

Parish Newsletter

**Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
15th September 2019**



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Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

**Beginning on Friday 4th October and continuing until Saturday
12th October.**

Full line up of speakers to be announced.

NEW PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL FOR NAAS?

Christian communities are guided by the Spirit as they journey together across the waves of time. Christ is the light that brings focus and hope to that journey. The ultimate goal of that journey is the Father's house, the place where justice, truth and peace will be at home. Yet that journey in itself, with all the joys and hopes, fears and pains that accompany us, is important.

That sounds like a great deal of theological language, but it is good to be reminded of the bigger picture of our Christian faith and the adventure that is the Christian life. Every step of that journey is important. Deciding where and how we must do things is under the influence of the Spirit and in the light of Christ's presence, but, as Pope Francis, constantly reminds us, we need to discern and act as we move along that way.

Let's take a biblical example. The figure of Abraham in the Book of Genesis is often credited with being the Father of believers. Why? We might imagine that it must have been easy, that Abraham was sure and certain and he could see God and do deals with him directly. Yet the Scriptures are not so clear. As a man of seventy-five, he set out on a journey. It was a huge responsibility and adventure to leave his own place and set out in search of that place to which God was calling him. Yet he did it. He took on that responsibility. When he made mistakes, he brushed himself down and set out again. When he was asked to take the biggest risk of his life, he tried to find a way to keep going and muster courage. That is why he represents the great figures of faith.

As a Christian community, we also need discernment, courage and direction. We find these in the gathering of People for the Sunday Mass, but we often need to distill what the Spirit is saying to us and to concentrate minds and hearts to focus on this journey of faith. We do this in quiet prayer (and many people devote hours each week to prayer for the parish), we do it in acts of service and care, and we do it together as a group in the Pastoral Council.

Pastoral Council is merely a new term for a reality that has always existed: the sense that people together can discern and gain the light needed for the path that will lead the community in the great adventure of faith. It is a responsibility and a privilege to work together and to pool talents, gifts and insights to find new paths for the Christian community.

As we now recruit for a new pastoral council, we invite you to consider participating in this endeavour. The new council will seek to bring the grace and guidance of the Spirit into practical and real steps that will guide the Parish community in the next three years in the great tradition of faith.

Please consider offering to serve on the Parish Pastoral Council over the next three years. To register your interest or to find out more information, please go to the back page of the newsletter. Training for the new Parish Pastoral Council will take place in November.

See back page 

PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION

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PARISH WEBSITE: www.naasparish.ie

PARISH OFFICE Tel.: 045 879 730

Opening Hours: Monday to Friday 10am to 5pm

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SACRISTY OUR LADY AND ST DAVID: Tel 045 856 925

BALLYCANE OFFICE AND SACRISTY : Tel 045 895 629

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

Safeguarding Policy displayed in all Church Porches.

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. 16th Sept.: St Cornelius, Pope

St Cyprian, Bishop

Sat. 21st Sept.: St Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist

RECENT BAPTISMS

NAAS

James Oliver Elliffe, Millbridge Way

Darragh Dempsey, Lakelands

Noah James Cowin, Oldbridge Station

Olivia Piper Leydon, Morell Court

Millie Louise de Bromhead, Naas

TMH

Dean Thaddeus Coughlan, Naas

Sienna Grace Coughlan, Naas

Carter Jay Coughlan, Naas



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

"THOSE WHO DIE IN GRACE GO BUT TO GOD

AND GOD IS VERY NEAR"


NAAS/SALLINS:

Jim Foxe, Kingsfurze Avenue

MAY HE REST IN PEACE

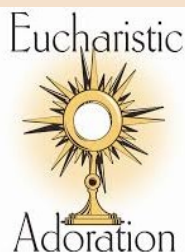


NAAS PARISH NEWS

 We would like to say a big thank you to Deacon Fergal O'Neill for all his hard work, time and commitment over the last few years in preparing the rota for the Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. Mary McManus will now be taking over this role and can be contacted in the Parish Office, Sallins Road.

TOUCH IRELAND - 'Supporting Vulnerable Children in "Our World"' will hold a Church gate collection in Naas this weekend, 14th/15th September. All money raised will go towards the first children/adolescent psychiatric hospital in Kathmandu, Nepal. All support appreciated.

Padre Pio meeting on Wednesday 18th September after the 7.30pm Mass in Ballycane Church.



ARK Youth Group will be having Adoration of the Eucharist with music and reflections in Ballycane Day Chapel this coming Thursday 19th September, 4.30-5pm. All welcome.

Legion of Mary Annual Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Knock Shrine, Sunday 29th September. Please contact Aileen on 087 995 9922 or Eileen on 087 262 8577.



Ballycane Church Choir welcomes new members! We sing at the 10.30am Mass most Sundays. Practice nights vary. For further details, please ph. 087 235 2545.

SALLINS PARISH NEWS

Vincent de Paul: Vincents shop at the Waterways, Sallins are looking for volunteers. If you are interested, please call in to the shop and chat with shop manager for all further details. Thank you!

TWO MILE HOUSE PARISH NEWS

There will be NO Morning Masses in TMH from Tuesday 24th - Friday 27th September. Friday evening Mass as usual at 7pm.

GENERAL NOTICES



Preparations for the Sacramental Programme for First Holy Communion and Confirmation within our Parish

are now well underway and we will be holding **Parent's Sacramental Meetings** this week as follows: **Tuesday 17th September: Ballycane Church** for children who attend Mercy Convent, Scoil Bhríde, Holy Child, Gaelscoil and St Corbans schools. **Wednesday 18th September: Sallins Church** for children who attend Sallins school. And **Thursday 19th: TMH Church** for children who attend TMH and Killashee schools. Meetings will take place on the above days at 7pm for parents with children in 2nd Class and at 8pm for those with children in 6th class. *All information and dates for the Sacraments will be provided at these meetings.*

Online Registration is open for Communion and Confirmation 2020. Any candidate for First Holy Communion or Confirmation who would like to apply for the Sacrament in the coming year 2019/2020, please visit naasparish.ie to register. Please note that this will close automatically on *Fri. 18th October 2019*. Any candidate who wishes to apply and who is outside of the Parish school system, please make contact with the Parish Office, Sallins Road on 045 879 730 as soon as possible. Thank you.

Coffee Morning: Naas Lions Club and Lawlors of Naas are holding a morning fundraiser event for Friends of St Brigid's Hospice, Curragh in Lawlors Hotel on Thursday 19th September, 10am-11.30am. Please join us! All proceeds help to support hospice/homecare palliative services in the Kildare and West Wicklow area.

2019 National Ploughing Championships: Visit the Diocesan Stand, 399, Block 3, Row 18 from September 17th-19th. Bishop Denis and the Diocesan team are looking forward to welcoming people at this stand. Come in for a cuppa, a chat, some blessed salt and more. Prayer at noon each day.

Update: The Irish Cancer Society would like to thank everyone who supported and contributed to their recent Church gate collection, updated amounts collected in each Parish; Ballycane €1524.26, OLSD €1125.59, Sallins €482.81, TMH €311.55. Thank you to all.

Naas Active Retirement: Members only meeting this Wednesday 18th September at 2pm in Naas Community Centre, Sallins Road.

Naas Community Men's Shed are holding a coffee morning on Friday 20th September, 11am-1pm, at their new shed on the Dublin Road for St Brigid's Hospice, Curragh. Everyone welcome!

The Arthritis Ireland Kildare Branch Church gate collection will take place next weekend, 21st and 22nd September. All funds raised locally are spent in Kildare.

Cake Sale in aid of "Pastimes Choir" for people with Alzheimer's and Dementia, Sunday 22nd September, 10am-1pm, in McAuley Place tea rooms. All welcome.

A special Mass to celebrate the Feast of St Pio takes place in St Mary's Church, Edenderry on Monday evening, 23rd September at 7.30pm. After Mass, St Pio's glove will be available for all who wish to be blessed.

Safeguarding Sunday: Bishop Nulty, together with the Diocesan Safeguarding Committee, are happy to announce the first safeguarding Sunday event in the Diocese of Kildare & Leighlin. Safeguarding Sunday will take place on Sunday 29th September in all Parishes across the Diocese.



Involved in Parish Ministry? A day of prayer, reflection, good company and renewal for Parish Ministers. *'Rooted in Christ and the Joy of His Gospel'* led by Fr Martin Delaney, Mount St Anne's, Killenard, Portarlinton, Co. Laois. Saturday 12th October, 10.30am- 4pm. €10 per person, for all enquires and to book your place please contact Faith Development Services asap on 059 916 4084 or email fds@kandle.ie.

Open invitation to join Nás na Rí Singers for a free and fun Culture Night event on Friday 20th Sept. An open rehearsal, 8pm at the former Dara Cinema Naas, now known as 'Church on Main Street' opposite the new Dunnes Stores. A fun evening of singing followed by refreshments.



Season of Creation: Caring for our Common Home: What can we do in our home and Parish? An afternoon gathering as part of the Season of Creation - An Gairdín Beo, A Living

Garden for Carlow, Old Dublin Rd., Carlow (beside St Leo's College). Saturday 5th October, 2.30-5pm, registration at 2.15pm. Booking advised as spaces are limited, fds@kandle.ie, 059 916 4084.

The Irish Cancer Society is looking for volunteers to drive patients to and from their chemotherapy treatments in all public hospitals nationwide. Volunteers will need their own car but all expenses are paid. If you have two free days a month (Monday - Friday) and an active email address, we would love to hear from you. Please call Laura on 01 2310 594 or email transport@irishcancer.ie. For more info. please visit www.cancer.ie.

Are you in your 40s/50s? The Dublin 40somethings organise spiritual and social events for people in their 40s/50s in Dublin and surrounding areas who have a Catholic ethos. We invite you to come along and get involved! Next monthly gathering is at Trinity City Hotel, Pearse Street, Dublin 2, 8.30pm, Friday 4th October. Come along or contact us on dublin40somethings@gmail.com or phone 087 760 8268 for more info. on our events.

Monread Indoor Bowling Club: at Monread Community Centre. Every Tuesday 8-10pm. New members welcome.

Bridge Classes for Beginners in Naas Lawn Tennis Club (junior room) commencing on Monday 23rd September 8-10pm. Enrolment at 7.45pm. Contact Bert on 07 922 0233 or email bertmckay538@gmail.com.



10 Week Guitar Learning Programme starts in Ballycane Parish Centre on Thursday 26th September. For more information or to enrol please call 087 777 6000 or email homeguitaracademy@gmail.com.

The Irish Girl Guides Naas Brownie Units (7-10 years) have a small number of vacancies for this September and are accepting names for next years waiting list. We also welcome Mums to join us as leaders. For all further info. please contact Lisa on 086 832 5168 or Denise on 087 232 2422 or visit www.irishgirlguides.ie.

Bridge in St Davids Club resumes play on Wednesday 2nd October in Care of the Aged, Newbridge Road. New members most welcome. All enquiries to Catherine at 087 220 0005.

Sports Lottery Results:

Naas: 05/09 (9-10-17-21) No Winner, Jackpot €10,000

Sallins: 09/09 (4-6-8-27) No Winner, Jackpot €5,800

Parish Finances:

Sallins: Baskets: €675 Envelopes: €305

Naas: Offertory: €3,000 Development Fund: €3,010

Two Mile House: €540



Naas Parish Weekly Lotto Draw

You could Win €5,900 on Wednesday, 18th September in the Parish Lotto Draw

The draw takes place at 6.30pm at the Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane .

There was NO WINNER of the Jackpot on Wednesday last, 11th September.

Numbers Drawn were 8-6-24-21;

NAAS PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

I am interested in finding out more information about the new Naas Parish Pastoral Council...

Name _____ Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Please complete the above information and leave this slip in to the Parish Office, Sallins Road.

Alternatively, if you would prefer to email us to express your interest, you can email Sarah/Katie on office@naasparish.net.

We will be in touch with you in due course with all further details. Information night and training to be held in November.