

# Parish Newsletter

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Christmas Edition

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## A Message from Fr Liam

Christmas is almost upon us. And we are busy and perhaps preoccupied with all the preparations. The 'to do list' is almost complete. When we eventually do find ourselves standing before the crib, perhaps in the Church, it may be a good time to pause in silence, to rest with God, and to listen to what he might have to say to us. In that silent place, of each human heart. There, we find the simplicity of Jesus, the Son of God, wrapped in swaddling clothes, cradled in the watchful and loving gaze of Mary and Joseph.

Amid the busyness of life; its worries and stresses, in that moment of stillness, may we know, feel and experience how we too are wrapped in the love of Mary and Joseph.

The Nativity scene at Christmas is a call to simplicity. It is the realisation that what really matters in life is: human kindness, being mindful of each other, offering that helping hand. Striving to be Christ-like, of being inspired by the example of the Holy Family. In them, we find the first community of faith, and so today we carry that light of faith and hope. A light to guide, bless and sustain each and every family of our three Parishes.

May we know that divine peace, that holy right of Christmas. God's gift we pray to each one of us. Christmas can be a time when we count our blessings. And so a word of gratitude. To our faithful and dedicated Parish staff, to the hundreds of volunteers who are the back bone of our Parishes, and to you the Parishioners of Naas, Sallins and Two Mile House, thank you for your kindness, encouragement and for your wonderful support and generosity. It is deeply appreciated. Have a happy, holy and peaceful Christmas.

*Michael, Alex, Seán, Hilda, Fergal and Liam*



**We are delighted to welcome Bishop Denis Nulty to our Parish this weekend. Bishop Denis will join us to celebrate Mass, today, Sunday 22nd December, at 9am in OLSD, Naas and 10.30am in CIM, Ballycane. It is lovely to have Bishop Denis with us and we thank him for his leadership in our Diocese. We wish Bishop Denis a happy, holy and peaceful Christmas and we hope he will find time over Christmas to rest with Family and Friends.**

**The Christmas Collection in support of the Priests of the Parish will be taken up at all Masses on Christmas Day. As always, we thank you for your very kind support and generosity shown to us at all times.**

### PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION

**PRIEST ON DUTY: 085 708 8407**

**PARISH WEBSITE:** [www.naasparish.ie](http://www.naasparish.ie)

**PARISH OFFICE** Tel.: 045 879 730

**Opening Hours: Monday to Friday 10am to 5pm**

**e-mail:** [office@naasparish.net](mailto:office@naasparish.net)

**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

**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

Mon. 23rd December:	St John of Kanty, Priest
Wed. 25th December:	The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ
Thurs. 26th December:	St Stephen, First Martyr
Fri. 27th December:	St John, Apostle & Evangelist
Sat. 28th December:	The Holy Innocents, Martyrs
Sun. 29th December:	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph
Wed. 1st January:	Mary, the Holy Mother of God
Thurs. 2nd January:	St Basil & St Gregory
Fri. 3rd January:	St Munchin, Bishop

#### RECENT BAPTISMS

Tom Clifford Gilligan-Browne, Hazelmere



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

Nicolás Ó Maitiú, Rathasker Road

**MAY HE REST IN PEACE**



### NAAS PARISH NEWS



**The Parish Offices (Naas & Ballycane) will be open up to and including Christmas**

**Eve. We will finish up for the Christmas Holidays at 1pm on Christmas Eve and we will re-open and resume normal hours again from Thursday 2nd January, opening 10am-5pm.**

**The Parish Shop will also finish up on Christmas Eve at 1pm but will reopen again on Saturday 28th December from 9.30am-11.30am and will also open on Monday 30th December and Tuesday 31st December from 9.30am-11.30am. Normal hours will then resume from Thursday 2nd January, opening 9.30am-5pm.**

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

**Perfect Preparation for Christmas:** Afternoon retreat today, 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. Light refreshments will also be served on the day. *St Joseph's Young Priest Society.*

**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.

**Marion Movement Prayers for Priests:** next meeting will take place on **Saturday 4th January 2020** after 10am Mass in OLSD, Naas. All welcome.

### SALLINS PARISH NEWS

**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.

### TWO MILE HOUSE PARISH NEWS

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

## PARISH NOTICE BOARD

**The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul** would like to express their sincere thanks to all who contributed so generously to their annual collection. Your contributions will greatly assist in their work with those in need in the community this Christmas and in the year ahead. ***"Thank you and we wish you and your families a very happy and peaceful Christmas and new year."***



**The Annual Curragh Dog Walk in aid of the Kildare Animal Foundation** takes place on Sunday 29th December at noon. Meet in the trainers race day car park opposite the racecourse for this fun dog walk in aid of a great cause. Donations taken on the day - thank you for your support.



**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 and your good cheers!

### Sports Lottery Results:

Naas: 12/12 (16-18-22-28) No Winner, Jackpot €5,350

Sallins: 16/12 (5-7-9-28) No Winner, Jackpot €7,200



### **Medjugorje Parish Programme**

10th-17th June 2020. Spiritual Director is Fr. Alex. Please see posters/fliers in our Churches for full details.

Thank you.

**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.

**Ignite 2020 University Student Retreat:** A three-day retreat of fellowship, formation & faith organised by students, for students. Dublin, January 16th-18th with Jason Evert, Fr. Conor McDonough OP, Nashville Dominican Sisters, Fr. Shane Sullivan and many more. Eventbrite 'Ignite 2020' or please call 087 091 9646 for more information.

### PARISH FINANCES:

**Sallins:** Baskets: €830 Envelopes: €525

**Naas:** Offertory: €3935 Development Fund: €4195

**Two Mile House:** €760

## *NaasPoint*

*For over a year, a small group of Parishioners have been engaging with different groups and bodies to discern how we, as a Parish, might react in some way to the homelessness crisis in our country at present.*

*Locally, the Fr McVerry Trust has been active in offering accommodation to a number of people in the Kildare area in two major projects, one in Newbridge and one in Kerdiffstown. There are also people who slip through the net of the different projects for shelter and need help in a more casual way. Protecting the dignity of all involved is paramount.*

*Our proposal is NaasPoint, a new venture for the Parish in Naas in reaching out. Each Monday, for February and March, a hospitality centre will be open in the Parish centre attached to the Church of the Irish Martyrs in Ballycane.*

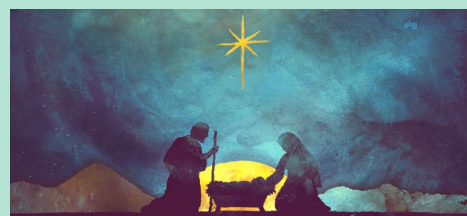
*Initial funding for this project will go towards hospitality, providing a hot meal and the general experience of worth and welcome.*

*While one morning a week for two months seems little, it is a beginning and we hope to re-examine the situation afterwards and see where and how to focus this into the future. Volunteers will be needed and practical help of all kinds will be welcome.*

*Please contact the Parish Office for more information or to offer to help. Thank you.*



# Naas, Sallins and Two Mile House Christmas Timetable 2019



## CONFESSION TIMES: Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> December

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

## CHRISTMAS EVE MASS TIMES, Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER – FRIDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> JANUARY MASSES

Our Lady & St David's Church – 10am

## FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY MASS TIMES, Monday 6<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> January

### Naas Parish Weekly Lotto Draw

There was **NO WINNER** of the €5,200 Jackpot on Wednesday last, 18th December. Numbers Drawn were: **25-1-13-2**. **Lucky Dip winners of €100** each were: P. Murray, P. Goodwin, M. McIntyre. The next draw will take place on Wednesday 8th January at 6.30pm in the Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane. All are welcome to attend the draw. Jackpot on the 8th January is **€5,450**.

### **Naas Parish Lotto Christmas Draw 18th December 2019**

**Ten winners of €100 each were:** T. Cooke, J. Higgins, B. Travers, K. Mahon, J. O'Sullivan, T. Mulholland, S. McGlynn, P. O'Flaherty, U. Hayden, M. Keating.

**Six winners of a Christmas Hamper were:** J. Colley, J. Tracey, M. Williams, J. Piggott, T. Fitzharris, Z. Walsh.

**Four winners of a Turkey & Ham Voucher were:** N. Jarrett, Sr. Maureen, M. Kilfeather, M. Moloney.

**Five winners of the Promoters Prize of €100 were:** A. Sheehan, P. Goulding, M. Harte, Parish Office, Soda Bread Shop.

*The Lotto Committee would like to thank all who continue to support our draw and we wish you all and your families a very Happy and Holy Christmas and every good wish throughout 2020.*