



Parish Newsletter

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Fourth Sunday of Advent



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Christmas Message from Fr. Liam

As the Shepherds hurriedly made their way to the stable at Bethlehem, they were soon to be followed by the wise men. Entering the stable; the animals, the smells, the sounds and at the centre, Jesus, the newborn along with Mary and Joseph. Relieved faces, the worry and fear of closed doors now gives way to the joy and happiness of a safe delivery. Mother and baby safe and well. Now with the benefit of hindsight and history we know it to be a holy night, a sacred night. A truly heavenly moment in our history.

If the above scene was to be experienced today, the shepherds and wise men would probably be forced to witness this moment via Zoom or on FaceTime. Not quite the same! For those of us who feel comfortable attending Mass on a Sunday, the experience of being together, the nod or smile of recognition creates a feeling of togetherness, a sense of community.

As we walk in line to receive Jesus in Holy Communion, the consecrated host placed in our hands. There we touch, feel and receive, saying our 'Amen' to our Lord and Saviour. Mass on webcam, while filling an enforced absence, can never be the same as the experience of a community coming together. Praying with and for each other.

I was very struck by the boys and girls, who last Sunday (Bambinelli Sunday), brought the crib figure of Jesus for blessing. As they held the baby Jesus in open palms, those same little hands will soon, on First Holy Communion Day, receive Jesus in Holy Communion. May all the children and grandchildren of our parishes experience the joy, hope and excitement that Christmas brings.

My prayer for Christmas this year, amid the challenges and moments that are testing, is that the one gift we can all give to each other is the gift of 'kindness'. Kindness to self and each other! As Pope Emeritus Benedict once remarked, 'Your kindness is my home and the place where I feel safe'. Share the kindness of Christmas!

As priests we feel blessed to minister in Naas, Sallins and Two Mile House, where we experience such warmth, kindness and loving support.

We are blessed in the gifted, resourceful and generous parishioners who volunteer to take part in all aspects of parish life. Thank you! This Christmas, thank you also for your support materially to the parish and to us the priests of the parish. We don't take it for granted.

I want to acknowledge all whom we work closely with throughout the year; our parish staff who do such a wonderful job in the parish office and shops on the Sallins Road and in Ballycane. Our sacristans, both full time and voluntary. The various parish committees and all who assist in any way in our churches. Our heartfelt thanks.

On behalf of my colleagues on the Parish Team, may I wish you a happy, holy and peaceful Christmas.

Fr Liam



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

Martin Fogarty, Castlesize Way, Sallins

MAY HE REST IN PEACE



PARISH FINANCES

Naas: Offertory: €1,600 Development Fund: €1,595

Online donations (9th - 15th Dec.): €378

Tap & Go (9th - 15th Dec.): €550

Sallins: Envelopes: €925 Baskets: €630

TMH: €410

Boxes of collection envelopes for 2022 are now available in the Church porches of the Naas and Sallins Churches. Please write your name and address on the first few envelopes that you use. This will allow us to keep track of your donations over the whole year and to contact you to see if you are willing to participate in the Charitable Donation Scheme.

This scheme allows registered charities to claim back the tax, already paid by their donors to revenue, on the money they give to the charity during the course of a calendar year. So, if you donate more than €250 in a year, the parish can claim back the tax you would have paid when earning the donated amount. This is estimated by revenue to be 45% of the donation.

For example, if you donated €300 in total during 2020, the parish receives not only the original €300 which you gave us but an additional €135 directly from revenue. This applies if you donate in any traceable way, for example, the envelopes, standing order or by using the online donations module on the parish website.

If you would like to participate in the Charitable Donation Scheme, please call into the Parish Office on the Sallins Road for more details or download the CHY3 form from the online services tab on the Parish website.

Envelopes for the Christmas Collection in support of the Priests of the Parish

are available in the Church Porches in Naas, Ballycane and Sallins. Please place your Christmas donations inside this envelope and place the envelope into the normal collection boxes in the Churches. ***We thank you for your very kind support and generosity shown to us at all times.***

MASS TIMES

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.*

Eucharistic Adoration in Ballycane Church will finish on Thursday 23rd December and will resume on Friday 7th January at 10am.

Divine Mercy Prayers will take place after the 7pm Mass in Ballycane Church on **Wednesday 22nd December.**



The Parish Offices (Naas & Ballycane) will be open up to and including

Christmas Eve. We will finish up for the Christmas Holidays at 12pm on Christmas Eve and we will re-open and resume normal working hours again from Tuesday 4th January, opening at 10am.

The Parish Shop will also close at 12pm on Christmas Eve and will re-open on Monday 4th January at 9.30am.

Our Lady and St David's Church will open from 9am to 6pm on weekdays over the Christmas period. The Church will open as normal on weekends.

Concern Charity wish to thank all the collectors and contributors to their recent Christmas collection. The amount collected was €1,560.

Congratulations and Well Done to the Naas LGFA (Ladies Gaelic Football Association) Under 13 players and mentors who raised a staggering €5,100 for **NaasPoint**. The group raised this money by taking part in a 3 hour footballing marathon! These fantastic young players along with their parents and club mentors used the monies raised to make Christmas Hampers for those in need in the Naas area meaning that every cent that the girls raised will truly make a difference to families in need this Christmas. **A huge thanks to all the girls and their parents and to anyone who donated to this fundraiser. A special word of thanks also to Fergus Reilly of SuperValu Sallins for his phenomenal support of this event.**



Left: Some of the Naas Under 13 LGFA players. Joe O'Carroll (Vice Chairman Naas LGFA), Tom Keightley (NaasPoint), James Costello (Chairman Naas LGFA) and Father Liam Morgan (PP Naas Parish).



Right: Naas Under 13 LGFA Mentors Frank Carolan, Edel Scannell & Johnny Langan present some of the magnificent hampers to Tom Keightley (NaasPoint) and Father Liam Morgan.



Attending Mass on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day in Naas, Sallins and Two Mile House

We look forward to welcoming you and your families to Mass on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. We do hope that you will come to Mass if you feel safe and happy to do so. Attendance at all Masses is on a *'first come, first seated'* basis with personal responsibility and social distancing to the fore.

In the event of the Church reaching capacity, you may be asked to stand outside or to remain in your car. At all Churches you will be able to listen to the Mass outside the Church with the aid of the 'outdoor speaker' or in the comfort of your car by joining on the webcam or, in the case of OLSD, on the Parish Radio (107.3FM).

Holy Communion will be brought out to the door of the Church as required. Thank you.

Naas Parish Weekly Lotto Draw!

You could win a jackpot of €7,750 on Wednesday 5th January!

There was **NO WINNER** of the €7,500 Jackpot on Wednesday last 15th Dec.

Numbers Drawn were:

24 - 3 - 6 - 20;

Winners of the Lucky Dip €100 prizes were: C. Burke, M. Dunne, P. Kilfeather & L. Quilty

This is the last Parish Lotto Draw

until Wednesday 5th January and the Lotto Committee would like to wish everybody a very Happy and Safe Christmas and every good wish for the New Year! Thank you all for supporting the Lotto!





Naas, Sallins and Two Mile House

Christmas Timetable 2021

All Masses in OLSD, Sallins and TMH Churches are available via webcam on naasparish.ie and Naas Parish App. Also by radio, from OLSD, at 107.3FM.

CONFESSION TIMES: Friday 24th December

Our Lady & St David's Church: 10:30am – 1pm

CHRISTMAS EVE MASS TIMES, Friday 24th December

Our Lady & St David's Church: 5pm, 7pm, 9pm and 12 midnight
Church of the Irish Martyrs: 4pm, 6pm and 8pm
Our Lady & the Guardian Angels, Sallins: 5pm, 6.30pm and 8pm
St Peter's Church, Two Mile House: 9pm

CHRISTMAS DAY MASS TIMES, Saturday 25th December

Our Lady & St David's Church: 9am, 11am and 12.30pm
Church of the Irish Martyrs: 10.30am and 12noon
Our Lady & the Guardian Angels, Sallins: 10am and 12noon
St Peter's Church, Two Mile House: 11am

ST STEPHENS DAY, Sunday 26th December

Our Lady & St David's Church: 9am and 11am ONLY

*There will be **NO** 6pm Mass on Sunday 26th December in OLSD.*

Church of the Irish Martyrs: 10.30am and 12noon
Our Lady & the Guardian Angels, Sallins: 10am and 12noon
St Peter's Church, Two Mile House: 11am

MONDAY 27th DECEMBER – WEDNESDAY 5th January

Weekdays: Our Lady & St David's Church: 10am

Weekends: Normal Mass Schedule

No other weekday Masses in Ballycane and Sallins.

Weekday Masses will continue as normal in TMH, any changes will be announced.

Normal Weekday Mass Schedule resumes from Friday 7th January

FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY MASS TIMES, Thursday 6th January

Church of the Irish Martyrs: 7pm Vigil (Wednesday Evening)
Our Lady & St David's Church: 7.30am and 10am ONLY
Our Lady & the Guardian Angels, Sallins: 10am
St Peter's Church, Two Mile House: 9.30am

