

Parish Newsletter

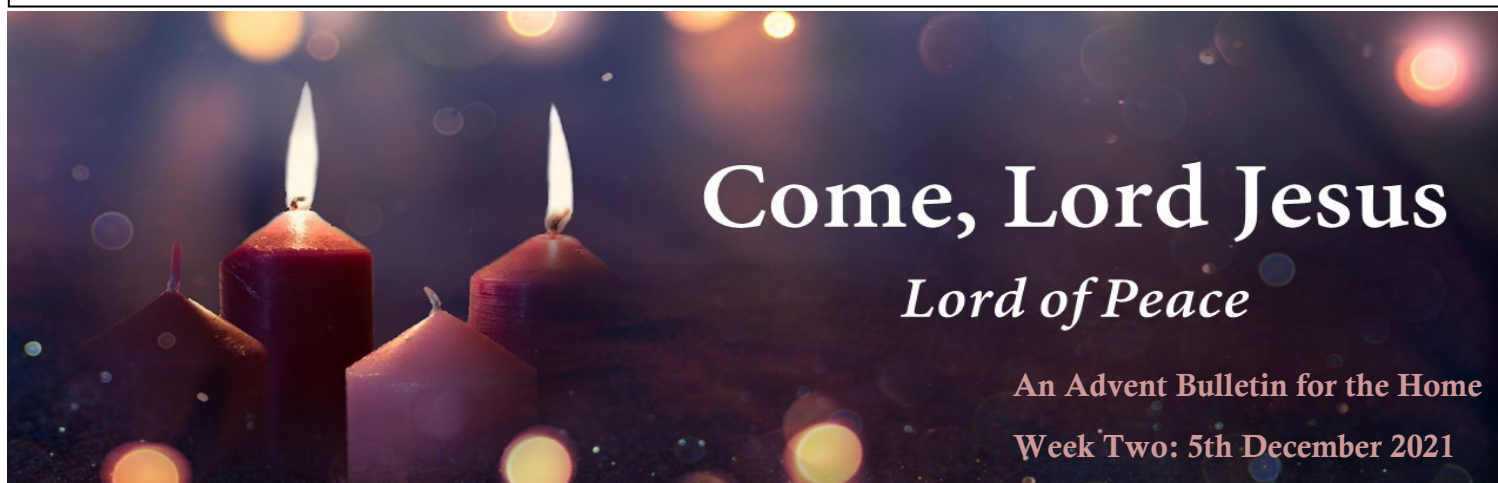
5th December 2021

Second Sunday of Advent



No: 1824

Lk. 3:1-6.



An Advent Character & an Invitation for us to Walk in Faith: St Joseph

The year of St Joseph draws to a close on December 8th. If you haven't had a chance to ponder his story perhaps now is a good time! As an Advent character, his was a supporting role in the truest sense of the word - and yet his choices mattered so much!

Joseph's story can remind each of us that our willingness to take the journey of faith affects everything. It tells us that walking in faith will require something of us, perhaps more than we thought we were capable of. But it also tells us that if we say yes to God and trust in his path for us, like Joseph, we, too, can find our place in the greatest story ever told.

We, too, can experience God-with-us. Walking in faith, we, too, can recognize the coming of the Divine into our hearts and call his name Jesus.



Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen.



Walking together in Advent: A Synodal Journey. As we make our Advent journey, this image (left), taken from the Universal Synod logo, reminds us that Christians walk together. Listening to, caring for and supporting one another - there is no one greater than the other. Let us pray this Advent that each of us can be that Christian to and with one another. Let us pray that we can be part of making our parishes grow even more, to be places where we can travel as companions together.

Praying for the return of Trevor Deely The Trevor Deely Service of Hope and Light which usually takes place during December in Ballycane Church will not take place this year. Trevor's Family, mindful of the care and wellbeing of those who usually attend, have once again asked for the cancellation of the Ceremony this year due to the Nphet and Government directive to 'reduce our social contacts'. We are grateful to the Deely Family for the consideration they have shown in arriving at this decision. Since the disappearance of Trevor, the family have been tireless in their efforts to bring Trevor home. It is not only in these December days that we think of Trevor, but always we hold in prayer and in our hearts the family of Trevor; his parents Ann and Michael, his siblings Michele, Mark and Pamela, and we pray that God will bring Trevor home to his family.



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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"

Rev. Fr. Colum Swan, Sallins

Anthony (Tony) Herbert, St. Brigid's Tce., Sallins

Deirdre Carter, Millbridge Avenue, Naas

Timothy (Timmy) Coyle, Sarto Road, Naas

James Conway, Dun na Riogh, Naas

Tommy Wheeler, formerly Naas



MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

PARISH FINANCES

Naas: Offertory: €1,495 Development Fund: €1,490

Online donations (25th Nov. - 1st Dec.): €568

Tap & Go (25th Nov. - 1st Dec.): €385

Sallins: Envelopes: €450 Baskets: €495

TMH: €350

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.

The Newbridge/Kildare Lions Club

Christmas with friends are, like last year, delivering dinner on Christmas day. The event is being sponsored by the beautiful venue Martinstown House and they are also cooking the food. If you know of anyone who might need this service or if you would like to book a dinner, please contact Anne at 086 804 2724 or Damian at 087 245 0881. We are also looking for a driver to deliver throughout the county. Thank you!

MASS TIMES - DECEMBER 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.

Advent Collection in support of the Priests of the Parish will take place this weekend, 4th/5th December at all Masses in **Naas and Sallins**. We thank you for your continued kind support and generosity especially at this time.

Mass Times for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Holy Day of Obligation

Wednesday 8th December

Naas: 7.30am & 10am

Ballycane: 7pm

Sallins: 10am

TMH: 9.30am





Bambinelli Sunday, 12th December 2020

For the past several decades, each year on Gaudete Sunday, children and adults bring their Baby Jesus figure from the crib in their homes to St. Peter's Square in Rome where the Holy Father blesses both the people and the figurines during the Angelus. This has become affectionately known as 'Bambinelli Sunday'.

Families are invited to bring their figure of the Baby Jesus to any of the Masses next weekend 11th/12th December to be blessed OR to have their figure to hand if joining the Mass from home via webcam.

A suggestion is, following the blessing, place your 'Bambinelli' in a gift box, wrap it and save it for Christmas. Let this be the first gift your family opens on Christmas morning and together place the Baby Jesus into the family crib. Say a prayer of blessing together asking God to protect your family and thanking God for the gift of His Son.

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

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. Thank you to everyone who joined us on Friday evening for the first evening of Advent Reflection and Prayer. Our second evening will take place on Friday coming 10th December at 7.30pm with Fr. Michael Rogers SPS (Tearmann Spirituality Centre, Glendalough).

Come in person or join us via the WebCam!



An Advent Family Prayer at Bedtime for Week 2

We invite you to take a moment before bedtime to pause and thank God for your Advent day. Bring to God any worries or concerns you may have, any places of conflict or disturbance in your life. Pray this prayer in union with the rest of our diocesan family. You might like to light the first two candles of your Advent wreath or your Advent candle to begin your prayer.

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.

Comfort us with your healing

and help us to welcome your light into our lives,
a light that gives us the gift of peace.

Help us to forgive and to love,

And to bring your peace where it is needed.

May your peace guard our hearts, our minds
and our home.

We ask this through
Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Together we pray:
Come, Lord Jesus.



An Advent Tradition

As we move through Advent the Christmas tree will begin to appear in more and more homes, signalling that we are getting closer to the feast of Christmas.



In the midst of winter, the evergreen tree, dressed with lights, reminds us of the life and light that comes to us through Christ. The colourful decorations of the tree are a reminder of the paradise tree of the garden of Eden, hung with the bright colour of fruit.

Families are invited to say the following prayer together when they put up the Christmas tree in their home.

A Blessing Prayer

Lord God, let your blessing come upon us
as we gather around this tree.

May its light and the cheer it gives us
be a sign of the joy that fills our hearts.

As we delight in this tree may we come to the
knowledge and joy of the Christmas gift of
salvation and peace.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen. Come, Lord Jesus



SVP, Naas

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). Thank you.

SVP Guardian Angels Conference, Sallins

Our annual collection takes place this December. The church gate collection which was due to be held on the 11th/12th December is cancelled due to the current Covid situation. If you can help by making a donation, please place it in the SVP box in Sallins Post Office or alternatively you can donate online by visiting svp.ie/guardianangelssallins (Bank details: IBAN IE88 BOFI90123994974665). All money received will be used within our community here in Sallins Parish. If you need any assistance you can call us on 085 705 2294 or place a written request in the SVP box in Sallins Post Office. Thank you.



Parish Shops - Sallins Road & Ballycane

A wide selection of signed Christmas Mass Bouquets & boxed Christmas cards are 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 available now too!



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!

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. Thank you all for your support.



Naas Parish Weekly Lotto Draw!

You could win a jackpot of **€7,250** on **Wednesday 8th December!**

There was **NO WINNER** of the €7,000 Jackpot on Wednesday last 1st Dec.

Numbers Drawn were:

5 - 14 - 24 - 2;

Winners of the Lucky Dip €100 prizes were: L. Quilty, D. Tuite, Anon & B. Whelan.

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!**

