

Parish Newsletter

31st October 2021

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time



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Congratulations to our 21 Pope John Paul Awardees!

Sincere congratulations to twenty one young people from the Parishes of Naas, Sallins and Two Mile House who recently received their Pope John Paul Awards at Bronze, Silver, Gold and Papal Cross level. These Awards are presented by the Diocese of Kildare and Leighlin to young people in Senior Cycle in Secondary School or in College who serve their Parish, School and Community.

Each young person is committed to playing an active role in Parish life, contributing to their school in a meaningful way, and volunteering in a social awareness project within the community. The projects this year range from shopping for older people cocooning during lockdown to serving as Ministers of the Word at Mass, from coaching children's sports teams to producing videos for the First Communion classes, from Tidy Towns to prayer on Zoom. We are grateful for their involvement in our parish, and look forward to seeing them continue this participation into the future.

Bishop Denis Nulty presented Papal Crosses to C  il  n Campbell, Peter Cowley and Paula Hennessy on October 13th at a socially distanced Awards Ceremony in Carlow Cathedral, and the Parish presented the Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards to the rest of the group at Mass on Saturday evening, 16th October. Thank you to the Youth Ministry Team and particularly to the award leaders who enabled this to happen!

Following the presentation of medals, Bishop Denis addressed all recipients: *"Pope Francis speaks very often directly to young people. 'The Church needs you, your enthusiasm, your creativity and the joy that is so characteristic of you.... You can be joyful witnesses of His love, courageous witnesses of His Gospel, carrying to this world a ray of His light.' As JPII Awardees you are all worth more than gold, silver and bronze, even the Papal Cross award – you are worth more because of your engagement, your involvement, your participation in your parish, your school and wider community. I wish you every blessing and once again thank your priests who encourage you, your teachers who inspire you and your Award Leaders who mentor you."*

Anyone who is interested in taking part in the JPII this year, please contact Trish in the Parish Office on 045 879 730 or by email on office@naasparish.net.

Please see below some pictures of the Awards Ceremonies!



Pictured Left at the Award Ceremony in Carlow Cathedral (l-r): Caroline Quinn (Award Leader), Trish O'Neill (Parish Youth/Pastoral Minister), C  il  n Campbell, Bishop Denis Nulty, Peter Cowley, Grace Keevens (Award Leader) and Paula Hennessy.



Pictured Right at the Award Ceremony in Our Lady and St David's Church, Naas are the Award Leaders, Youth Ministry Team and Pope John Paul Awardees!

Well done and congratulations to all involved!

Summary of Sallins Parish Accounts for 2019 and 2020

Income Received	2020	2019
Basket Collection	11,997.39	35,322.39
Envelope Collection	23,870.78	25,743.05
Shrine Income	4,836.00	6,481.00
Fundraising	-	2,000.00
Tax Refunds/Rebate	9,602.09	15,470.57
Weddings/Graves/Church Bookings/ Rental	400.00	-
Deposit Interest Received	2.51	16.46
	€50,708.77	€85,033.47
Expenditure Incurred		
Wages and salaries	7,532.72	7,532.72
Pastoral Programme Expenses	350.00	530.00
Insurance	2,396.90	3,419.31
Security	1,206.32	-
Light and heat	1,393.11	-1,151.38
Cleaning	1,034.44	1,049.62
Rates, Water, LPT Waste Collection	168.00	1,146.00
Repairs and maintenance	16,182.78	67,572.85
Diocesan Levy	6,448.50	17,196.00
Missalettes, Printing Stationery	40.58	511.01
Altar Shrine Requisites	2,918.22	2,480.08
Music/Choir Expenses	2,477.00	5,465.00
Legal and Professional	-	1,353.00
Accountancy Fees/Bank Charges	221.98	254.79
General expenses	2,100.00	2,647.92
	€44,470.55	€110,006.92
Surplus of Income over Expenditure	€6,238.22	-€24,973.45

To the Parishioners of Sallins Parish...

Above, we publish the Income and Expenditure Accounts for the year 2020. As I mentioned in last weeks note to all three parishes, 2020 was a year that brought immense upheaval, experienced collectively and personally for so many. However, amid all that challenge, the people of Sallins Parish remained steadfast in their support and generosity. Yes, there was a major drop in income, demonstrated in the dramatic decline in the Offertory Collection; €35,322 in 2019, €11,997 in 2020.

The Envelope Collection held steady, proving just how important it is to the parish finances. We thank all who choose this option. It further allows us, when parishioners are willing to participate, to benefit from the Tax Refund Scheme. Your participation allowed the parish to claim an additional €9,602, this gave rise to a surplus of Income over Expenditure to the tune of €6,238, a positive outcome!

At our most recent Finance Committee meeting (Last Tuesday), the Finance Committee decided to paint the exterior of Sallins Church: roof, windows etc. This work will happen in the Spring of 2022.

Once again our renewed thanks for your support to the parish and for the support given to us, the priests of the parish, by the way of the 'Priests Collections'. Your support and generosity is deeply appreciated.

To each of you, our sincere thanks and prayer-filled gratitude.

Fr Liam

Finance Committee: Kieran O'Keeffe (Chairperson), Geraldine Sexton (Secretary), Fr. Liam Morgan, Fr. Alex Kochatt, Eileen Beechinor, Tom Cross.

Summary of Two Mile House Accounts for 2019 and 2020

Income Received	2020	2019
Basket Collection	8,053.00	24,192.00
Envelope Collection	14,651.23	12,659.00
Shrine Income	2,013.00	2,042.00
Fundraising	-	2,000.00
Donations Bequests	-	350.00
Tax Refunds/Rebate	648.20	9,133.51
Weddings/Graves/Church Bookings	5,800.00	2,100.00
Other Income	1,370.00	1,266.60
	€32,535.43	€53,743.11
Expenditure Incurred		
Pastoral Programme Expenses	200.00	572.24
Insurance	2,636.25	2,636.25
Security	527.44	673.42
Light and heat	2,793.83	2,350.03
Cleaning	710.04	-
Repairs and maintenance	5,840.26	8,465.68
Diocesan Levy	1,796.80	4,309.80
Missalettes, Printing Stationery	49.74	830.88
Altar Shrine Requisites	1,149.35	1,139.70
Telephone, Broadband and Internet related expenses	3,655.61	646.10
Computer software, hardware and servicing costs	4,415.65	-
Legal and Professional	1,230.00	-
Accountancy Fees/Bank Charges	584.08	758.03
Youth and Community Expenses	1,636.60	902.53
Donations/Collections	225.00	225.00
General expenses	785.00	1,750.00
	€28,235.65	€25,259.66
Profit for the year	€4,299.78	€28,483.45

To the Parishioners of Two Mile House Parish...

Above, we publish the Income and Expenditure Accounts for 2020. Firstly, I want to begin by expressing a heartfelt thank you for your ongoing support to the parish, even in the midst of repeated lockdowns, you found a way to support the parish, for this I am most grateful. It's a similar story to Naas and Sallins, you will note the dramatic decline in the Offertory Collection, a drop of €16,139. The envelope collection actually saw a small increase on the previous year.

Underlying the importance of the envelope collection, in 2019 the parish was able to reclaim €9,133 in the Tax Refund Scheme. It is an enormous help to the parish, and yet so easy as a process. As in all parishes throughout the diocese, Bishop Denis, for a period of time, suspended the Diocesan Levy, our payment for 2020 was just €1,796. In its own way, it contributed to a surplus of Income over Expenditure to the tune of €4,299.

On a point of information the Finance Committee has made the decision to refurbish the Sacristy in Two Mile House, it badly needs a 'makeover'. We have engaged Burkes Joinery to carry out this work.

Again, my renewed thanks for your support to Two Mile House Parish and to us, the Priests of the Parish, it is deeply appreciated.

Fr Liam

Finance Committee: Art Shirran (Chairperson), Maura Conneely (Secretary), Fr. Michael Flattery, T.J. King, Cathal O'Boyle, John Quinn, Fr. Liam Morgan.

Mass Times for Feast of All Saints

Monday 1st November

OLSD: 7.30am & 10am

TWO MILE HOUSE: 9.30am

SALLINS: 10am

BALLYCANE: 7pm



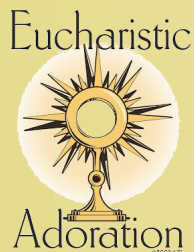
Mass Times for Feast of All Souls

Tuesday 2nd November

OLSD: 7.30am & 10am

TWO MILE HOUSE: 9.30am

SALLINS: 10am



Eucharistic Adoration in Two Mile House Church - Feast of All Souls

On Tuesday 2nd November (Feast of All Souls), beginning after the 9.30am morning Mass and continuing until 10pm that evening. Come and Pray for your friends and family who have died. All are welcome, for however long you would like to spend.

Blessing of the Graves

Bodenstown, Sallins: Cemetery Mass on Sunday 7th November at 12 noon (**NO** 12noon Mass in Sallins Church on this date).

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. Please see details below...

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



Naas Parish Annual Remembrance Mass will take place on Friday 12th November at 7.30pm in OLSD. Letters have been sent to families of those

who have died in Naas Parish in the last year inviting them to attend this Mass. Mindful of overcrowding in the Church, you might choose to join us for this Mass via webcam.



November Masses for the Dead

In November, we remember our loved ones. If you wish to have your loved ones names included in the Altar 'Dead List of the Parish' please include their names in the envelope provided in your envelope box or alternatively you can collect a 'November Altar List of the Dead' Envelope in the Churches. These envelopes can then be placed in the boxes provided in the Churches.

PARISH FINANCES

Naas: Offertory: €1,540 Development Fund: €1,545

Online donations (21st - 27th Oct.): €812

Tap & Go (21st - 27th Oct.): €445

Sallins: Envelopes: €185 Baskets: €325

TMH: €340



Don't forget! Winter time starts today, Sunday 31st October! Clocks go back one hour!

Naas Parish Weekly Lotto Draw!

You could win a jackpot of €6,000 on Wednesday 3rd November!

There was NO WINNER of the €5,750 Jackpot on Wednesday last 27th October

Numbers Drawn were:

3 - 2 - 23 - 15;

Winners of the Lucky Dip €100 prizes were:

E. Cunningham, M. Kelly, Anon, M. Timpson