

Parish Newsletter

The Presentation of the Lord 2nd February 2020



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Thanksgiving Mass (Retirement)

On Friday, 28th February, Dolly Garvey will retire as the Manager of the Parish Office & Shop in Ballycane Church. This milestone will bring to an end 20 years of dedicated and faithful service to the Parish of Naas. In many ways, Dolly has been the face of the Parish in Ballycane and her contribution to Parish life has been immense. We hope that Dolly will remain involved in the life of our Parish in a more leisurely, perhaps voluntary capacity.

To mark her retirement a presentation will be made to Dolly, during the 7.30pm Vigil Mass on Saturday 22nd February, in the presence of her family and friends. Light refreshments will follow in the lobby. All are invited and all are welcome.

Fr Liam

Prayer to St Brigid

Brigid, You were a woman of peace,

You brought harmony where there was conflict

You brought light to the darkness

You brought hope to the downcast

May the mantle of your peace cover those

who are troubled and anxious

*and may peace be firmly rooted in our hearts
and in our world*

*Inspire us to act justly and to reverence all God
has made.*

*Brigid you were a voice for the wounded and the
weary.*

Strengthen what is weak within us

Calm us into a quietness that heals and listens

May we grow each day into greater

wholeness in mind,

body and spirit.

Amen.

St Brigid Pictured here are a group of Parishioners busily

making St Brigid's Crosses which will be sold at Masses this weekend. Crosses will be available to purchase before and after Masses and will be blessed during Masses. All proceeds will go towards supporting our ARK/JPII Youth Groups in the Parish.

Thank you to all Parishioners who helped with the making of these Crosses. All support is greatly appreciated.



PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION

PRIEST ON DUTY: 085 708 8407

PARISH WEBSITE: www.naasparish.ie

PARISH OFFICE Tel.: 045 879 730

Opening Hours: Monday to Friday 10am to 5pm

e-mail: 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: 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

Wed. 5th February: St Agatha, Virgin & Martyr

Thurs. 6th February: Ss Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs

RECENT BAPTISMS

Szymon Piotr Sroka, Sallins

Rebecca Gomes, Oldtown Demesne

Joshua Mark Monaghan, Osberstown

Rafaela Isobel Bizerra, Dun na Riogh



Sacrament of Baptism: For those requesting the Sacrament of Baptism two weeks notice is required. Full details available at www.naasparish.ie.

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

Elizabeth (Betty) Waldron, St Martins Avenue

Hugh Swan, Sherlockstown, Sallins

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE



NAAS PARISH NEWS

February Collection in support of the Priests of the Parish will take place at Masses this weekend, 1st and 2nd February. *"We thank you for your continued support and kindness to us."*

Little Blessings Children's Liturgy Group will take place at 10.20am, before the 10.30am Mass, in Ballycane Church next Sunday 9th February. All children over four are welcome to attend. Parents can drop their child to room 4 in Ballycane at 10.20am where they can join our volunteers.

SALLINS PARISH NEWS

February Collection in support of the Priests of the Parish will take place at Masses this weekend, 1st and 2nd February. *"We thank you for your continued support and kindness to us."*



Sallins 46th Annual Pilgrimage to Lourdes

Departing Friday 19th June 2020 for 7 nights, Solitude Hotel, full board. €830 per person sharing. Fr Michael is the Spiritual Director.

For all further info. please contact Rita on 045 850929/087 653 5112.

St Vincent de Paul: Guardian Angels Conference, Sallins wish to thank all who contributed to their Christmas Appeal. "Your generosity allows us to assist families and individuals from within our Community in their time of need." Their helpline number is 085 705 2294 or requests for help can be left in the Vincent de Paul box at the Post Office.

Confessions available in Sallins Church every Thursday from 2pm-4pm.

TWO MILE HOUSE PARISH NEWS

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

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If you would like your child to be baptised as part of the Easter Vigil Celebrations in the Parish, please contact the Parish Office on 045 879 730 as soon as possible. Please note, that there will only be one child baptised, per Church, at the Easter Vigil Mass.

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Feast of the Presentation of the Lord - Candlemas

A Blessing of Candles will take place today, Sunday 2nd February, at 11am Mass in OLSD, Naas to celebrate Candlemas - the Feast of the Presentation of Jesus Christ. You are welcome to bring along candles with you to be blessed at this Mass.



NAASPOINT

First Hospitality Session will take place tomorrow, Monday 3rd February, between 11am and 2.30pm in Ballycane Church. We hope to offer a warm, friendly environment to all who will visit our hospitality room as a guest of our Parish. This means there is an "open house" hospitality, with no questions asked. People are welcome to come and partake in refreshments. This is not simply for the homeless. Everyone is welcome. The rooms will be open for anyone who just wants somewhere to sit and talk. So if you are passing by, drop in for a cuppa and a chat!

FEAST OF ST BLAISE. BLESSING OF THE THROATS

Blessing of the throats will take place on **Monday 3rd February** at the following Masses:

7.30am	Church of Our Lady & St David, Naas
10am	Church of Our Lady & St David, Naas
7.30pm	Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane



Save the Date!

**Naas, Sallins & Two Mile House Parish Social - Friday
20th March 2020! More details to follow shortly!**



APPOINTMENT OF FR PAUL DEMPSEY AS BISHOP OF ACHONRY

We are delighted to offer our heartiest congratulations to Fr Paul Dempsey on his recent appointment as Bishop of Achonry.

Fr Paul served here in the Parish of Naas, Sallins and Two Mile House as Curate from 2009-2014. He will be ordained Bishop on Sunday 19th April at Ballaghaderreen Cathedral in Co. Roscommon. We ask you to keep Fr Paul in your prayers during this special time. This is a wonderful moment for Fr Paul and we wish him every grace and blessing in the weeks and months ahead.



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.



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.

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Invitation: The Book of Kildare, in Art and Calligraphy, by Josephine Hardiman - Exhibition with launch of new pages is open to everyone to view during the month of February in Kildare Library, during library opening hours. Please phone 045 520 235 for further info.

Is your family affected by the challenging behaviour of ADHD?

Please feel welcome to come and join our local monthly parent support meetings. These peer to peer sessions enable parents/carers, experiencing the daily challenges of living with a child with ADHD, to offer support and guidance to each other. Next session is on Wednesday 9th February at 9.30am-11am in Johnstown Garden Centre Café. Please contact Terri on 086 171 3889 for more information.

Naas Active Retirement 'Members Only' Meeting: Wednesday 5th February at 2pm in Naas Community Centre.

Naas Local History Group: Illustrated talk by Paddy Behan and Stan Hickey, 'History of Naas Cinema' - Monday 3rd February at 8pm in 'Church on Mainstreet' (former Coliseum Cinema, opened 1940). Please note change of venue. All welcome.

Naas Toastmasters: Meeting at 8pm on Wednesday 12th February in the Townhouse Hotel. Guests welcome.



Internotes A Capella Singing Group are looking for new members. All are welcome; men, women, young or old. "We sing all genres of music, from classical to pop." Practice is on every Monday at Naas CBS from 7-8pm. Please contact Mary on 086 366 7458 if you would like more info.

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.



IT Lessons

Transition Year Students are inviting local adults to a new course offering 'one-to-one' tuition in Pipers Hill College, commencing on Thursday 27th February, from 2pm-3.15pm. This course will run over five Thursdays. You are invited to bring along your i-pad, tablet, laptop or smartphone to the class with you. To book your place please call 045 897 885 and leave your name and number and your call will be returned. Please also feel free to visit www.121digital.ie for more information. These lessons are for beginners and improvers alike and are free of charge. Learners choose their topics and learn at their own pace. Write down your questions and bring them with you!

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*

Parish Bingo continues every Tuesday night at 8.30pm sharp, in the Care of the Aged Centre, Newbridge Road. Big prizes and Jackpot of €810! All welcome.

Sports Lottery Results:

Naas: 23/01 (17-24-25-26) No Winner, Jackpot €6,250

Sallins: 27/01 (5-10-13-25) No Winner, Jackpot €7,600

PARISH FINANCES:

Sallins: Baskets: €610 Envelopes: €640

Naas: Offertory: €3,417 Development Fund: €3,729

Two Mile House: €580

Naas Parish Weekly Lotto Draw

There was **NO WINNER** of the €6,200 Jackpot on Wednesday last, 29th January.

Numbers Drawn were: **9-13-24-27**

Lucky Dip winners of €100 each were: M. Brennan, V. & M. Walsh, J. Higgins. A. Reynolds

The next draw will take place on **Wednesday 5th February at 6.30pm** in the Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane. All are welcome to attend the draw. Jackpot on the 5th February is **€6,450**.