

Parish Newsletter



**Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
8th September 2019**

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Autumnal Birthdays

One of the striking things about life in Ireland is how marked the change in the seasons can be. The shortening evenings, the ripe apples, the little chill in the evenings and mornings that sets us looking for a warmer jumper, all these help to push us into a natural reflectiveness: time is changing, seasons are moving, old realities are coming to a close and doors are opening to new and exciting possibilities.

These days see their fair share of anniversaries. I write these words on 3rd September, conscious that eighty years ago a war broke out in Europe that brought this old world to within an inch of bleeding to death in years of conflict, hunger and suffering.

In a few days, echoes of 9/11, the day in 2001 when the World Trade Centre in New York was attacked, will reverberate again. Few of us could ever have understood what those events on that autumn day would mean.

Yet not all the birthdays of this time of the year are quite so anguished! In the Church's liturgical calendar, we celebrate three birthdays: the birth of John the Baptist, the birth of Christ Our Lord and the birthday of the Blessed Virgin.

The two men's birthdays are strategically placed at the longest and the shortest days: John the Baptist's birthday is mid-summer, just as the daylight begins to wane, while Christ's birthday is celebrated in midwinter, as the sunlight returns to vanquish darkness, almost in fulfillment of John's prophecy that "He (Christ) must increase while I (John) must decrease." Dramatically, then, the birthdays of the two cousins come at these two poles of the year, as one sun dies and another rises.

Today, 8th September, is the other birthday celebration. In this autumnal gentleness, we remember the birth of the mother of Jesus, Mary. Different legends abound about how and where she was born, but the essence of the stories is the reminder that Mary shares in the story of her people, chosen to be the People where God would be present in a world that has often exiled him. As God was present in this people, so He is present in Mary as she shares in that vocation of her people, to be the place where God can be present.

To be the place where God can be present, to be a living Temple of God in a quiet way, to be an "autumnal" reminder that, as leaves fall, as seasons change, as time moves, God is present, that is the essence of celebrating the birthday of Mary.

As times and seasons change and new realities come to be born and old realities fall with the autumn leaves, there is a powerful message in the Feast of Our Lady's Birthday: in new and fresh ways, God can be present to his people. We sometimes celebrate the memory of the past, the hazy days of our summers too much to realize that, in the falling leaves of memory, new ways to allow God to be present can be born. As autumn challenges us to stop and think, remember that: today is born a new way to allow the God of love to be present to a world that needs him!



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.

Picture of Mary Kennedy, who spoke at last year's Novena.

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.

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. 9th Sept.: St Ciaran, Abbot

Fri. 13th Sept.: St John Chrysostom, Bishop

Sat. 14th Sept.: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

RECENT BAPTISMS

Thomas Laurence Grace, Craddockstown

Sophie May Cullinan, The Gallops

Caoilainn Jo Daly, Sallins

Emily Amber Brady, Lacken View

Alex Joshua Adam Kudranski, Naas



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

NAAS/SALLINS:

Anne Nolan, St Conleth's Place

Seán Heffernan, St Bridget's Terrace, Sallins

Getta Collins, Cork

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE



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

NAAS PARISH NEWS

Autumn Collection in support of the Priests of the Parish will take place at all Masses this weekend.

TOUCH IRELAND - 'Supporting Vulnerable Children in "Our World"' are holding a Church gate collection in Naas next weekend, Sat. 14th and Sun. 15th September. This year, all the money raised will go towards the first children/adolescent psychiatric hospital in Kathmandu, Nepal. All support appreciated.

St. Joseph's Young Priests Society: next meeting will take place tomorrow, Monday 9th September, after 7.30pm Mass in CIM, Ballycane.

Legion of Mary Annual Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Knock Shrine, Sunday 29th September. For all information and times of buses, please contact Aileen on 087 995 9922 or Eileen on 087 262 8577.

The Legion of Mary meet every Thursday morning at 11am in Room 2, CIM, Ballycane. New members very welcome.



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 in Room 2, COIM, Ballycane. Please call Caoimhe on 085 2525612 for more information.

Children's Parish Choir, Our Lady & St Davids Church, Sallins Road, Naas: Practice for choir will resume on Thursday 12th September after school and will continue on Thursday weekly. Children will sing at 6pm Mass at least once a month. All children are very welcome, old and new choir members alike.



Ballycane Church Choir welcomes new members! Choir practice will resume on Monday 9th September at 8pm in the Church. We welcome Sopranos, Altos, Tenors and especially basses. Would you like to join us? You are most welcome, just turn up for the practice! We have 50 members and sing at the 10.30am Mass most Sundays. Practice nights vary. For further details, please ph. 087 235 2545.

SALLINS PARISH NEWS

Autumn Collection in support of the Priests of the Parish will take place at all Masses this weekend.

Confessions take place on Thursdays from 2-4pm.

Tuesday Club in Sallins resumes on Tuesday 10th September in Sallins Community Centre. New members very welcome.



Vincent de Paul: Vincents shop at the Waterways, Sallins are looking for volunteers. 'Can you spare a half day a week to help out in one of the oldest charitable organisations in Ireland while also helping your local community?' Call in to the shop and chat with shop manager for all further details. Thank you!

TWO MILE HOUSE PARISH NEWS

Weekday Morning Mass is celebrated from Monday - Thursday at 9.15am. Friday evening Mass at 7pm.

GENERAL NOTICES

The Irish Cancer Society would like to thank everyone who supported and contributed to their recent Church gate collection, please see below updated totals collected in each Parish;

Total collected in Naas Parish was €1524.26.

Total collected in Sallins Parish was €482.81.

Total collected in TMH Parish was €311.55.

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.

Ecumenical Service in St David's Church, Main Street, Naas takes place today. Sunday 8th September at 11am, celebrating the new school year. Theme for this is "Welcoming the Stranger". All are 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. Everyone welcome.

The Pope John Paul II Award National Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine will take place on Friday 27th Sept. 2019. Over 1,100 young people from across the country attended this free youth pilgrimage last year. The theme this year is 'Life to the Full' - Positive Friendships - Your Parish Needs You Now! Starting at 11am, finishing approx. 3pm. If you are interested and are between the age of 16 and 18, please contact the K&L Diocesan co-ordinator by email, cathriona.kelly@kandle.ie.

Found: Ladies pearl bracelet in OLSD Church, Naas. Also found, set of Rosary beads, Main Street, Naas. Please contact Parish Office, Sallins Road.

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.

Nás Na Riogh Active Retirement Association will meet on Wednesday 11th September at 2pm in the Townhouse Hotel, Newbridge Road, Naas.



The Irish Girl Guides Naas Brownie Units (age 7-10 years) have a small number of vacancies for this September and are also accepting names for next years waiting list. We also welcome Mums to join us as leaders. Naas FairyFlax Brownies meet on Wednesdays in Naas Community Centre from 6.45-7.45pm, and Naas Brownies meet on Mondays in Naas GAA from 7-8pm. For further info. contact Lisa on 086 832 5168 or Denise on 087 232 2422 or visit www.irishgirlguides.ie.

Naas Toastmasters Open Night takes place on Wed. 11th September at 8pm in Naas Townhouse Hotel. Improve your communication and leadership skills. Guests welcome.

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.



Irish Wheelchair Association's Coastal Camino Walk 2019 is suitable for people of all age groups and all levels of fitness,

following a trail of 103km from the maritime city of Vigo to wonderful Santiago de Compostela next October. All funds raised will go directly towards helping us to continue to deliver vital services to people with disabilities. If you would like to sign up or find out more please visit www.iwa.ie, phone Jacqui on 086 1284124 or email Jacqui.oconnor@iwa.ie.

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, this day aims to communicate our safeguarding message in a creative and innovative way.

Alpha Training Evening: A training evening will be held for those interested in hosting an Alpha course in their home Parish on Tuesday 17th October from 6.30-9.30pm in Carlow Cathedral Parish Centre. Refreshments will be provided before the training. There is no cost to attend and you will be equipped to facilitate an Alpha course after the evening concludes. This is a fantastic opportunity for Parish Pastoral Councils and other Parish groups to bring the joy of the Gospel to their Parishes. To register and for further info. please contact Philip at 059 913 1227 or email alphacarlow01@gmail.com.

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 RSA's 'Check it Fits' Service is coming to Naas! This service is quick, easy and free. Experts on the day will advise you on how to fix any problem with your child's car seat, demonstrate how to fit

the restraint correctly and answer any queries you may have. Their aim is to put your mind at ease that your child's car seat is safely and securely fitted in your car. RSA experts will be in Naas Retail Park, Jigginstown on Thursday 26th September from 10am-5.30pm.

Upcoming events at Naas Library including Age Friendly Events: Drumming with Dave, a great event for a grandparent to do with grandchildren and an information talk for the 'older and wiser', given by local Community Garda. TTT Talk: Visual Strategies & self-management designed to aid individuals who find language difficult to understand. Parenting Talks & Workshops: 'helping your child to behave well' and parent and toddler yoga. All events are free of charge and open to everyone. Booking is required for most events. For all further info. on events, dates and times, please contact Naas Library on 045 879 111 or email Kildare.ie/library.

Sports Lottery Results:

Naas: 29/08 (11-13-18-21) No Winner, Jackpot €10,000

Sallins: 02/09 (7-9-19-28) No Winner, Jackpot €5,700

Parish Finances:

Sallins: Baskets: €755 Envelopes: €595

Naas: Offertory: €3710 Development Fund: €3730

Two Mile House: €450



Naas Parish Weekly Lotto Draw

You could Win €5,650

on Wednesday, 11th September 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, 4th September.

Numbers Drawn were 10-8-25-16;

Winners of the Lucky Dip €100 prizes were: M. Goggins, N. Mahon, D. Conway

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.