

Parish Newsletter

Third Sunday of Advent

Gaudete Sunday

15th December 2019



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Christmas is all around...

The sights and sounds and smells of the season are all around us. Is there a particular sound that reminds you of Advent or Christmas – perhaps a carol you’ve always loved, or the sound of jingle bells? For many, the smell of mince pies or mulled wine are real signs of Christmas. Our towns and cities are filled with wonderful sights too: festive lights and decorations, trees decked out with tinsel and baubles, while our Churches display Nativity scenes. Another common sight in the run-up to Christmas are the charity collectors we meet on the streets, singing carols or shaking buckets, urging us to give generously to a good cause. It is a feast for the senses, with these experiences often evoking warm Christmas memories and putting us in good humour. Today is known as Gaudete Sunday – Gaudete means ‘rejoice’. In our churches, the rose-coloured candle is lit on the Advent wreath to symbolise joy.

Today’s readings bring out this sense of joyful anticipation of the Lord’s coming. The people of Jesus’ time would have been familiar with Isaiah’s talk of ‘everlasting joy and gladness’. And Jesus tells us: ‘Happy is the one who does not lose faith in me’. It is this personal encounter with Jesus that we celebrate at Christmas, God becoming man, the Good News announced by John the Baptist in today’s Gospel. We have reason to be happy – let’s make this Gaudete Sunday a real celebration.

CONFESSIONS FOR CHRISTMAS

The Parish Penitential Service will take place on Friday 20th December at 7.30pm in Ballycane Church. Confessions will also take place on Saturday 21st December in OLSD, Naas beginning after 10am Mass and also on Christmas Eve, Tuesday 24th December, after 10am Mass until 1pm.

Some more pictures from our recent Parish Confirmation Programme which was held over three evenings in Ballycane Church.



Froebel Students from Maynooth who kindly assisted with the Programme.

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

Diocesan Designated Liaison Person: Mr Mick Daly

Deputy Diocesan Liaison Person: Ms Michele Hughes, c/o Bishop's House, Dublin Rd, Carlow **Phone:** 085 802 1633

FEAST AND MEMORIAL DAYS FOR THE COMING WEEK

Sun. 15th December:	Gaudete Sunday
Wed. 18th December:	St Flannan, Bishop
Fri. 20th December:	St Fachanan, Bishop
Sat. 21st December:	St Peter Canisius, Priest

RECENT BAPTISMS

Leah Sophie Teresa Rogers, Caragh Court
Hannah Maria Isabella Lalor, Monread Heights
Caitlin Joan Balfe, Ashgrove
Alex Myles Murphy, Sallins
Noah William Mallon, Mullacash
Indie-Mae Mallon, Mullacash
Joseph William Heneghan, Sallins
Danielle Dakota Dolly, Sallins
Max Stewart, Oldbridge
Ellie Delaney, Stoneleigh



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

Margaret O'Brien (nee O'Toole-McCabe),
McAuley Place

MAY SHE REST IN PEACE



NAAS PARISH NEWS

Advent Preparation for Christmas: 'Sr. Peggy's Prayers': last session on Tuesday 17th December after 10am Mass in Fr. Seán's House, Sallins Road (blue door).

Christmas Flowers/Plants: We would be most grateful for the donations of flowers (red) for the decoration of the Churches for Christmas (both Naas and Ballycane). Poinsettias are particularly welcome. **Thank you.**

Padre Pio: Next meeting will take place on Wednesday 18th December after the 7.30pm Mass in Ballycane.

St Josephs Young Priests Society meeting on Monday 16th December after the 7.30pm Mass in Ballycane Church, with Adoration until 9.30pm.

Adoration in the Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane will finish on Wednesday 18th December and will resume on Monday 6th January at 10am.

Rota for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: The Christmas Rota and the Jan.-March 2020 Rotas are now available online at naasparish.ie or hard copies can also be collected from the Parish Office, Sallins Road.

Perfect Preparation for Christmas: Afternoon retreat on Sunday 22nd December at 3pm in Ballycane Church, conducted by Fr. Liam Morgan, with holy hour, the rosary, anointing of the sick and concluding with holy mass. *St Joseph's Young Priest Society.*

Please note that the Parish Office and Shop, Sallins Road will close early on Wednesday 18th December, from **2.45pm** onwards. We will re-open on Thursday 19th December at 10am as normal. Thank you.

SALLINS PARISH NEWS

Cake Sale: 23rd Sallins Scout Group will be holding a cake sale today, Sunday 15th December after the 10am and 12 noon Masses in Sallins Community Centre. Pop in and treat yourselves to lovely cakes and buy a raffle ticket! We look forward to seeing you there!

TWO MILE HOUSE PARISH NEWS

Weekday morning Mass is celebrated from Monday to Thursday at 9.15am. Friday evening Mass at 7pm.

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PARISH FINANCES:

Sallins: Baskets: €620 Envelopes: €585

Naas: Offertory: €3670 Development Fund: €3745

Two Mile House: €520

PARISH NOTICE BOARD

Parish Shop, Sallins Road will open on Saturday 21st December from 9.30am-3.30pm.

Diocesan Reach Out Gift & Christmas Cards: This year's Parish Reach Out Gift & Card will be distributed at Masses this Weekend, Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th December. They will also be available for collection in the porches of the Churches. Please don't forget to collect yours!

Thank you to all for the support so far with collecting your Parish Envelope Box - it is greatly appreciated. Boxes are still available for collection from the Church porches and Parish office. For accurate record-keeping we ask that you please write your name and address on the first few envelopes that you return.

Please note that the Kildare Suicide Bereavement Support Group (KSBSG) will no longer provide a walk-in counselling service in Ballycane Church on Thursday nights. Appointments can be made to speak to a counsellor by phoning 086 855 4852.

St Corbans Cemetery: Visitors to the Cemetery are reminded to protect personal belongings and to not leave any valuables in their cars while at the Cemetery.

The Passion Play, Oberammergau Pilgrimage/Holiday, July 2020: There are still some places remaining if you wish to book! For all details and to book your place, please contact **Tully's Travel** directly on 059 91 36100.



Procession of Light with Remembrance Candles: To remember loved ones who can't be with us this Christmas Season. Family Friendly Event.

Please join us as the candles are placed onto the canal at the harbour, Basin St. following a special 6pm Mass & procession of light, led by a piper, going from Our Lady and St David's Church, Naas on **Saturday 21st December**. All are welcome. €5 per candle - available from Parish Office (Sallins Rd.), Whelans Menswear and Jingles. Proceeds from the candles will be used to defray expenses involved in activities during December of the Naas Town Traders Christmas Committee.

Nás Na Riogh Active Retirement Association will meet again on Wednesday 18th December at 2pm in Ballycane Church. New Members welcome.

Concern Christmas Collection (raised €1,334): Concern would like to wish all collectors and contributors a very Happy Christmas! Thank you to all for your support.

Christmas Carols by Candlelight with Celine Byrne and Kildare Choirs on Saturday 21st

December at 8pm in Church of Our Lady and St David, Naas. Main beneficiaries: Oncology Ward, Naas Hospital and Naas Parish Supporting the Homeless. Tickets are €10 and are available from the Parish Office (Sallins Road and Ballycane), Barker & Jones and McAuley Place. *Thank you for your support.*

Christmas Party in GaelCholáiste, Chill Dara on Tuesday 17th December from 12-2pm. On the day there will be Christmas carols, bingo, card games and much more! There will also be sandwiches, tea and coffee. Bilingual event - all are very welcome!

The 5th Annual Polish Christmas Carols event will be held on Sunday 29th December, 5pm in St Marys Church, Maynooth. All welcome. Event will be about an hour long, featuring some of the most beautiful Polish Christmas Carols. Admission free. Bring your singing voices!

14th Annual 'Christmas with Friends' takes place on Christmas Day, in Open Arms Church, Newbridge. This is an adult social day for those who live alone or couples looking for a Christmas with a difference or we can deliver dinner to your home. For more info. please call Anne on 086 804 2724.



"Give the earth a hug and buy a time plug" Big Congratulations to the students from Naas Community College who have made it to

Regional Finals in the SEAI One Good Idea competition which aims to combat climate change. They are now promoting and encouraging people to put into action their idea of 'Time Plugs' which offer a simple way to save energy, are very low in cost and can save you up to 40% on electricity bills. Time plugs have a switch that turns appliances off at a designated time when plugged in, therefore saving energy when appliances are not in use. More info. at www.seai.ie/onegoodidea.

Are you or have you been troubled by someone's drinking? Al-Anon Family Groups are here to help.

Meeting every Monday in Ballycane Church, 8-9.30pm (Bank Holiday Mondays - meetings on Tuesday evening 8-9.30pm). For more info. please phone 01 873 2699 or visit www.al-anon-ireland.org.

Sports Lottery Results:

Naas: 05/12 (15-16-22-24) No Winner, Jackpot €5,200
Sallins: 09/12 (1-2-5-28) No Winner, Jackpot €7,100

Naas, Sallins and Two Mile House Christmas Timetable 2019



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (PENITENTIAL SERVICE)

Friday 20th December: **Church of the Irish Martyrs** at 7:30pm

CONFESSION TIMES: Tuesday 24th December

Our Lady and St David's Church: 10:30am – 1pm

CHRISTMAS EVE MASS TIMES, Tuesday 24th December

Our Lady and St David's Church: 5pm, 7pm, 9pm and 12 midnight

Church of the Irish Martyrs: 4pm, 6pm and 8pm

Our Lady and the Guardian Angels, Sallins: 5pm, 7pm and 9pm

St Peter's Church, Two Mile House: 9pm

CHRISTMAS DAY MASS TIMES, Wednesday 25th December

Our Lady and St David's Church: 9am, 11am and 12.30pm

Church of the Irish Martyrs: 10.30am and 12noon

Our Lady and the Guardian Angels, Sallins: 10am and 12noon

St Peter's Church, Two Mile House: 11am

THURSDAY 26th DECEMBER – FRIDAY 3rd JANUARY MASSES

Our Lady & St David's Church – 10am

FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY MASS TIMES, Monday 6th January

Our Lady and St David's Church: 10am

Church of the Irish Martyrs: 12 noon and 7:30pm

Our Lady and the Guardian Angels, Sallins: 10am

St Peter's Church, Two Mile House: 11am

Normal weekday Mass Schedule resumes on Tuesday 7th January

Naas Parish Weekly Lotto Draw Results

You could win **€5,200** on Wednesday, 18th December in the Parish Lotto Draw! The draw takes place at **6.30pm** in the Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane. There was **NO WINNER** of the Jackpot on Wednesday last, 11th December! Numbers Drawn were:

28-5-14-17