

# Parish Newsletter

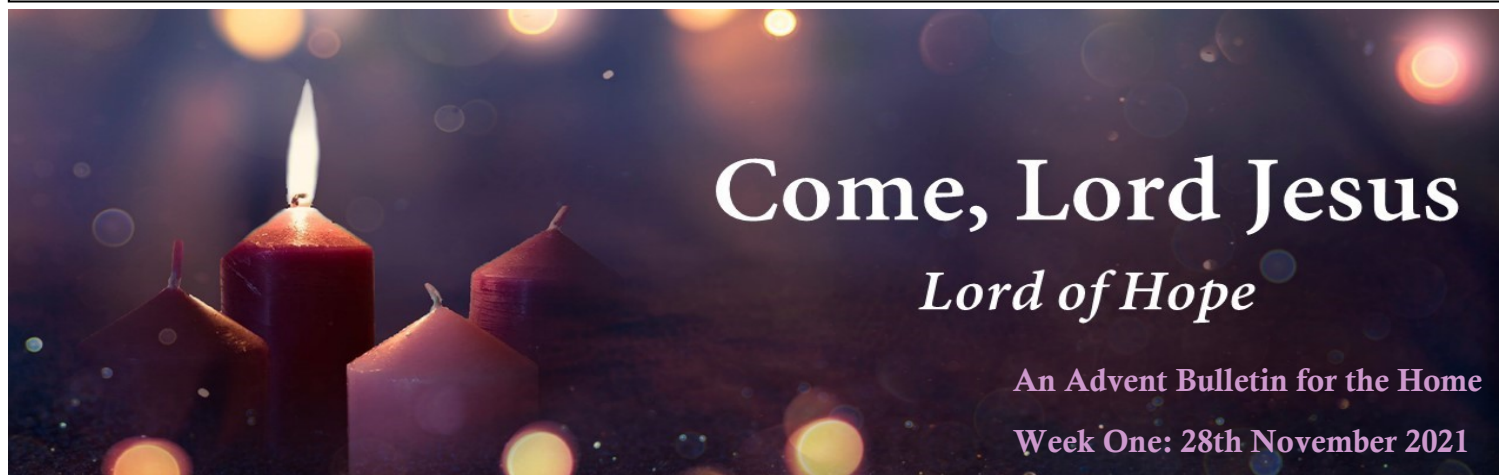
28th November 2021

First Sunday of Advent



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## Come, Lord Jesus Lord of Hope

An Advent Bulletin for the Home

Week One: 28th November 2021

### The Prayer of Advent: Come, Lord Jesus

The traditional prayer of Advent '*Come, Lord Jesus*' brings us straight to the heart of what this season is about. The word 'Advent' stems from the Latin 'Adventus', meaning 'coming' or 'arrival'. It speaks to our yearning for the presence of Jesus in our lives and to a deep down recognition for the need of this presence above all things.

At the beginning of a new Church year, over the Four Sundays of the Advent season we ready ourselves for the joy of Christmas when we remember and commemorate the birth of Christ. But Advent is also about preparing ourselves for His second coming. We are reminded of this second coming in many phrases that we hear or say at Mass, for example 'as we look forward to his second coming', 'when he comes again in glory', 'as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Saviour'. This second coming is a central theme from the beginning of Advent right up to the 17th December. At that point, our attention and preparation shifts more to the commemoration of His first coming on the feast of the Nativity.

And yet as we prepare to remember His coming at Christmas and to anticipate His second coming, we also recognise that the risen Christ is always coming to us. In these Advent days, Jesus, 'God with us', the Lord who is HOPE, PEACE, JOY & LOVE, reaches out to us and walks with us. As we journey through these days are we ready to welcome Him again and again into our life? Are we ready to pray **Maranatha! Come, Lord Jesus!**

**POPE FRANCIS - "Advent is a continuous call to hope. It reminds us that God is present in history to lead it to its ultimate goal and to its fullness, which is the Lord Jesus Christ. God is present in the history of humanity. He is the 'God-with-us', He walks beside us to support us.'**

### An Advent Tradition for Church and Home: The Advent Wreath



The Advent wreath has a rich meaning. The **circle** of the wreath, with no beginning or end, symbolises the eternity of God. The **evergreen** reminds us of the everlasting life we have in Christ while any pine cones or pods in the wreath represent new life and resurrection.

The **four candles** represent the four Sundays of Advent. **Purple** is traditionally a colour of penance and prayer while the **rose pink** candle that is lit on the Third Sunday (Gaudete/Rejoice Sunday) marks our joy as we move ever closer to Christmas.

As you light a candle on your Advent wreath for the first time, pray this prayer of blessing and take a moment to talk to God about how you will journey through Advent this year, alone or as a household. Finish your time of prayer with the Advent prayer: Come, Lord Jesus!

### A Blessing Prayer

Loving God, let your blessing come upon us,  
as we light this wreath.

May it be a sign of hope for us as we prepare  
for your coming and may it turn our hearts to  
you in the days ahead.

Give us your peace and love as we wait in  
joyful hope.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

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**Opening Hours: Monday to Friday 10am to 1pm**

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

James (Jim) O'Connor, Carraig Oscair,  
Naas



***MAY HE REST IN PEACE***

**Memorial service for babies, who passed away through miscarriage, still birth and neo natal deaths "Their time was short, yet very precious".**

A special memorial service will be held in Our Lady & St. Josephs Church, Caragh on Friday 26th November at 8pm. All are very welcome to attend.

## PARISH FINANCES

**Naas:** Offertory: €1,580 Development Fund: €1,580

**Online donations (18th - 24th Nov.): €452**

**Tap & Go (18th - 24th Nov.): €540**

**Sallins:** Envelopes: €245 Baskets: €360

**TMH:** €580

**Thank you to everyone who so kindly donated to the Trocaire - East Africa Appeal collection which was held recently in the Churches. Total figures collected were Naas**

**€4,890, Sallins €1,600**

**and TMH €500.**

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## Children's Rosary Group

Would you like your child to learn the Rosary and develop deep roots in faith? **Families are invited**

**to bring their children to come and pray the Rosary every Saturday at 6pm in Our Lady & the Guardian Angels Church, Sallins.**

*All are very welcome!*

## MASS TIMES - NOVEMBER 2021

### 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. - Fri.: 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.***

**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.**

**Eucharistic Adoration - Ballycane Church:** Jesus said to his disciples "could you not watch one hour with Me". Will you give one hour of your time each week in silent adoration of Our Lord Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament? Times required currently are 3pm-4pm on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and 5pm-6pm on Fridays. If you would like to be part of this special devotion of grace, please contact John 086 856 3773, Rosanna 085 727 8013 or Maureen 087 207 7044. Thank you.

## Advent Reflection Nights from the Church of Our Lady and St. David

**Some dates for your diary...**

Why not take some time in prayer and reflection as we prepare for Christmas - a short while away from the busyness and in the presence of God and each other.

Two evenings of reflection with guest speakers will be held in the Parish Church on:

**Friday 3rd December at 7.30pm** - Evening Prayer with Sr. Claire McGrath  
(Holy Family Sister based in Dublin)

**Friday 10th December at 7.30pm** - Evening Prayer with Fr. Michael Rogers SPS  
(Tearmann Spirituality Centre, Glendalough)

**Come in person or join us via the WebCam!**



### Celebration of the Sacraments in 2022

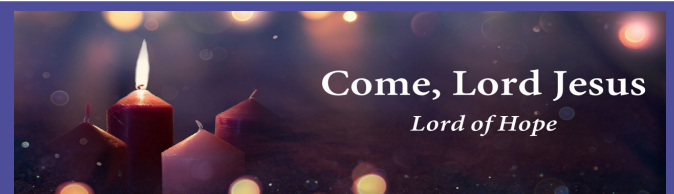
We are delighted to announce the following dates when we plan to celebrate First Holy Communion and Confirmation in our parishes in 2022. All dates will, as in recent times take into account Covid 19 restrictions, and will be subject to any guidance which might come into place at that time.

#### First Holy Communion

- **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May** for the children of Scoil Bhride, Scoil an Linbh Iosa, Naas Community National School and Sallins National School.
- **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May** for the children of Gael Scoil Nas na Riogh.
- **Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May** for the children of Two Mile House National School and Killashee Multidenominational National School, St Corban's and Mercy Convent.

#### Confirmation

- **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March** for the young people from Naas Community National School.
- **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March** for the young people from St Corban's, Two Mile House National School and Killashee Multidenominational National School.
- **Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> March** for the young people from Scoil Bhride, Gael Scoil Nas na Riogh and Sallins National School.
- **Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> March** for the young people from Mercy Convent and Scoil an Linbh Iosa.



#### An Advent Prayer - Week One


In Advent we invite you to take a moment before bedtime to light your Advent wreath or candle. Pause and thank God for your Advent day. Bring to God any worries or concerns you may have. Pray this prayer in union with the rest of our diocesan family.

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 and all those in  
need of your care this night.  
Free us from any worry or distress  
that we may have  
and help us to welcome your light into our lives,  
a light that gives us your gift of hope.  
May your hope fill our hearts,  
our minds and our home.  
We ask this through  
the One who was, who is and who is to come,  
Christ our Lord. Amen.  
Come, Lord Jesus, Lord of Hope.



#### A Suggestion for the Home

Why not create a prayer space in your home for Advent? You might like to make your own **Advent wreath** or have a special Advent candle to use in the prayer space, including perhaps purple coloured cloth/ribbons and evergreens. **You'll find a short video on creating an Advent prayer space on kandle.ie.**



**NaasPoint Christmas Cards** can be purchased now in the Parish Shops, €5 for a pack of 6 cards. All proceeds will go towards NaasPoint projects. Cards depict scenes from the stained glass windows in the Church of Our Lady & St David, Naas.



**Parish Christmas Raffle!**  
 Tickets can be purchased in the Parish Shop, Sallins Road! The draw will take place on Tuesday 21st December! Best of Luck!



**Naas Parish Weekly Lotto Draw!**  
 You could win a jackpot of **€7,000** on Wednesday 1st December! There was **NO WINNER** of the €6,750 Jackpot on Wednesday last 24th November.  
**Numbers Drawn were:**  
**12 - 5 - 26 - 15;**

**Parish Shops**  
 A wide selection of signed Christmas Mass

**Bouquets & boxed Christmas cards available in the Parish Shops on the Sallins Road and at Ballycane.**

**Cribs, calendars, diaries, candles & a range of Christmas items and gifts now in stock, including lots of items for children! Advent candles & calendars are also available now!**

**Parish Shop (Sallins Road)**  
**Christmas Opening Hours:**  
 The Parish Shop will open from 9.30am until the later time of 3.30pm for the Saturdays throughout December!

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul in Naas is conducting its Annual Christmas Appeal. We continued our work throughout Covid-19 to help those in poverty and in need in the Naas, Johnstown, Kill and Two-Mile-House areas. Once again, we cannot hold our usual church door collection. You may have received our leaflet through your letterbox. If you would like to donate, please send it to "Society of Saint Vincent de Paul, P.O. Box 1, Naas, Co. Kildare" (please do not post cash). To receive a receipt please include your name and address. We may contact you in relation to the Revenue Commissioners' tax back scheme, which can increase donations by up to 45% if you donate €250 or more. See <https://www.svp.ie/privacy.aspx> for our Privacy Statement. (Charity Reg. No. CHY6892).