

Parish Newsletter

12th September 2021

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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The Legion of Mary Celebrates....



On Tuesday last a group of Parishioners gathered before the grotto of Our Lady in the grounds of the parish church, to simply pray the rosary. In doing so, they were marking the centenary celebration of the Legion of Mary founded by Dublin man Frank Duff on the 7th September 1921, just three months before the signing of the Anglo-Irish Treaty which was to bring into being the Irish Free State and spark a civil war that lasted into the early months of 1923.

Beginning a career in 1908 with the civil service, the young Frank Duff was very adept when it came to his organisational skills, an ability honed by his 26 years as a civil

servant. An ability that would serve well in the founding of the Legion of Mary.

Frank had a deep devotion to the Blessed Virgin, and upon hearing of a local SVP group comprising a membership of men only and their work of visitation to cancer patients at the union hospital, Frank with others set about to establish a similar group whose membership would include women.

Meeting at Myra House in Francis Street they decided upon visitation to the women's wards of the South Dublin Union Hospital. They began this meeting with the rosary. This was the first meeting of the Association of Our Lady of Mercy, soon to be called the Legion of Mary.

Now in 170 countries, with over three million members. Today its members hold weekly meetings, where prayer is conducted and a weekly obligation to do two hours of voluntary work is generously undertaken. Such work includes visitation to homes, hospitals, prisons etc. While also supporting the work of the parish and the local clergy. In Dublin, the Legion of Mary set up hostels to offer refuge to the homeless and vulnerable.

One such hostel was Regina Coeli, where among its early residents was an unmarried mother and her child. It was Frank Duff's passionate belief that a way should be found to allow mothers to keep and rear their own children - a revolutionary idea at the time, as was positively recognised in the recently published 'Mother and Baby Homes Commission'.

The essence of the Legion is the theology of the Church as the Body of Christ. Christ depends on his members.

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Mary brought Christ into the world in a physical way, now brings Christ to the world through the members of his body.

Duff's vision for this lay movement of people, ministering as Legionaries of Mary rhymes well with the vision of Pope Francis, of a less clericalist, more Synodal, mission-orientated, outward-looking Church.

In 1980, one year after the euphoric visit of Pope John Paul II, Frank Duff gave a talk in Dublin. It was just months before his death. Somewhat to the surprise of those present, he reflected that the church in Ireland was in the grips of winter - but he declared that one day, spring would come.

(the above piece sourced from the Tablet - A Catholic Weekly)



Our grateful thanks to the members of our own Legion of Mary here in the Parish. We note with gratitude their faithfulness, kindness, support and dedicated ministry expressed in a variety of different ways. Every blessing in your vital and necessary work.

PARISH FINANCES

Naas: Offertory: €1,875 Development Fund: €1,870

Online donations (9th - 15th Sept): €378

Tap & Go (9th - 15th Sept): €515

Sallins: Envelopes: €270 Baskets: €310

TMH: €586

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

Elaine Dunne, Rathasker Road, Naas
Helen Gaffney, Our Lady's Place, Naas

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE



Autumn Collection in support of the Priests of the Parish will take place at all Masses this weekend, Saturday 11th September and Sunday 12th September.

Thank you all for your ongoing support and kindness.

PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION

PRIEST ON DUTY: 085 708 8407

PARISH WEBSITE: www.naasparish.ie

NAAS PARISH OFFICE: Tel.: 045 879 730

E-mail: 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	087 133 7879
Fr. Alex Kochatt	Lakelands	045 898 684
Fr. Michael Flattery	Sundays Well	045 888 112
Fr. Robert Petrisor	Sallins Road	045 879 730
Dn. Fergal O'Neill	Parish Deacon	086 381 6133
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: Kathleen Sherry

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

Safeguarding Policy displayed in all Church Porches.

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OUR LADY AND ST. DAVID, NAAS

WEEKDAYS: Mon-Fri: 7.30am & 10am

Sat: 10am

Sat Vigil: 6pm

SUNDAYS: 9am, 11am & 6pm

CHURCH OF THE IRISH MARTYRS, BALLYCANE

WEDNESDAYS: 7pm

SATURDAYS: 7.30pm

SUNDAYS: 10.30am & 12noon

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Mon - Fri, 10am - 6pm Ballycane Church

OUR LADY & THE GUARDIAN ANGELS, SALLINS

WEEKDAYS: Fri: 10am

(Tuesday morning Mass is postponed until further notice)

Sat Vigil: 6.30pm

SUNDAYS: 10am & 12noon

CHURCH OF ST PETER, TWO MILE HOUSE

WEEKDAYS: Mon-Sat.: 9.30am

SUNDAYS: 11am

Confessions take place in Sallins Church on Thursdays 2pm - 4pm and in Our Lady & St David's Church on Saturdays after the 10am Mass.

Safeguarding Sunday 2021

On Sunday 19th September, the Diocese celebrates Safeguarding Sunday. On this day we turn the spotlight on safeguarding and remind our communities and parish personnel that protecting vulnerable people is at the heart of the Christian message. Safeguarding Sunday is about creating an opportunity for parishes to find out all the positive work that has been happening in terms of safeguarding over the past year. Safeguarding in each parish could not happen without the commitment and work of many paid and volunteer personnel including local safeguarding representatives, sacristans, youth leaders, choir leaders and priests.

We remember those who have experienced abuse in our Diocese and remind people of the Towards Healing confidential and free counselling service, Ph. 1800 303 416, Monday to Friday 11am to 6pm. They provide face to face counselling, structured phone counselling, family counselling and a counselling helpline.

The Safeguarding Committee has produced a short video to mark this day, and this will be available to view on www.kandle.ie.



Towards Healing is an independent organisation providing professional support for people who have experienced institutional, clerical, or religious abuse in Ireland. The service is provided by lay, independent and fully accredited therapists. Freephone 1800 303416. Hearing impaired Text Line Number: 085-8022859 www.towardshealing.ie

UPCOMING CONFIRMATION SCHEDULE

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2021

We are delighted that the First Holy Communion and Confirmation Ceremonies in the Parish can go ahead as planned, throughout September and October. Below is a reminder of the Confirmation Ceremonies which will begin on Friday coming, 17th September.

We ask Parishioners to please remember that where there is a Confirmation Ceremony at 10am, the normal Public 10am Mass will not take place. Thank you.



CONFIRMATION

<u>Date</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Church</u>	<u>Time</u>
Friday 17 th September	Mercy Convent	Our Lady & St David, Naas	10am, 11.30am & 1pm*
Friday 17 th September	Two Mile House	St Peter, Two Mile House	11am & 12.30pm
Friday 17 th September	Sallins	Our Lady & the Guardian Angels, Sallins	10am, 11am & 12pm*
Saturday 18 th September	Scoil Bhríde	Our Lady & St David, Naas	10am, 11.30am & 1pm*
Friday 24 th September	St Corbans	Our Lady & St David, Naas	11.30am & 1pm
Friday 24 th September	Naas CNS	Our Lady & St David, Naas	5pm
Friday 24 th September	Sallins	Our Lady & the Guardian Angels, Sallins	10am, 11am & 12pm*
Friday 1 st October	Gael Scoil	Our Lady & St David, Naas	10am & 11.30am*
Friday 1 st October	Holy Child	Our Lady & St David, Naas	1.30pm & 3pm
Saturday 2 nd October	Killashee	St Peter, Two Mile House	11am

Naas Parish Weekly Lotto Draw!

You could win a jackpot of €4,250 on Wednesday 15th September!

There was NO WINNER of the €4,000 Jackpot on Wednesday

last 8th September.

Numbers Drawn were:

3 - 20 - 14 - 22;



Winners of the Lucky Dip €100 prizes were:

M. Sheridan, W. Purcell, J. Brady & AM. Kennedy

To be in with a chance of winning, don't forget to purchase your ticket! Tickets can be bought from the Parish Offices, Sallins Road and Ballycane, and from various outlets in the town. Tickets are €2 each and you can join at any time!

Thank you all for your support.

**You can also now purchase your Lotto online at www.naasparish.ie
or on the 'Naas Parish App'!**