. McNally, J. Keogh, A. Horan

Tickets are available from the Parish Offices and can also be purchased from Whelans Menswear, Nolans Butchers, Barker & Jones, The Stationery Store, The Soda Bread Shop, Gouldings Hardware and Swans on the Green.