

Parish Newsletter

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Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

World Mission Sunday



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Dear Parishioner,

The year 2020 is one that will not be easily forgotten! The upheaval created by Covid-19 was immense. At the human level it caused such fear and pain, further compounded by the grief and sorrow experienced by so many families. It was a difficult time on so many levels; for families, businesses and organisations.

As a parish we haven't been immune to the effects of this time. Navigating our way through lockdowns, masses, funerals, sacraments, was at times challenging, sometimes wearisome. You will notice from the Naas accounts published overleaf, and from the accounts for Sallins and Two Mile House which will be published next weekend, that income declined significantly for 2020. Effort was made to keep expenses as low as possible. People who provide various services to the parish were generous and thoughtful towards the parish, in some cases suspending their expenses owed to them.

It's not all negative however, we have much to be thankful for, in the midst of a pandemic, as parishioners you continued to support the parish via envelope, online or other means. The parish availed of the government EWSS scheme which was an enormous help with our wage/salary expenses. The Diocesan Levy which we pay monthly was suspended for a period of time. This too was a great help to the overall figures.

Going forward:

The EWSS will soon conclude, the Diocesan Levy will be restored to the full amount from this October, and other areas of expenses (maintenance) will need to be attended to.

The boxes of envelopes remain a vital source of income, they also allow us to invite parishioners to participate in the tax back scheme from the government. A scheme that applies to all tax payers - self assessed and PAYE employees. This requires the completion of the CHY3 form. We thank all parishioners who participate, it helps enormously the parish finances. Thank you!

Development/Offertory Collections in the past, and into the future is the 'bread and butter' for the parish. When the time is right, we plan to re-introduce these collections. We are however mindful of people who now prefer online and 'tap and go' options!

Thankfully, the Parish Lotto, which was postponed on a few occasions is up and running, thank you for your continued support and to the team of volunteers who look after it.

Finally on behalf of my colleagues and myself, our heartfelt gratitude for the generosity you have shown to us, the priests of the parish. All collections, including Christmas and Easter in support of the priests, exceeded our expectations, given the lockdowns. We are truly humbled by your generosity, thoughtfulness and dare I say love and support. We felt it and experienced it! Thank you.

With sincere thanks and prayer filled gratitude. May Jesus, Mary and Joseph guide us and take care of us on the road ahead.

Fr. Liam

PLEASE NOTE: *Income & Expenditure Accounts for Sallins and Two Mile House to follow next weekend. Please see inside for Naas Accounts.*

Notes on the 2019 & 2020 Accounts

Income:

- Income from online collections is allocated on a proportionate basis between the Development Fund and Basket Collections.
- Since 2019, income from the church car park now appears under Rental rather than Other Income.
- No major fundraising events were held in 2019 or 2020.
- Lotto income is reduced substantially from 2018 levels due to the impact of Covid-19.
- The Parish Shop has performed very successfully following the closure of Veritas in 2018.

Expenditure:

- Employers PRSI / Revenue Commissioners now added as a separate category (was included under Wages and Salaries)
- As the main sources of income for the parish have reduced substantially since the start of the pandemic, we have been eligible to participate in the Temporary Wage Support Scheme and have received a total of €104k in 2020, which appears as a credit in the Employers PRSI / Revenue Commissioners line.
- Repairs and Maintenance were exceptionally light in 2019 but some major work was undertaken early in 2020 to address serious water ingress in the Church of Our Lady & St. David. This figure also includes repairs to Ballycane Church, Tarmac, the sanctuary carpet in OLSD and routine electrical and plumbing jobs.
- The Diocesan Levy was temporarily halted in 2020 due to the impact of the pandemic.
- All other categories of expense have been heavily reduced in light of reduced services, programmes and activities.

The Weekly Collections: The first collection (the envelope collection) every week and monthly standing orders received from parishioners support the Parish Development Fund. Income from this fund is directed to major maintenance and renovation works on both parish churches, the parochial houses and the parish centre. The second collection (the offertory collection) supports the day-to-day running costs of the parish, e.g. wages and salaries, insurance and utilities and the running of the parish offices on the Sallins Road and Ballycane.

Payments to Priests: The priests of the parish do not receive any payment from the Development Fund or Offertory collections. Salaries are paid from seven specific collections for priests taken at Christmas, Easter, Advent & Lenten Stations and Spring / Autumn collections. The priests rely on your generosity to these collections – thank you! At present, Parish Priests receive €1,900 per month and CCs €1,750.

The Parish Lotto: The Parish Lotto continues to make a significant contribution to the finances of the parish. We thank all who regularly support the Lotto and, in particular, our promoters. Please consider supporting the Lotto, possibly through a yearly subscription, monthly standing order or weekly €2 ticket, you can also buy tickets online on the parish website or from the parish app – remember, it could be you!

Tax Refund on your Donations to Naas Parish: The parish qualifies for this scheme and is entitled to reclaim an additional 45% of your annual donation where your donation is more than €250 per year. We receive very good support from our parishioners, many of whom contribute more than €250 each year to the parish and to take advantage of this scheme, we must be able to record donations. We would encourage you to donate in a way in which this can be achieved. A good way is through the weekly envelope boxes. If you write your name and address on the first few envelopes that you use, we can calculate your annual contribution. Alternatively, we can record donations made through the online donations module or by cheque or standing order. Collections for the priests also qualify. Under this scheme, we have received over €50,000 in refunds over the past few years.

Thank You: As in previous years, the continued healthy state of the Naas Parish finances is down to the generosity of so many of our parishioners. Thank you for your continued support – it is very much appreciated.

October 2021 Trevor Macnamara (Chairperson)

Finance Committee: Trevor MacNamara (chairperson), Gerry Martin (secretary), Marion Kehoe, Chris Conway, Ciaran Murray, Ann McManus and Fr Liam Morgan.

Summary of Naas Parish Accounts for 2019 and 2020

The accounts for the Parish of Naas have been submitted to and examined by the Diocesan Accountant and audited by the Diocesan external auditors. They form part of the Diocesan consolidated accounts submitted to the Charities Regulator. They have been approved by the Parish Finance Committee for publication in this form.

| Income Received | 2020 | 2019 |
|--|-----------------|-----------------|
| Development Fund Collection | €156,995 | €209,473 |
| Basket Collection | €95,882 | €178,019 |
| Income from Shrines | €38,368 | €37,941 |
| Rental Income | €55,581 | €56,992 |
| Fundraising | €2,034 | -€2,591 |
| Donations & Bequests | €40,645 | €23,585 |
| Tax Refund | €1,930 | €49,946 |
| Church Bookings | €1,650 | €2,400 |
| Deposit Interest Received | €44 | €32 |
| Parish Shop | €45,443 | €31,839 |
| Lotto Income | €24,955 | €44,730 |
| Other Income | €38,152 | €55,186 |
| | €501,679 | €687,552 |
| Expenditure Incurred | 2020 | 2019 |
| Wages and Salaries | €170,418 | €184,732 |
| Employers PRSI / Revenue Commissioners | -€86,956* | €32,983 |
| Pastoral Programme Expenses | €1,991 | €15,240 |
| Insurance | €19,363 | €19,219 |
| Security | €5,971 | €5,025 |
| Light and heat | €31,587 | €38,835 |
| Cleaning | €16,505 | €5,594 |
| Rates, Water, LPT & Waste Collection | €4,524 | €4,367 |
| Repairs and Maintenance | €110,413 | €36,572 |
| Diocesan Levy | €30,252 | €72,602 |
| Diocesan Retirement Fund | €4,000 | €4,500 |
| Missalettes, Printing & Stationary | €10,828 | €15,271 |
| Altar & Shrine Requisites | €11,484 | €23,094 |
| Telephone, Broadband and Internet-related Expenses | €5,109 | €5,837 |
| Computer Software, Hardware and Servicing Costs | €7,428 | €16,098 |
| Hire of Equipment | €1,464 | €1,704 |
| Choir Expenses | €2,345 | €6,413 |
| Legal and Professional | €0 | €0 |
| Accountancy Fees | €670 | €543 |
| Youth & Community Expenses | €4,041 | €20,520 |
| Bank Charges | €3,110 | €4,584 |
| Donations | €1,260 | €10,785 |
| Other Loan Interest | €0 | €0 |
| General expenses | €3,680 | €6,217 |
| | €359,487 | €530,735 |
| Surplus of Income over Expenditure | €142,192 | €156,817 |

***This negative amount for an expenditure represents an income for the Parish. In this case, €104k received under the TWSS minus the usual revenue expenses.**

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

William Joseph Moore, Naas

MAY HE REST IN PEACE



PARISH FINANCES

Naas: Offertory: €2,135 Development Fund: €2,135

Online donations (14th - 20th Oct.): €355

Tap & Go (14th - 20th Oct.): €260

Sallins: Envelopes: €550 Baskets: €270

TMH: €435

Divine Mercy Prayers will take place on Wednesday 27th October immediately after 7pm Mass in Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane. All welcome.

The Legion of Mary recite the 20 Mysteries of Rosaries for priests each Wednesday at 2pm at the parish Church (OLSD). All are very welcome to join for all or one of the rosaries.

Mass Times for Bank Holiday Monday

There will be **NO** 7.30am Mass in Our Lady and St David's Church, Naas tomorrow Bank Holiday Monday 25th October.

Naas Parish Weekly Lotto Draw!

**You could win a jackpot of €5,750 on
Wednesday 27th October!**

**There was NO WINNER of the €5,500
Jackpot on Wednesday last 20th October**

Numbers Drawn were:

14 - 6 - 11 - 16;

**Winners of the Lucky Dip €100 prizes were:
J. Waters, AM. Nelson, N. Power, M. Sharkey**



Eucharistic Adoration - A Special Invitation

For over 2000 years, Catholics have believed Jesus to be truly present in the most Holy Eucharist, just as he taught His disciples in John 6. We believe that at each celebration of Holy Mass, bread and wine are transformed into the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ. Therefore, Jesus comes to be present with us, not only spiritually but physically, in the Eucharist. Jesus is present with us in the disguise of bread and wine as He was in the disguise of a man, over 2000 years ago. We have the unique opportunity to worship Jesus, Our Lord and Saviour, in an oasis of peace before the Blessed Sacrament. **Would you be prepared to commit to spending one hour per week in silent praise and thanksgiving to the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords? This special gift of "Adoration" before the Blessed Sacrament is available in our Parish, Monday to Friday from 10am to 6pm in Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane. For further details or to volunteer, please contact John 086 856 3773, Rosanna 085 727 8013 or Maureen 087 207 7044.**

Mass Times for Feast of All Saints

Monday 1st November

OLSD: 7.30am & 10am

TWO MILE HOUSE: 9.30am

SALLINS: 10am

BALLYCANE: 7pm

Mass Times for Feast of All Souls

Tuesday 2nd November

OLSD: 7.30am & 10am

TWO MILE HOUSE: 9.30am

SALLINS: 10am



Blessing of the Graves

Bodenstown, Sallins: Cemetery Mass on Sunday 7th November at 12 noon.

Two Mile House: Remembrance Mass on Sunday 7th November at 11am, followed by Blessing of the Graves.

St Corbans Cemetery, Naas: Blessing of the Graves on Sunday 7th November at 2.30pm (We invite those in attendance to gather in the space between old and new parts of the Cemetery).

Remembrance Mass for Naas will be on Friday 12th November. Details to follow.

Please note that there will be no walk to the various Cemeteries this year.

