

# Parish Newsletter

30th May 2021

*The Most Holy Trinity*



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## Parish Sacramental Preparation & Confirmation Retreats

**T**his year has been a challenging one for many people, in many different ways, and it has been a year where we have had to find new ways to carry out much of our Sacramental Preparation.

As restrictions came into place, were lifted and extended, and as guidance from both Government and the Diocese tried to keep up with the changes, we decided, after consultation between the parish and our schools, that all celebrations of the Sacraments would be deferred until the autumn.

The principals, teachers and secretarial staff have been patient and supportive throughout the year as decisions were taken, as have the parents and families of the children and young people who will receive their First Confession, First Holy Communion, and their Confirmation later this year. We thank all of them for the effort that has gone into the preparation for all the Sacraments this year.

Last week, our Ceremonies of Light for Confirmation were held via WebCam in the three parishes; a very different experience, but our prayers for all the Sixth Class Confirmation Candidates in all nine schools in the parish were as strong and sincere as in any other year. Thank you to the classes who prepared the Prayers of the Faithful for these Masses, and to the students and parents who represented all of them at the Masses.



St Brigid's Well, Kildare

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St Brigid's Well, Kildare

As restrictions ease during the month of June, we are delighted to be able to offer a Confirmation Retreat experience to all those preparing for Confirmation in our schools. After consultation with the principals, we have tailored these to suit the requirements of each individual school. Some have decided to have a celebration of Mass as a class, and to walk from the school to the church for this, while others have opted for a pilgrim walk in the footsteps of St Brigid, returning to our own churches in the parish to celebrate Mass as a class group. Each Retreat is in line with the school's policy and Covid 19 response, and each is planned in the context of the current guidance around Covid 19 restrictions.

We hope that all the young people will enjoy this step on their Faith journey, and that each of them will remember the experience as one of the good times they have had as a class during this year. Please remember all of them during the coming weeks in your prayers, and we will remember all our parishioners in our prayers during these special faith filled days.

## **PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION**

**PRIEST ON DUTY:** 085 708 8407

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

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

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

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

**SACRISTY OUR LADY AND ST DAVID:** 045 856 925

**BALLYCANE OFFICE AND SACRISTY:** 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
Dn. Fergal O'Neill	Parish Deacon	086 3816133
Fr. Robert Petrisor	Sallins Road	045 879 730
Ms. Trish O'Neill	Youth/Pastoral Minister	045 879 730
Ms. Sarah Farmer	Parish Manager	045 879 730

### **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:** Ms Kathleen Sherry

**Deputy Diocesan Liaison Person:** Ms Michele Hughes, c/o  
Bishop's House, Dublin Rd, Carlow **Phone:** 085 802 1633

*Safeguarding Policy displayed in all Church Porches.*

### **PARISH FINANCES**

**Naas:** Offertory: €1900

Development Fund: €1905

**Online donations (20th - 26th May):** €625

**Sallins:** Envelopes: €700 Baskets: €280

**TMH:** €607

Kildare and Leighlin Annual Diocesan Collection for Retired Priests takes place 29th/30th May. We thank you for your kindness and generosity to continue the support of our retired priests.

**'NAAS PARISH' APP: DOWNLOAD FOR FREE VIA APP STORE OR PLAYSTORE/GOOGLEPLAY.**

**SIMPLY SEARCH FOR 'NAAS PARISH'.  
TURN ON PUSH NOTIFICATIONS TO  
KEEP UP TO DATE WITH YOUR PARISH!**

## **MASS TIMES - MAY 2021**

### **CHURCH OF OUR LADY AND ST. DAVID**

**WEEKDAYS: Mon-Fri:** 7.30am & 10am

**Wed:** 7.30pm

**Sat:** 10am

**Sat Vigil:** 6pm

**SUNDAYS:** 9am, 11am & 6pm

### **CHURCH OF THE IRISH MARTYRS, BALLYCANE**

**For now, there will be no weekday Masses  
celebrated in Ballycane Church.**

**SATURDAYS:** 7.30pm

**SUNDAYS:** 10.30am & 12noon

### **ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

**Mon - Fri, 10am - 6pm** Ballycane Church

**Sun, 1pm - 5pm** Parish Church

### **CHURCH OF OUR LADY & THE 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 from the Parish Church, Two Mile House Church and Sallins Church are available via webcam through the Parish App or Parish Website ([www.naasparish.ie](http://www.naasparish.ie)). You can also join by radio, from OLSD only, at 107.3FM.**

**Confessions in Sallins Church on Thursdays 2pm-4pm and OLSD Church on Saturdays after Mass.**

### **UNICEF: Get a Vaccine, Give a Vaccine**

Now that the vaccine is rolling out here in Ireland, perhaps you might like to help give a vaccine to those who are in need by supporting UNICEF's 'Get a Vaccine, Give a Vaccine' campaign.

**Donation box now in the Parish Shop (Sallins Road). Please support if you can. Thank you.**





## I am with you...

Today's Gospel is often referred to as the 'Great Commission'. It contains the instructions of the Risen Jesus to the disciples to spread the Good News to the ends of the earth, to teach and to baptise 'in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit'. As we celebrate Trinity Sunday today, we pay attention in particular to the very last words of Matthew's Gospel: 'And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.' Jesus will be with his followers through the gift of the Holy Spirit, God's presence with us.

We read that some of the disciples were hesitant when they encountered Jesus on the mountain. They had lost him to death, and now he was risen and with them again in the flesh. They may have felt they weren't ready or able for the task he was handing over to them. These first disciples were an imperfect group of people, yet Jesus chose them to spread God's vision of love, compassion and justice throughout the world. Perhaps, like some of the disciples, we are fearful or doubtful. At a time when everything is changing so rapidly, it can be difficult to navigate our own faith journey, never mind communicate it to others. Yet we have Jesus' assurance that he is with us, with the love and strength we need. The Holy Spirit is at work, inspiring and guiding us, shaping our lives, helping us to make the love of God present to all we meet.

***'Love is the greatest force in the universe. It is the heartbeat of the moral cosmos. He who loves is a participant in the being of God.'* (Martin Luther King Jr)**

*Extract taken from Intercom Magazine*



### Eucharistic Ministry

As we return to Mass after a long break, some of our Ministers of the Eucharist have decided to retire from this Ministry. We thank them for their faithful service, and we invite anyone, who attends Mass in one of the Naas Churches, who might consider training for this Ministry to register their interest by contacting the Parish Office on 045 879 730 or by email at [office@naasparish.net](mailto:office@naasparish.net).



## Parish Shop - Call in, we are open!

The Parish Shop and Office (Sallins Road) is open Monday through Friday 9.30am - 5pm and Saturdays 9.30am - 11.30am. New range of items in stock including beautiful new slates and candles. Price reductions and special offers on selected items also in store now! The Shop at Ballycane Church is open too, Monday through Friday, 10am - 1pm.

# Naas Parish Lotto is back

**WEDNESDAY**  
**JUNE 2ND**



With an opening Jackpot of  
**€6,000!**

*Tickets are currently on sale in the Parish Offices on the Sallins Road and Ballycane and from various outlets in the town. Tickets are €2 each. You can join the Parish Lotto at anytime!*

You can also now conveniently purchase your Lotto online at [www.naasparish.ie](http://www.naasparish.ie) or through the Parish App!



Thank you all for your support!

## NOTICE BOARD

**Befriending Service:** Older Voices Kildare offer a befriending service for anyone who is over 60 and has limited social contact or feels particularly isolated. The service is designed to alleviate the negative impacts loneliness has on mental and physical health.

All volunteers are trained, Garda vetted and supported. During the Covid 19 pandemic, the befriending service will be delivered via telephone calls.

If you are interested in receiving a call, or becoming a volunteer befriender, please contact Susan Higgins on 087 1149175, Denise Croke 087 141 1669, Janet Grundy 087 429 2544.

### **Wider Options - Now enrolling for September 2021:**

Wider Options is a one-year, mature adult education programme, suitable for people who have been out of the workplace and wish to upskill or move out of low paid employment. Core classes are from 9am to 1pm Monday to Friday and would, therefore, suit people who have

schoolgoing children. There are no tuition fees for EU citizens. For further information, please email the course coordinator on [MCurley@stconlethcc365.ie](mailto:MCurley@stconlethcc365.ie) or contact the school secretary on 045 431 417.

### **Brannoxtown Preschool:**

Are you, or someone you know, looking for a preschool place this September? Places are now available in the new preschool at Brannoxtown Community National School (W91 NY67), managed by Busy Fingers Creche. Participation in the Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) scheme is free-of-charge for all children of preschool age. Children can participate in the ECCE Scheme from 2 years and 8 months and continue until they transfer to primary school (up to 5 years and 6 months at the end of the preschool year). The service is three hours daily, 9am to 12noon. To apply, parents can complete and return the form which is available now at: [www.brannoxtowncns.ie/busy-fingers/](http://www.brannoxtowncns.ie/busy-fingers/).