

# Parish Newsletter

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time  
19th January 2020



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Jn. 1:29-34

## WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

18-25 January 2020

**The theme chosen for 2020, 'they showed us unusual kindness,' finds its origins in the Acts of the Apostles (27:18-28:10)**

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Have you been to Malta for a holiday yet? St Paul was there. They were marooned and in the Acts of the Apostles (27:18:-28:10) we are given an account of how all the different factions from the boat and the locals got on with one another. On the 10<sup>th</sup> of February, many Christians in Malta celebrate the Feast of the shipwreck of St Paul, marking and giving thanks for the arrival of Christian faith on these islands. The reading from the Acts of the Apostles used for the feast is the text chosen for this year's Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, "Unusual Kindness", 18th-25th January 2020.

The account has many distinct groups. The centurion and his soldiers have power and authority but are dependent on the skill and experience of the sailors. Although all are afraid and vulnerable, the prisoners in chains are the most vulnerable of all. Their lives are expendable; they are at risk of summary execution. As the story unfolds, under pressure and in fear for their lives, we see distrust and suspicion widening the divisions between the different groups.

Hospitality is a much needed virtue in the search for Christian unity. It calls us to a greater generosity to those in need. The people who showed unusual kindness to Paul and his companions did not yet know Christ, and yet it is through their unusual kindness that a divided people were drawn closer together. Our own Christian unity will be discovered not only through showing hospitality to one another, but also through loving encounters with those who do not share our language, culture or faith. In such tempestuous journeys and chance encounters, God's will for his Church and all people comes to fulfillment. As St Paul will proclaim in Rome, this salvation of God has been sent to all people (Acts 28:28).



### APPEAL FOR NEW EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION!

New volunteers for Eucharistic Ministry are currently needed in the Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane (for 12 noon Mass on Sunday in particular) and in Our Lady & St David's Church, Naas (for 6pm Mass on Sunday in particular). If you think you could help and would like to get involved in this Ministry, please contact the Parish Office on 045 879 730. *Support and training will be provided.*

### 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 & 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

Tues 21st January:	St Agnes, Virgin & Martyr
Fri. 24th January:	St Francis de Sales, Bishop & Doctor of the Church
Sat. 25th January:	The Conversion of St Paul, Apostle

#### RECENT BAPTISMS

Sophie McLoughlin, Kilcullen

Bonnie Grace Reynolds, Oakglade

Joy Mary Reynolds, Oakglade

Aaron Kinchin, Dun na Riogh



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

Mae Holohan, Sarto Road

James O'Keeffe, Naas



**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

**Please note:** There will NO evening Mass in Ballycane Church on Monday 20th January.

**The Church of Our Lady and St David, Naas will be open again this week for Masses as normal. Thank you for your understanding and co-operation last week.**

**Holy Child Primary School, Ballycane** will hold a Church gate collection next weekend, Saturday 25th and Sunday 26th January. All support appreciated.

### SALLINS PARISH NEWS

**Please note:** There will be NO morning Mass in Sallins Church on Tuesday 21st January.

**Confessions** take place in Sallins Church every Thursday from 2pm-4pm.

### TWO MILE HOUSE PARISH NEWS

**Please note:** There will be NO morning Mass in Two Mile House on Wednesday 22nd January.

**Two Mile House Community Centre** in conjunction with Two Mile House GAA present "Lip Sync Battles" in Killashee House Hotel on 4th April 2020 (8pm). All welcome. Tickets are €25 & will be available closer to time of event. **!There will also be an information night for performers on Monday 27th January in the Brown Bear at 8pm. Please come along if you have any interest in performing on the night! Thank you.**

## PARISH NOTICE BOARD

**St Mary's College annual church gate collection** takes place at all Masses this weekend. Monies raised will help fund the upcoming TY Musical (4th-6th March). All support is greatly appreciated.

**Naas Local History Group** Annual General Meeting and 'Know Your Naas' slideshow & talk will take place in the Townhouse Hotel, Monday 20th Jan. at 8pm. All welcome.

**Naas Active Retirement Members:** Annual General Meeting takes place on Wednesday 22nd January at 2pm in Naas Community Centre.

**Naas Toastmasters:** Meeting at 8pm on Wednesday 22nd January in Naas Townhouse Hotel. Guests welcome.

**K&L Diocesan Adoration Committee** invite you to a Day of Prayer. Mass, Adoration, sharing and music in Carlow College, St Patricks on Saturday 25th January, beginning at 10am. Refreshments served. All welcome.

**You are invited to an evening, 'Let's take Ireland back for Christ'**, in the Avon Hotel, Blessington at 7.30pm on Thursday 23rd January with H.L.I Ireland. For all further info. please contact 085 252 5612.

**Naas Rotary Club:** Ecumenical service, for all those who were remembered in our "Tie a Yellow Ribbon on the Christmas Tree" fundraiser at Dunnes Stores in December, is being held at McAuley Place on Friday 24th January at 7pm. All are welcome.



**Bridge Tournament** hosted by St Mary's College Past Pupils Union will be held in Lawlors Hotel, Naas at 2pm on Sunday 26th January. Cost €10 per person with raffle & prizes on the day. All funds generated will go to school funding. Parking available at school on the day.



### Parish Pilgrimage to Medjugorje

10th-17th June 2020 - Full details on posters in all our Churches.

Spiritual Director is Fr. Alex. Note: Reduced rate of €665 applies if €100 deposit paid to Marian Pilgrimages before the end of January. For all queries please contact John/Catherine on 086 856 3773.

**Oberammergau & the Passion Play:** August 7th - 14th 2020 - There are still some places available if you wish to book! Fr Liam will lead this group. For all further info. or to book please **contact Tully's Travel in Carlow** directly on 059 913 6100.



**Bingo Night! Fundraiser in aid of Naas CBS:** Friday 31st January at 8pm in Naas GAA Club, Sallins Road. Prizes & raffle on the night! Tickets €10, on sale from Naas Parish Office. All welcome and all support is greatly appreciated. This event is being organised by parents council and students council.

**Naas Tidy Towns** will host their AGM in the Townhouse Hotel on Thursday 30th January at 8pm. All are welcome. Bring a friend and be part of a winning team!

**Feast of St Blaise; The Annual Blessing of the throats** will take place in the Carmelite Friary, Kildare Town on Monday 3rd February from after the 8am Mass until the 7.30pm evening Mass. All welcome.

**St Brigid's Cross Workshop:** Can you make or would you like to learn how to make St Brigid's crosses? If so, you are invited along to the Caragh Church Community Room on Thursday 23rd January from 7pm. (Please just bring secateurs/scissors). All very welcome for a fun evening! All proceeds from the sale of these Crosses will go directly to the Kildare Suicide Bereavement Support Group who provide a free, non-denominational counselling service to the local community, K.S.B.S.G. are supported by fully qualified volunteer counsellors.



### Divine Mercy Formation Programme (Ireland) - new class

starting this month under the spiritual guidance of Fr Eamonn Burke. Suitable for any person who is interested in furthering their understanding of the perspective of the message of Divine Mercy and how it applies to our every

day lives. For all further information or to book your place, please contact Dermot Dowdall on 087 280 3148

or you can also email

[info@faustinumformationireland@gmail.com](mailto:info@faustinumformationireland@gmail.com).

**Enriching your Marriage:** A marriage enrichment weekend offers married couples of all ages time away from the busyness of life to refresh their love for one another. The next (residential) weekends; (Friday 8pm to Sunday 4pm) will be held at the Dromantine Conference Centre, Newry from 31st Jan. to 2 Feb. 2020 and at the International Hotel, Cork from 3rd-5th April 2020. For all further information and to book, please visit webpage [www.marriageencounter.ie](http://www.marriageencounter.ie) or phone 087 216 2436.



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### CONFIRMATION - CEREMONY OF LIGHT



Confirmations within our Parish are fast approaching and all our 6th class children, who are making their Confirmation, are busily preparing for this Ceremony. As part of their preparations, they will partake in the Ceremony of Light which reminds us, along with the Sacrament of Confirmation, how we as Christians are called to live our lives in the Light of Christ.

The following are the dates and venues for the Ceremonies of Light taking place in our Parish;

Two Mile House and Killashee MDNS	Tuesday 28th January	7pm	St. Peter's Church, TMH
CNS Naas	Tuesday 28th January	7pm	CIM, Ballycane
Mercy Convent	Tuesday 28th January	8pm	OLSD, Naas
Gael Scoil	Wednesday 29th January	6.30pm	CIM, Ballycane
Sallins School	Wednesday 29th January	7.30pm	Sallins Church
Holy Child Ballycane	Thursday 30th January	6.30pm	CIM, Ballycane
Scoil Bhríde	Thursday 30th January	7.30pm	OLSD, Naas
St Corbans	Thursday 30th January	8pm	CIM, Ballycane



**Parish Bingo continues every Tuesday night** at 8.30pm sharp, in the Care of the Aged Centre, Newbridge Road. Big prizes and Jackpot of €780! All welcome.

#### **Sports Lottery Results:**

Naas: 09/01 (3-15-17-20) No Winner, Jackpot €5,950

Sallins: 13/01 (14-15-19-23) No Winner, Jackpot €7,300

#### **PARISH FINANCES:**

**Sallins:** Baskets: €730 Envelopes: €595

**Naas:** Offertory: €4605 Development Fund: €3875

**Two Mile House:** €947



**Save the Date!**

**Come and join us!**

Our next Youth Mass will take place on Saturday 1st February at 7.30pm in Ballycane Church. All youth are also very welcome to join our Parish 'ARK' Youth Band/Choir. Practice starts at 6.15pm (before the Youth Mass) in Room 3, Ballycane Church. *We hope to see you there!*

**Arise - Young Adult 18+ National Event** will take place in Knock Shrine on March 7th 2020. There will be inspirational speakers, music, celebration, fun and a chance to meet with other young adults! For more info. and bookings, please contact Robert Norton, Youth Co-ordinator on 059 916 4084.

### **Naas Parish Weekly Lotto Draw**

There was **NO WINNER** of the €5,700 Jackpot on Wednesday last, 15th January.

Numbers Drawn were: **2-26-11-10**

**Lucky Dip winners of €100** each were: A. Byrne, M. Browne, N. Power & L. Groark

The next draw will take place on **Wednesday 22nd January at 6.30pm** in the Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane. All are welcome to attend the draw.

Jackpot on the 22nd January is **€5,950.**