

Parish Newsletter



6th February 2022

The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

No: 1831

Lk. 5:1-11

In Praise of Snowdrops...

Anois teacht an Earraig, Beidh an lá dul chun síneadh

'Gus tar éis na Féile Bhríde, Ardoigh mé mo sheol.

**'Now with the springtime/The days will grow longer/And after
St. Bride's day'/My sail I'll let go...'**



One of the earliest signs of new life and positivity for the year ahead is the appearance of the snowdrop, the first flower to bloom at the end of winter. A symbol of purity and innocence, like the unwritten page of the new year, it also signals hope.

During this month of February, Pope Francis' prayer intention is offered for religious sisters and consecrated women whose mission and courage in its purity and strength have so often provided and continues to offer new life and hope for the church. Their dedication to prayer and service, their community life entailing a constant readiness to forgive and forebear with one another and the bearing of each other's burdens, inspires the rest of the church and the human family. St Catherine of Siena wrote; *'Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire.'* As we rejoice in the feast of St Brigid and the generations of consecrated women after her, may we also celebrate the women amongst us who continue like the early snowdrops to represent the springtime of the Kingdom and set the world on fire.

(Extract from article by Fr. Paul Clayton-Lea, Intercom Magazine)

Returning to the Development and Offertory Baskets

(in the Parish Church in Naas and Ballycane)

The above collections will recommence on the first weekend of March. After the homily, you will be invited to pass the development basket along the seat, you will then be asked to pass a second basket at the offertory time. While passing the basket, we know that some parishioners will have already contributed; either online, by standing order or by 'tap and go'. Sanitiser for your personal use will be placed in front of you on the seats, for you to sanitise your hands after the basket is passed.

We are very grateful to parishioners who over the last two years have supported the parish financially. The development and offertory collections were always the 'bread and butter' of parish finances.

The Employment Wage Subsidy Scheme (E.W.S.S) has now ended for the parish, it was a life saver when it came to our wage bill. Like all other sectors of society, we are reliant once again upon our own resources.

The Development Collection: funds all maintenance, repairs, upkeep of churches and parish properties.

The Offertory Collection: funds our wage bill, light/heat, insurance, website/webcam, church/altar needs etc.

At the moment, we are inviting back our collectors and we thank them for their willingness to take on this task in our churches. My thanks to you the Parishioners for your continued loyalty, faithfulness and generosity to the parish, often over a lifetime, but most especially during the pandemic.

Fr. Liam

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Opening Hours: Monday to Friday 10am to 1pm

PARISH TEAM

Fr. Liam Morgan	Sallins Road	087 133 7879
Fr. Alex Kochatt	Lakelands	045 898 684
Fr. Michael Flattery	Sundays Well	045 888 112
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Ms. Sarah Farmer	Parish Manager	045 879 730

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN PARISH REPRESENTATIVES

Naas: Geraldine Faherty & Adrian King
Sallins: Dermot McGilloway, Emer McCarthy
Two Mile House: Paula Clancy & Suzanne Powell
Diocesan Designated Liaison Person: Kathleen Sherry
Deputy Diocesan Liaison Person: Michele Hughes, c/o
Bishop's House, Carlow **Phone:** 085 802 1633

Safeguarding Policy displayed in all Church Porches.

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

Aidan McDonnell, Osberstown Park, Sallins
Loosin Yaquob Adam, Dublin Road, Naas

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE



PARISH FINANCES

Naas: Offertory: €1,730 Development Fund: €1,735

Online donations (27th. Jan. - 2nd Feb.): €540

Tap & Go (27th Jan. - 2nd Feb.): €485

Sallins: Envelopes: €405 Baskets: €420

TMH: €560

MASS TIMES - January 2022

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.*

Holy Rosary

The most Holy Rosary is recited every weekday in OLSD Church, commencing a half hour before the 7.30am and 10am Masses. You are welcome to join us in person, on webcam or parish radio.

**To mark the feast day of Our Lady
of Lourdes, the Rosary will be
prayed at 5.30pm at the grotto
outside OLSD on Friday 11th
February. All welcome to join.**

*A thought for February... Give to the world the best you have,
and the best will come back to you.*



Poor Clares Graiguecullen Carlow

Zoom Meeting!

Calling Ladies! - Would you like to find out more about our way of life?

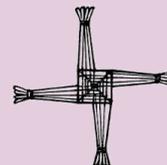
For all further information and to find out about our Zoom meeting please contact poorclaresvoc@gmail.com.



Pictured left: The beautiful Sacred Space in Sallins Church to celebrate the Feast of St Brigid.

Thank you to the Sallins Liturgy Team for their wonderful work with this space - well done all.

St Brigid's Crosses



We would like to thank all parishioners who were involved in making St Brigid's Crosses, which were sold in the Parish Shop. Thank you also to those of you who supported this initiative by buying a Cross from us.

In total, €1,250 was raised from the sale of these Crosses, this money will go to the Parish and also to NaasPoint.

ALL ROADS LEAD TO CROKE PARK THIS SATURDAY 5TH FEBRUARY FOR THE ALL IRELAND INTERMEDIATE HURLING FINAL!



Win, lose or draw we are immensely proud lads of this wonderful achievement - well done!

Need help? Age Action's Care and Repair Programme does small DIY jobs, free of charge, for older people to help them maintain their homes and their independence. Care and Repair can remove trip hazards, install handrails, replace toilet seats or move a bed downstairs. If you require work done in your home or would like to make it safer after a stay in hospital we can help. For all queries about this programme, please contact us on 0818 911 109 or you can email: careandrepair@ageaction.ie.



WATERCOLOUR ART EXHIBITION
By RENU THOMAS

FEBRUARY 2ND TO 22ND
10A.M TO 5 PM

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Lighting up for St Brigid's Day



The Hill of Allen in Co Kildare was illuminated earlier this week as part of a series of events to mark St Brigid's Day. The tower



at the top of the hill was immersed in a white light from 6pm to midnight to symbolise hope for the New Year. Commenting on the St Brigid's Day celebrations in the county, Into Kildare Chief Executive Aine Mangan said the county has "a deep-rooted connection" with St Brigid, "which dates back many centuries, so it is fitting that we mark and honour the great work she did for the people of Kildare and indeed, Ireland."

(extract and picture from rte.ie)

As we celebrated St Brigid's day earlier this week, we prepared the St Brigid's Cross and lit the lantern to guide our path, may Brigid bring us into Spring, where we find hope and new life.

Naas Parish Weekly Lotto Draw!

You could win a jackpot of €9,000 on Wednesday 9th February!

There was **NO WINNER** of the €8,750 Jackpot on Wednesday last 2nd February.

Numbers Drawn were:

16 - 5 - 20 - 10;

Winners of the Lucky Dip €100 prizes were:

S. Rahilly, M. Harte, J. McGrath, N. Butler

