

Parish Newsletter

6th December 2020
Second Sunday of Advent



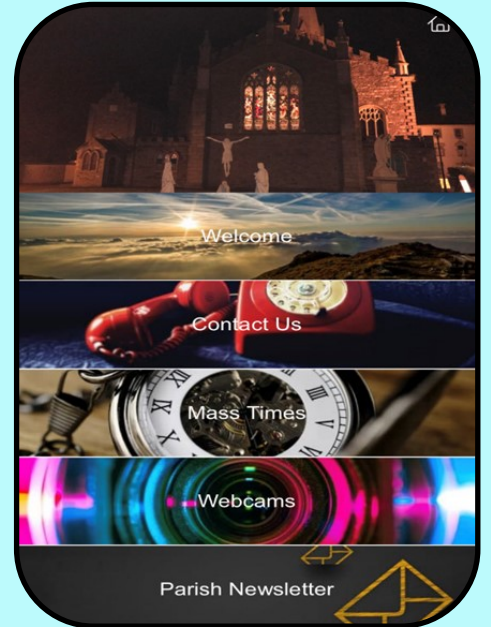
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Good News at Last! - Naas Parish App!

The Pastoral Council of Naas are delighted to announce that the Naas Parish App is now live from this weekend through both the **Apple Store** and **Google Play Store**. In light of the Covid19 Pandemic, the Parish App will provide parishioners and the community with a selection of features to include:

- ⇒ Easy link to the webcam for Masses, Funerals and Weddings, in both Our Lady and St David's and Two-Mile-House Churches, from your smartphone or tablet.
- ⇒ Be environmentally friendly and download the weekly Parish Newsletter. Note: The Parish Newsletter will still be available in Church porches.
- ⇒ Parish contact details all in the one place.
- ⇒ Updated Mass time schedule for all Churches in Naas, Sallins and Two Mile House Parishes.
- ⇒ Option to support the Parishes online via the donate folder.
- ⇒ Weekly notices on Parish activities and events.
- ⇒ Information on all Sacraments within our church.
- ⇒ NaasPoint initiative which helps the homeless, disadvantaged and vulnerable groups.
- ⇒ The many Parish groups that make up our Parish with details of what they do and how to join them. Support Groups in our Parish and beyond who assist and help people in difficult times.
- ⇒ Gallery of events which occur in our Parish.



The app will hopefully bring our community closer together and people can feel connected to the church by having regular communication and alerts in the palm of their hand!

PLEASE SEE PAGE 3 INSIDE FOR INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO DOWNLOAD THE PARISH APP! →



Praying for the return of Trevor Deely

The Trevor Deely Service of Hope and Light which usually takes place during December in Ballycane Church will not take place this year. Trevor's Family, mindful of the care and wellbeing of those who usually attend, have asked for the cancellation of the Ceremony this year due to the ongoing pandemic. We are grateful to the Deely Family for the responsibility and consideration they have shown in arriving at this decision. Since the disappearance of Trevor, the family have been tireless in their efforts to bring Trevor home. Many of us from time to time face worries and challenges of one kind or another. However, there is nothing more painful or distressing as the experience of not knowing the whereabouts of a son or daughter. Families of the missing live with this pain of 'not knowing' each and every day, and none of us could ever claim to know what that heartache is like. Only when we have stood in those same shoes, could we ever have an idea. It is not only in these December days that we think of Trevor, but always we hold in prayer and in our hearts the family of Trevor; his parents Ann and Michael, his siblings Michele, Mark and Pamela, and we pray that God will bring Trevor home to his family.

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

Safeguarding Policy displayed in all Church Porches.

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN PARISH REPRESENTATIVES

Naas: Geraldine Faherty & Adrian King

Sallins: Dermot McGilloway, Emer McCarthy

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

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

Patrick Gleeson, Sallins

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE



On Monday 21st and Tuesday 22nd December, the Priests of the Parish will call to visit the sick and housebound who are on their First Friday lists.

TWO MILE HOUSE EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Eucharistic Adoration in honour of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception takes place in St Peter's Church, Two Mile House on Tuesday 8th December, starting after the 9.30am Mass and continuing through the day until 9pm that evening.



SALLINS REMEMBRANCE MASS

The 6.30pm Mass on Saturday 12th December in Sallins Church will be the Remembrance Mass. At this Mass we hold in prayer all those who have died, and those who grieve for them, and remember by name those who died in the past year. Families, whose loved ones will be remembered at this Mass, have been sent an invitation to attend.

PARISH FINANCES

Naas: Offertory: €1,060 Development Fund: €1,060

Online donations (26th Nov. - 2nd Dec.): €912

Sallins: €50

TMH: €85

CURRENT MASS SCHEDULE

DECEMBER 2020

CHURCH OF OUR LADY & ST DAVID, SALLINS ROAD

WEEKDAYS: Mon-Fri: 7:30am & 10am
Sat: 10am
Sat Vigil: 6pm

SUNDAYS: 9am, 11am & 6pm

CHURCH OF THE IRISH MARTYRS, BALLYCANE

WEEKDAYS: MON. & WED. ONLY: 7.30pm
Sat Vigil: 7.30pm
SUNDAYS: 10.30am & 12noon

CHURCH OF OUR LADY & GUARDIAN ANGELS, SALLINS

WEEKDAYS: Tues & Fri: 10am
Sat Vigil: 6.30pm
SUNDAYS: 10am & 12noon

CHURCH OF ST PETER, TWO MILE HOUSE

WEEKDAYS: Mon-Sat: 9.30am
SUNDAYS: 11am

All Masses in OLSD & TMH Churches are available via webcam at naasparish.ie or by radio, from OLSD, at 107.3.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

Ballycane Church: Mon – Fri: 10am – 6.30pm
Mothers' Prayers 6.30pm- 7.30pm on Thursdays in Ballycane Church
Parish Church: Sat: 12noon – 5pm
Sun: 12noon – 6pm

Masks must be worn in the Church at all times, thank you.



Mass Times for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Holy Day of Obligation

Tuesday 8th December

Ballycane: 7.30pm (Vigil - Monday 7th Dec.)
Naas: 7.30am & 10am
Sallins: 10am
TMH: 9.30am

Advent Collection in support of the Priests of the Parish will take place this weekend, 5th/6th December at all Masses. We thank you for your continued kind support and generosity especially at this time.



Instructions on downloading the Parish App

Whether you have a smartphone or tablet running on iOS or Android please follow the below steps:

- * In either the App Store or Google Play search for "**Naas Parish**"
- * Click on the Naas Parish App icon (Blue Sky with Clouds and Black Cross with Naas Parish in bold image above).
- * Press Install/Download and then Open. Depending on your network connection this may take a few minutes to download (**loading bar will appear on the bottom of your screen**).
- * You will then be prompted to subscribe to **push notifications**. If you are a member of a group in the Parish of Naas, you can click the white box on the right to receive message alerts.
- * If you are a parishioner the App will send you push notifications generally. If you wish to turn these off, you can click the "house image" on the home screen (top right on home screen) click notifications and untick general notifications if you do not wish to receive these alerts.

By allowing general notifications to be enabled the Parish Team can continue to communicate and engage with you and your families with important messages throughout the year.

If you would like to be included in any of the folders within the Parish app then please contact our Parish Office at **045 879 730** or office@naasparish.net or if you have any feedback please let us know.

We would really appreciate if you can provide feedback on the app in either the App Store and Google Play under the **Review segment** so people can understand the benefits of what an app can offer a Parish.

Many thanks, Rory Kilduff (P.R.O, Naas Parish Pastoral Council)



Waiting in Hope - An Advent Bulletin for the Home

Week 2

A 'Digging Deeper' initiative of the Kildare and Leighlin Diocesan Commission for Liturgical Formation

Diocesan Advent Page: The diocesan website, www.kandle.ie, has a dedicated Advent page that will be added to throughout the season of Advent. Parishioners are invited to access this page for a weekly Advent bulletin, Scripture Sharing reflections, videos and much more! **The full Advent Bulletin is also available to view on naasparish.ie.**

An Advent Tradition - THE CHRISTMAS TREE

While the Christmas tree is very much part of the Christmas season, over the course of Advent the tree will begin to appear in more and more homes, signalling that we are getting closer to the feast of Christmas. In the midst of winter, the evergreen tree, dressed with lights, reminds us of the life and light that comes to us through Christ. The colourful decorations of the tree are a reminder of the paradise tree of the garden of Eden, hung with the bright colour of fruit. Families are invited to say the following prayer together when they put up the Christmas tree in their home



A Blessing Prayer: Lord God, let your blessing come upon us as we gather around this tree. May its light and the cheer it gives us be a sign of the joy that fills our hearts. As we delight in this tree may we come to the knowledge and joy of the Christmas gift of salvation and peace. We ask this through Christ our Lord. R. Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

An Advent Family Prayer at Bedtime for Week 2

You might like to light the first two candles of your Advent wreath or your Advent Candle to begin your prayer

Loving God, on this Advent night we turn to you in prayer. As we wait for the coming of your Son, we ask you to bless our family. Comfort us with your healing and help us to welcome your light into our lives, a light that gives us the gift of peace. May your peace guard our hearts, our minds and our home. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen. Together we pray: Come, Lord Jesus.



Christmas Mass Bouquets & Christmas Cards

Christmas signed Mass Bouquets (€2 plus donation), Boxed Christmas Cards (€6 per box of 16 or 18) & NaasPoint Christmas cards (€5 for pack of 6 cards) now available

We also have Advent Candles and Calendars, Church Art Calendars and a range of Christmas items including Religious Ornaments, Crib Sets, Christmas Gifts, Rosaries, Candles, Children's Books, Wild Goose Gifts, and much more!

Bambinelli Sunday, 13th December 2020

For the past several decades, each year on Gaudete Sunday, children and adults bring their Baby Jesus figure from the crib in their homes to St. Peter's Square in Rome where the Holy Father blesses both the people and the figurines during the Angelus. This has become affectionately known as 'Bambinelli Sunday'.



Families are invited to bring their figure of the Baby Jesus to any of the Masses next weekend 12th/13th December to be blessed or to have their figure to hand if joining the Mass from home via webcam.

A suggestion is, following the blessing, take your 'Bambinelli' home and place it in a gift box, wrap it and save it for Christmas. Let this be the first gift your family opens on Christmas morning and together place the Baby Jesus into the family crib. Say a prayer of blessing together asking God to protect your family and thanking God for the gift of His Son.



Online Christmas Carol Service with Celine Byrne on Saturday 19th December at 7.30pm in the Church of Our Lady and St. David, Naas. We invite you to join us via the webcam on www.naasparish.ie.

Please remember the work of St Vincent de Paul this Advent: You may have received a letter recently to your home. If you wish to make a donation please return it in the envelope provided to **"Society of Saint Vincent de Paul, P.O. Box 1, Naas, Co. Kildare"**. You can also return your envelope to the Parish Office, Sallins Road. To receive a receipt please include your name and address. *Thank you all for your support.*

The Naas Art Group wishes to invite you to view their online exhibition at www.thenaasartgroup.ie from 5th - 19th December.

Christmas with Friends unfortunately cannot hold their annual social day on Christmas day. However, Martinstown House will cook dinner and it can be delivered to your home. This is sponsored by Newbridge Kildare Lions Club. **If you would like a dinner**, please contact Anne 086 804 2624 or Damian 087 245 0881.

Gerard Gallagher, Parishioner of TMH Parish, has recently published a book, 'Advent News, Too Good to Keep', a book of daily reflections for Advent. Available now to buy online from Veritas.

Found: Sum of money found on Thursday 26th Nov. on Monread Rd. Please phone Parish Office on 045 879 730.

Naas Parish Weekly Lotto Draw



There was NO WINNER of the €5,000 Jackpot on Wednesday last, 2nd December

Numbers Drawn were: **21 - 9 - 19 - 12**

Lucky Dip winners of €100 each were: Anon, B. & O. Kearns, J. Casey, Anon. The next draw will take place on Wednesday 9th December 2020 at 6.30pm in the Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane.

No winner this week, so Jackpot stays at **€5,250!**

