

Parish Newsletter

**Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
22nd September 2019**



No: 1720

Lk 16:1-13

Going for "Nine-in-a-row".

Brexit, beef and "five-in-a row" seem to dominate our airwaves and our conversations of late. With due respect to the Dubs and to those involved in the intricacies of negotiation around these major issues, maybe a change of scene would help to restore some balance!

Let's imagine, for a minute, a "team" of a very different hue, who are aiming for a "nine-in-a-row"! Some are sportspeople, for sure, but others are from the world of entertainment, art and medicine. The senior member of this team is a nineteenth-century Jesuit priest, raised in the Church of Ireland, who ministered to the sick of Kildare with great kindness and faith. Alongside him, we remember a rugby player whose life and death touched many and whose legacy, in the person of his widow and children, is a ministry of hope for children and young people. A Dominican priest tells of his ministry and life in Iran, while the high notes of a soprano will spell out another story of faith. A theologian-bishop from the far side of the Shannon will echo the words of two GAA stars, who have had to grapple with such issues as the grief of loss or the danger of addiction. The custodian of the National Shrine of Our Lady of Knock will be flanked by one who remembers the darker days of the "Troubles" in the North.

Our "nine-in-a-row" team will kick off on Friday 4th October at 7.30pm Mass. This will be our annual novena under the patronage of Our Lady of Perpetual Help. The tradition of a "novena" (which literally means "nine-in-a-row") goes back to the nine days of prayer of the disciples and Mary, the Mother of God, between the Ascension and the gift of the Spirit at Pentecost.



Former Armagh football legend Oisín McConville who will speak on the Tuesday evening of the Novena.

In these days of prayer, we name as our model in faith the Mother of Tenderness particularly as she is remembered in a beautiful icon preserved in Rome called the "Perpetual Succour." The icon is quite ancient and it depicts Mary holding the infant Christ in her arms. Beside them, we see the instruments of the Passion. It seems as if the child has taken fright at the sight of these instruments of torture, even to the extent that one of his sandals is almost falling from his foot, but he runs to the arms of his mother for comfort and succour (an old word for help). In the same way, Christians have turned to the prayers of the Mother of God for that same "succour" over the years. An image of this icon was brought to Ireland by the Redemptorists when they started their mission here and it has gained a place of affection in the spirituality of many Irish people. Blessed Edmund Rice sought the help of Our Lady under this title and often entrusted the boys in his care to her guidance. Even Michael Collins, some would say, had a particular devotion to this image and the help offered by Mary to those who might have to look at the instruments of terror. Countless people, over the last two hundred years have gathered in prayer to ask for guidance and help.

In that tradition, we will gather for those nine days. We gather to pray together and to seek the help and prayers of Our Lady. We gather as a community, young and old, from all sorts of backgrounds and with all manner of intention. It is a privileged moment of prayer and solidarity.

PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION

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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.

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. 23rd Sept.: St Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio), Priest
St Eunan (Adomnán), abbot

Fri. 27th Sept.: St Vincent de Paul, Priest

RECENT BAPTISMS

NAAS

Matthew George Goodwin, Ashgrove

Evan Christopher Delaney, Oldtown Demesne



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

NAAS/SALLINS:

John Edward Kelly, Carragh Road

Bridget Farrell, Abbey Road

Mary (May) Rogers, late of Larchfield Nursing Home



MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

NAAS PARISH NEWS

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 for all further information.

Online Registration is open for Communion and Confirmation 2020. Any candidate who would like to apply for the Sacraments of First Holy Communion or Confirmation 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.

SALLINS PARISH NEWS

Féile na Sollán, 3ú-6ú Deireadh Fómhair. Sonraí feilenasollan.com. Fáilte roimh cách. **Sallins Tradfest** 3rd - 6th October, further details available at feilesollan.com. All are very welcome!

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.

NOTICE BOARD

A special Mass to celebrate the Feast of St Pio takes place in St Mary's Church, Edenderry tomorrow evening, 23rd September at 7.30pm.

An Afternoon Vigil of Prayer in reparation for Ireland's turning away from God, takes place, Saturday 28th September from 2pm-5pm in White Abbey Church, Kildare Town. Holy Mass, Rosary and Holy Face Prayers. Holy Face of Jesus relic and blessed oil from shrine of Holy Face Tours, France available. (Ph. 085 252 5612)

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 all involved in Parish Ministry, led by Fr Martin Delaney, Mount St Anne's, Killenard, Co. Laois. Saturday 12th October, 10.30am- 4pm. €10 per person, places are limited so please book with Faith Development Services by 8th October on 059 916 4084 or email fds@kandle.ie.

KARE Naas: A sincere thank you to all collectors and everyone who supported the recent collection. Thanks to Swans, Supervalu, Credit Union and Tesco for making the collection possible. All money collected will go towards a new bus for Kare Centre, Blessington Rd. Naas. Total collected for Naas was €3,784.98.



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

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

Nás Na Riogh Active Retirement Association will meet on Wednesday 25th Sept., 2pm in the Townhouse Hotel.

Gala Night-Friends of Naas Hospital The Dublin Gospel Choir & the Kilcullen Gospel Choir will perform together in concert on Fri. 11th October at 7.30pm in St Brigid's Church, the Curragh, in order to raise money for Friends of Naas General Hospital. Tickets €15 each, from Naas Parish Office, Friends of Naas Hospital Committee Members & Naas Hospital reception.

The Alzheimer Café Evening takes place on Wednesday 25th September, 7-9pm in McAuley Place tea rooms. Michelle Grogan, a social worker, will speak about services available & how they can be of benefit to people.

Naas Toastmasters: Meeting at 8pm, Wednesday 25th September in Naas Townhouse Hotel. Improve your communication and leadership skills. Guests welcome.

A meeting of the Kildare Branch of the Retired Civil and Public Service Association will take place in the Town House Hotel, Naas on Thursday 26th September. Teas/coffees will be served from 11am. Council officers/members will be in attendance and will provide updates on recent developments.

The Count and the Tenor - The Music of John McCormack presented by Celtic Tenor, Matthew Gilsenan. The Moat Theatre, Saturday 28th September at 8pm. Tickets €18.

The Irish Cancer Society is looking for volunteers to drive patients to and from their 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 (Mon.-Fri.) and an active email address, we would love to hear from you. Please call Laura on 01 2310 594 or email transport@irishcancer.ie, www.cancer.ie.

Sports Lottery Results:

Naas: 12/09 (1-7-12-22) No Winner, Jackpot €10,000

Sallins: 16/09 (11-12-14-27) No Winner, Jackpot €5,900

Parish Finances:

Sallins: Baskets: €660 Envelopes: €345

Naas: Offertory: €3,600 Development Fund: €2915

Two Mile House: €575

Naas Parish Weekly Lotto Draw

You could Win €6,150 on Wednesday, 25th 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, 18th September.

Numbers Drawn were 3-9-18-10;



Monthly Communion Masses: As part of the preparation for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion, next weekend 28th/29th September, our 2nd class children within the Parish are invited to the first of the monthly Communion Masses. It is suggested that children cut out the Angel template below, colour it in, either in school or at home, and bring it to Mass. The child's name and members of their family can be written into the rainbow and they will be prayed for during the Mass. There will be baskets placed on the Altar where they can leave the Angel as they come in. These baskets will then be brought up as part of the offertory procession. This is a nice opportunity for the children to learn the Prayer written on the angel which can be said at home with their Family.

The monthly Communion Masses will take place next weekend, 28th and 29th September, throughout our Parish as follows:

OLSD, Naas: *Saturday 6pm Mass and Sunday 11am Mass.*

CIM, Ballycane: *Sunday 12 noon Mass.*

TMH Church: *Sunday 11am Mass.*

Sallins Church: *Sunday 12 noon Mass.*

