

Parish Newsletter

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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.

While almost everyone is conscious in so many ways of the "homeless crisis," a perspective for it was needed. One of the difficulties in this huge problem is that this crisis has so many aspects - different people are homeless in different ways. Some are homeless because of psychiatric or addiction problems. Others find themselves in a short term but frightening, even terrifying, scenario because of financial difficulties or simply because of a dramatic change in circumstances. Some are non-nationals who find they do not have the scaffolding of family and friends. Some have been caught into different forms of poverty, spiraling into homelessness.

How then do we react? 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 people also 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.

So what do we do?

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. As this problem has many aspects, we would like our response to have three axes:

HOSPITALITY: We hope to offer a warm, friendly environment to all who will visit our hospitality room between 11.00am and 2.30pm in Ballycane each Monday for February and March. This will mean that there will be an "open house" hospitality, with no questions asked. People are welcome to come and share tea, coffee, hot food and whatever else is on offer. ***This is not simply for the homeless - anyone can come. We welcome anyone who might feel a little lonely, anyone who wants to help or anyone who is just passing by. The rooms will be open for anyone who just wants somewhere to sit and talk for the while also. Please feel welcome!***

MOTIVATION: One of the aspects of life in homelessness is that it not only robs people of shelter and space but it often leaves them on "survival mode." A story might illustrate this. Recently one man spoke to a young man begging in the street. He told him that he was not going to give him money but asked him what he could get him instead - some food, or clothing, or even a book or a paper. The young man asked him simply to stay talking for a while, explaining that he did not even need the money he had begged for, he had shelter and food and clothing but he just did not know what to do with himself anymore. This particular story highlights the direction we want to go in. Beyond immediate need, people need motivation, stimulation to change their situation and a sense of what they can do. For this we hope to invite all sorts of groups, from sports to training groups to individuals who might just be able to show someone a new skill or a new perspective. All these groups will be welcome to try to bring stimulation and hope into lives.

REDISCOVERING DIGNITY: This will be the third aspect of our hospitality rooms. We hope to make this a place of solidarity and support, where people who may have been in any way manipulated into a lessened sense of dignity will be given a new sense of dignity by warmth and welcome and the provision of any necessary services. Here we hope to engage with groups involved with addictions, medical personnel and other groups who work with victims of indignity to allow people to rediscover any lost dignity and find hope.

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.

PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION

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Opening Hours: Monday to Friday 10am to 1pm

PARISH TEAM

Fr. Liam Morgan	Sallins Road	087 1337879
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Fr. Michael Flattery	Sunday's Well	045 888112
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Safeguarding Policy displayed in all Church Porches.

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN PARISH REPRESENTATIVES

Naas: Geraldine Faherty & Adrian King

Sallins: 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
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FEAST AND MEMORIAL DAYS FOR THE COMING WEEK

Tues. 28th January: St Thomas Aquinas, Priest &
Doctor of the Church

Fri. 31st January: St John Bosco, Priest

Sat. 1st February: St Brigid, Abbess

RECENT BAPTISMS

Neil Michael Francis Murphy, Oldtown
Demesne

Alexander Joel Lavery, Pipers Hill



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

Brigid (Bridie) Doherty, late of Two Mile House &
Craddock House Nursing Home

Rosario Cooney, Sallins Road

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE



NAAS PARISH NEWS



Sunday of the Word of God

Today, Sunday 26th January, is Sunday of the Word of God. This is a day, instituted by Pope Francis, for Catholics to celebrate the Gift of God's Word in the Scriptures.

This will be a focus at our Masses today. Also, in order to celebrate this day, Fr Seán will host a 'question and answers' seminar with some reflections and readings at 3pm in Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane. *Please bring your bibles along with you!*

Divine Mercy Prayers will take place in Ballycane Church after the 7.30pm Mass on Wednesday 29th January. Blessing with relic of St Faustina.

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

Marion Movement Prayers for Priests: Next meeting will take place on Saturday 1st February after the 10am Mass in OLSD, Naas. All welcome.

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TWO MILE HOUSE PARISH NEWS

Weekday morning Mass will be celebrated as normal this week, Monday to Thursday at 9.15am. Friday evening Mass as usual at 7pm.

Information night for all 'Lip Sync Battles' performers takes place tomorrow night, Monday 27th January, in the Brown Bear at 8pm. Please come along if you have any interest in performing on the night! Thank you.



St Brigid's Crosses will be on sale next weekend, Saturday 1st and Sunday 2nd February, in all Churches. Crosses will be on sale before Mass and will be blessed during the Mass.

You can also purchase crosses after Mass and they can then be blessed in the Parish Office, Sallins Road. All proceeds will go towards supporting our ARK/JPII Youth Groups in the Parish. All support appreciated.

PARISH NOTICE BOARD

Catholic Schools Week and Grandparents Day 2020

Today, Sunday 26th January, marks the beginning of Catholic Schools Week 2020. During this week we aim to celebrate the unique contribution that Catholic Schools make to the mission of the Church in our local faith communities and throughout the wider Church.

This year's theme is 'Catholic Schools: Living in Harmony with God's Creation'. Our Parish is joining in the celebrations by extending an invitation to all Grandparents within the Parish to join us for a Prayer Service on Wednesday 29th January at 11.30am in Ballycane Church. This service will be led by St Corbans Boys National School and Holy Child National School, Ballycane. We hope you can join us on the day.

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.

Alzheimer Café Evening: Wednesday 29th January, 7pm-9pm in the Convent Tea Rooms in McAuley Place, Naas. The speaker for this meeting will be Denise Croake from 'Older Voices Kildare'. All are welcome to attend.

Naas Flower & Garden Club next meeting takes place on Thursday 30th January at 7.45pm in the Care of the Aged Centre. All welcome!

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!

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.

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.

Naas Order of Malta wish to express their sincere thanks to all who contributed and greatly supported their recent Lourdes Pilgrimage Fundraiser at the Church gates.



Youth 2000: Annual St Valentines

Fundraiser Ball takes place in the Osprey Hotel, Naas on Saturday 8th February at 7pm (over 18's only). Mass will take place beforehand at 5pm in Ballycane Church - all are welcome to attend this Mass. Tickets for the ball are €50. For tickets, bookings and all further information please visit www.youth2000.ie.



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

Our next Youth Mass will take place next 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!*

PARISH FINANCES:

Sallins: Baskets: €660 Envelopes: €490

Naas: Offertory: €3,280 Development Fund: €3,960

Two Mile House: €510

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.

NAAS PARISH OFFICE SHOP

Call in to the shop on the Sallins Road to see our selection of gifts for:

First Holy Communion

Confirmation

Mothers Day

St Patrick's Day

Baptisms



Also stop by to see our selection of Wild Goose and our Josephine Hardiman Range of Artwork

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Ageless Grace Workshops

Every **Tuesday** at 10.30am in Ballycane Church.

Suggested donation of €8

but all are welcome to attend regardless of ability to pay. Ageless Grace is a fitness programme based on the cutting edge science of neuroplasticity, aimed at strengthening the core, spine, internal organs and energy systems of the body. This programme is for anyone who is concerned about mobility, dementia or cognitive function. For all further information, please contact Louise on 085 893 4086.

Féile Bríde 2020: Brigid: Flame of Justice & Peace, 28th Annual Féile, Friday 31st Jan. - Saturday 8th Feb. in Kildare Town. More info at www.solasbhríde.ie.

Arise - Young Adult 18+ National Event will take place in Knock Shrine on March 7th with 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.



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: 16/01 (14-16-21-28) No Winner, Jackpot €6,100

Sallins: 20/01 (10-15-21-28) No Winner, Jackpot €7,500

First Reconciliation Service

First Confessions will be held in the Parish during the month of February with children from schools within the Parish, who are preparing for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion. The following are the dates and times for the First Reconciliation Services:

Saturday 8th February, 10am - 12pm, Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane (*Children can avail of First Confession any time between 10am-12pm - there is no school time slot*)

Gaelscoil, Nás na Ríogh, Holy Child School, Ballycane, Mercy Convent Primary School, Naas Community National School, Scoil Bhríde, St. Corban's Primary School

Monday 10th February, 7.30pm - 8.30pm, Our Lady & the Guardian Angels Church, Sallins

St Laurence's National School, Sallins

Tuesday 11th February, 7.30pm - 8.30pm, St. Peter's Church, Two Mile House

Killashee MDNS & Two Mile House National School



Naas Parish Weekly Lotto Draw

There was **NO WINNER** of the €5,950 Jackpot on Wednesday last, 22nd January.

Numbers Drawn were: **1-7-27-13**

Lucky Dip winners of €100 each were: O. Murphy, P. Goulding, P. Dowling, P.&R. Behan

The next draw will take place on **Wednesday 29th January at 6.30pm** in the Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane. All are welcome to attend the draw.

Jackpot on the 29th January is **€6,200**.