

Parish Newsletter

**Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
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Knowing where we are going...

We would think it foolish to set out on a journey without knowing where we were going. In a broad sense, of course, our pilgrimage through life is largely a path into the unknown, a journey towards the destiny God sets for us. The Maccabee Family whose martyrdom is reported in the first reading, believed very firmly that God had a place for them beyond death. The faith in the after-life expressed by each of them at the point of death is the most explicit in non-Christian Jewish literature. During this month of the Holy Souls, it is good to recall our faith in the resurrection of the body, and the Church's teaching about those who have gone before us and what kind of help we can hope to give them.

It is the Catholic tradition that for all those who die without fully repenting their sins, there is a purification in the next life. We also believe that the departed in Purgatory should be prayed for by those living, and especially through offering Mass on their behalf. Any ideas people may have about it are pure guesswork. The Curé of Ars, Saint John Vianney, when asked about the life hereafter said very simply, *"I know nothing of tomorrow, except that the love of God will rise before the sun."*

Jesus promises at the Last Supper, *"In my Father's house there are many rooms and I am going to prepare a place for you."* While this offers us great hope it should not make us complacent, for we are daily challenged to choose between right and wrong, in order to follow the Lord of Life. If we do not live as God wants we feel an inner sense of unease. In his epic poem "The Dream of Gerontius" Saint John Henry Newman described Purgatory as a healing process, preparing us for God's presence. But the Lord is there to heal that soul and draw us into heaven. This is what we pray for the Holy Souls in this month of November.

"Whatever the relationships between us on earth, before God in heaven we are simply his children. Becoming caught up in God's beautiful dance of love will be the only thing to preoccupy us in paradise. We know love as husbands, wives, children and parents but, strong as it is, that love is only a shadow of God's for us. Whatever we try to imagine about heaven, that love will be the most wonderful surprise of all"

Extract taken from Homily
by Fr Brian Fitzpatrick, Lurgan, Co Armagh



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Safeguarding Policy displayed in all Church Porches.

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN PARISH REPRESENTATIVES

Naas: Geraldine Faherty & Adrian King

Sallins: Keith Murphy, Emer McCarthy & Dermot McGilloway

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All of the above can be contacted through the Parish Office, Sallins Road, Naas Phone 045 879 730

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FEAST AND MEMORIAL DAYS FOR THE COMING WEEK

Mon. 11th Nov.: St Martin of Tours, Bishop

Tues. 12th Nov.: St Josaphat, Bishop & Martyr

RECENT BAPTISMS

Lexi Ann Jackson, Hazelmere

Grace Anne Dempsey, Oldtown

Oisín Patrick Dempsey, Oldtown

Olly Keith Proctor, Mountain View

Shay Cathal Kane, Morrell Crescent

Méabh Aoileann Flynn, Sallins Wharf

Femhe Eile Flynn, Sallins Wharf

James Patrick Finnegan Rowe, Sallins Wharf

Todd Reed McCormack, The Waterways

"THOSE WHO DIE IN GRACE GO BUT TO GOD

AND GOD IS VERY NEAR"

William 'Billy' Plant, Larchfield Nursing Home

Jack Conroy, Our Lady's Place

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE



NAAS PARISH NEWS

Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane Notice:

There will be **NO** Mass and **NO** Adoration tomorrow evening, Monday 11th November in Ballycane Church. There will also be **NO** Adoration on Tuesday evening, 12th November. This is due to the cleaning and drying of the carpets in the Church.

Mass and Adoration will resume as normal from Wednesday 13th November. Thank you.

St Joseph's Young Priest Society: next meeting takes place tomorrow, Monday 18th November, after 7.30pm Mass in CIM, Ballycane with Adoration until 9.30pm.

The Apostolic Work Society will hold their next meeting on Tuesday 12th November at 2pm in the meeting rooms at the Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane. New members welcome.



November Masses for the Dead: *In November, we remember our loved ones.* Petition boxes are still in the Churches should you wish to include your loved ones names.

SALLINS PARISH NEWS

Raffle in aid of Sallins Senior Citizens Annual

Christmas Party: Tickets will be on sale next weekend 16th/17th November and the weekend of 23rd/24th November after all Masses. Raffle will take place after 12 noon Mass on Sunday 24th November in the Parish Hall. All are welcome. The Annual Christmas Party is on 1st December in the Westgrove Hotel, Clane. Thank you for your continued support.



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TWO MILE HOUSE PARISH NEWS

There will **NO** morning Mass in St Peter's Church, Two Mile House on Monday 11th, Tuesday 12th and Wednesday 13th November.

Mass will resume as normal from Thursday morning 14th November. Thank you.

NOTICE BOARD

The Marian Movement of Priests Regional Cenacle for Priests and Laity will be held on Saturday 16th November at All Hallows College, Drumcondra, Dublin 9, 10.30am-5pm. Please bring a packed lunch. All are welcome.

This month's edition of 'The Furrow' contains an article by Fr John Cummins (formerly Curate in Naas who died earlier this year). The article is a reflection which he wrote on his silver jubilee, reflecting on 25 years of Priesthood. Copies of 'The Furrow' are available for sale in the Parish Shop, Sallins Road.

Choir Workshop with Fr Liam Lawton: Saturday 23rd November at Cathedral of the Assumption, Carlow from 11am-1.30pm. Cost is €10 to cover the cost of providing music. This is an opportunity for Choir members from across the diocese to meet and to sing through some repertoire that will be of use throughout the coming year. It will also include music for Advent. Choirs and/or individual choir members who wish to participate are asked to please contact Christine before Monday 18th November by phone on 059 916 4084 or by email on fds@kandle.ie.

Can you offer sanctuary to a family fleeing war in Syria? The Naas Community Sponsorship Group was set up by 10 committed Naas residents who answered the Department of Justice's call to welcome a Syrian family to their community. The group has garnered huge support from the town and is now preparing to bring a family to safety to live in our locality. We are seeking appropriate accommodation from a landlord willing to accept HAP. For all further details, please email naascsg@gmail.com. Thank you.



"Entrusted with the Word" is a three-night training course for Parish Readers offered by Kildare and Leighlin Faith Development Services.

Open to new and existing Parish Readers, the next course will take place in Scoil an Linbh Íosa, Prosperous National School, on Tuesday November 19th, 26th and December 3rd from 7.30pm-9pm. Led by Julie Kavanagh and Trish O'Neill. All who attend will receive the Diocesan Guide for Readers, as well as a Certificate of Participation. Booking is essential through Parish Office, Sallins Road on or before Friday 15th November.

Our **November Communion Masses** take place next weekend 16/17 November at the following Masses;

OLSD, Naas: Saturday 6pm (Vigil) and Sunday 11am

CIM, Ballycane: Sunday 12 noon

TMH Church: Sunday 11am

Sallins Church: Sunday 12 noon

Come and visit the Naas Parish Shop on the Sallins Road and at Ballycane Church for:



- ◆ A large Selection of Christmas Mass Bouquet Cards
- ◆ Christmas Cards
- ◆ Wide range of Religious Ornaments
- ◆ Crib Sets
- ◆ Christmas Candles
- ◆ Christmas Gifts and Rosaries
- ◆ Children's Books
- ◆ Wild Goose Gifts



All now Available!

Our new Parish Confirmation Programme commences this coming Thursday, 14th November, running over three consecutive Thursdays, from 7.30pm-8.30pm in Ballycane Church. We look forward to welcoming all children and their families who have enrolled on this programme and accompanying them on this part of their faith journey.

The Moving Crib will be opening its doors again this Christmas season on the 28th November, running until 5th January (11am-6pm daily) for its 63rd year of captivating both children and adults alike. There is no charge and all are welcome. For more info. and all details please visit stmartin.ie/crib/.

PARISH FINANCES:

Sallins: Baskets: €915 Envelopes: €515

Naas: Offertory: €4,470 Development Fund: €3,975

Two Mile House: €675

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Naas Toastmasters Meeting at 8pm on Wednesday 13th November in Naas Townhouse Hotel. Guests welcome!

Naas Community Men's Shed are holding their annual street collection on Saturday 16th and Sunday 17th November. All support greatly appreciated.

25 years of Naas Musical Society will be celebrated in style in the Moat Theatre, Naas from the 13th to the 15th November. A 'Celebration of Song' will take a waltz down memory lane recapturing the magic of lots of their past shows. Directed by the wonderful Mona Conroy, MD is Brian Brady and Choreography by Aideen Leacy. There will be plenty to entertain all musical theatre tastes! Tickets form the Moat Box Office on 045 883 030.



Naas Art Group 38th Annual

Exhibition: Sunday 17th - Wednesday 20th November in Lawlor's Hotel, Naas from 10am - 10pm daily. Closes at 4pm on Wednesday 20th November. 'The wonder of Art within...come and enjoy!'

GROW 'Mental Health and Recovery' Information Evening hosted by GROW Mental Health Organisation, Supporting Positive Mental Health, on Monday 18th November, 7pm-9pm at the Old School House, Dublin Rd., Clane. Introduction to GROW & the GROW Programme by Izabela Morris, area co-ordinator and 'Coaching to Recovery' by Niamh Gilmore, Living Proof Coach. All are welcome. For more info. please contact Izabela Morris on 086 822 3680 or visit our website on www.grow.ie.

Arthritis Ireland Kildare Branch Information Evening in Lawlor's Hotel, Naas on Wednesday 13th November at 7.30pm. Guest speaker is Mr Brendan O'Daly, Orthopaedic Surgeon who will speak on the topic 'My painful hip and knee' with questions and answers. All welcome, free admission.

The Arthritis Ireland, Kildare Branch would also like to sincerely thank everyone who supported and contributed to their church gate collections which took place in late September. All of the money collected will be spent on activities and programmes in Kildare run by the committee of volunteers. Totals collected within our Parish were Naas: €983.65, Sallins: €214.55 and Two Mile House: €191.80.

Found: Gold watch found in Our Lady & St David's Church, Naas last week. Please contact Parish Office, Sallins Road for more info.

Doctors for Life Annual Conference - the topic for this year is 'The Case against Euthanasia': This year's speakers include Professor Fr Patrick Pulcino, a Consultant Neurologist and recently ordained Catholic Priest. Other speakers include Nurses, Pharmacists, Medical Consultants, Ethicists, Philosophers, Legislators and Medical Students. The conference is directed at healthcare professionals, but is open to anyone who cares about life from conception to natural death.

Drug and Alcohol addiction knows no boundaries, You Are Not Alone, help is always available. Please contact 'You Are Not Alone' support group on 085 787 2730 for a confidential and non-judgemental service.

Clane Athletic Club welcome the Community to visit our new Athletic facility at Scoil Mhuire each Monday evening, 7.30pm-9pm. Walk, run or jog for free!

Sports Lottery Results:

Naas: 31/10 (6-13-15-17) No Winner, Jackpot €4,600

Sallins: 04/11 (3-6-10-26) No Winner, Jackpot €6,600

Parish Bingo continues every Tuesday night at 8.30pm sharp, in the Care of the Aged Centre, Newbridge Road. Big prizes and Jackpot of €710! All welcome.

NAAS PARISH WEEKLY LOTTO DRAW



You could win €7,900 on Wednesday, 13th November 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, 6th November.

Numbers Drawn were 4-8-12-27;