

Parish Newsletter



15th May 2022
Fifth Sunday of Easter

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The sight this weekend and next of boys and girls dressed to the nines in their First Holy Communion clothes will evoke memories.

I vividly remember my navy blazer, with grey pants, white shirt and navy tie. Hair trimmed and cut into shape, yes! Once upon a time, I did have hair!

The priest who celebrated our Mass in Raheen was Fr. Barry Larkin, former Naas Curate and now PP in Suncroft. A small class of ten pupils: with prayers learned off, hymns repeatedly sung, and walking up the aisle for the very first time to receive Holy Communion, an exciting moment. In those days, when at Mass, you remained in your seat until your parents returned. This was before the practice of children coming forward with arms crossed to receive a blessing from the priest. So it was a big deal to stand in line with the grown ups and walk up the aisle for the very first time.

When Mass was over on that special day, with dinner at home and then a visit to the De Vesci gardens at Abbeyleix House. The obligatory ice cream and mineral was enjoyed.

In some ways, while life evolves and fashions change, some things still remain. The loving effort made by parents to celebrate and to make it a special day for their young child.

Of course attitudes to religion and faith have changed. Motivation is not always based on faith or its importance.

And yet amid changing lifestyles and a more secular society there is a truth that remains. A truth based firmly in our faith and tradition. A teaching firmly rooted in the person of Jesus Christ. As St. Paul writes

"This is what I received from the Lord, and in time passed on to you: that on the same night he was betrayed, the Lord Jesus took some bread and thanked God for it and broke it, and said 'This is my body, which is for you: do this as a memorial of me.'"

This teaching is the great gift of our Church, the belief that in Holy Communion we are receiving the Body and Blood of Jesus, truly present to us. Assuring us of his divine and loving presence in the world. Of Jesus who wants to bless and to be part of our lives so that we may know: his love, his encouragement, his mercy and forgiveness. Jesus is our strength, our hope and our great promise, that we are never alone.

I hope that the boys and girls have a truly wonderful day with their families, that they feel special, knowing that indeed they are loved by God.

Enjoy your Day,
Boys and Girls!



KILDARE & LEIGHLIN PILGRIMAGE TO
KNOCK SHRINE



WITH BISHOP DENIS NULTY
SUNDAY 5TH JUNE

Ceremonies begin at 2.30pm with the Sacrament of the
Anointing of the Sick followed by Mass at 3pm and
concluding with the Procession of the Blessed Sacrament.

A bus will run from

Naas (pickup outside OLSD) 8am
Sallins 8.15am

Cost of bus will be €20 per person, please
call into the Parish Office on the Sallins
Road to pay for a space.

As Exam Time approaches

please call into one of the Parish Offices on the Sallins Road or in Ballycane to purchase from the selection of Exam Mass Bouquets, Cards and Prayer Cards.
Good Luck!



PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION

PRIEST ON DUTY: 085 708 8407

PARISH WEBSITE: www.naasparish.ie

NAAS PARISH OFFICE: Tel.: 045 879 730

E-mail: office@naasparish.net

Opening Hours: Monday to Friday 10am to 5pm

SACRISTY OUR LADY AND ST DAVID: 045 856 925

BALLYCANE OFFICE AND SACRISTY: 045 895 629

Opening Hours: Monday to Friday 10am to 1pm

SACRISTY TWO MILE HOUSE: 086 399 1706

PARISH TEAM

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| Fr. Liam Morgan | Sallins Road | 087 133 7879 |
| Fr. Alex Kochatt | Lakelands | 045 898 684 |
| Fr. Michael Flattery | Sundays Well | 045 888 112 |
| Fr. Robert Petrisor | Sallins Road | 045 879 730 |
| Dn. Fergal O'Neill | Parish Deacon | 086 381 6133 |
| Ms. Trish O'Neill | Youth/Pastoral Minister | 045 879 730 |
| 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.

A **Special Remembrance Service** for families and friends affected by suicide will be held on Friday 20th May at 7.30pm in Our Lady & St Joseph Church, Caragh.

If you would like to have a loved one who has died this year or any other year remembered at this special service, please contact the Parish Office Monday to Friday 9am to 1pm on 045 875602 or email parishoffice@caraghpriest.net with your loved one's name. People from all areas are very welcome to attend. This special service is organised by HOPE(D) "helping other people endure depression" in conjunction with Caragh Pastoral Council.



MASS TIMES - May 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

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). You can also join by radio, from OLSD only, at 107.3FM.

PARISH FINANCES

Naas: Offertory: € 2,330 Development Fund: €3,400

Online donations (5th - 11th May): €311

Tap & Go (5th - 11th May): €295

Sallins: Envelopes: €425 Baskets: €625

TMH: €505

Cemetery Mass this year will be on Wednesday 15th June at 7.30pm at St Corban's Cemetery.



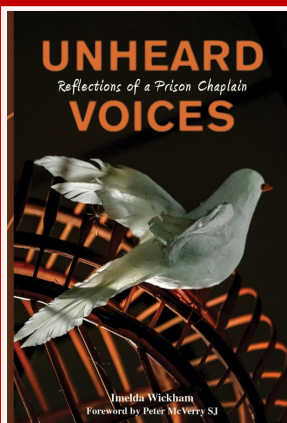
Children's Rosary Group: Would you like your child to learn the Rosary and develop deep roots in faith? **Families are invited to bring their children to come and pray the Rosary together every Saturday at 6pm in Our Lady & the Guardian Angels Church, Sallins. All welcome!**



First Holy Communion Ceremonies May 2022

* Please note that on Saturday 21st May, there will be no public 10am Mass due to the First Holy Communion Ceremony taking place at that time in Our Lady and St. David's Church.

| <u>Date</u> | <u>School</u> | <u>Time</u> | <u>Church</u> | <u>Class</u> |
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| Sunday 15th May | Gaelscoil | 12.30pm | Our Lady & St. David's | All |
| Saturday 21st May | Two Mile House | 11am | St. Peter's, TMH | All |
| Saturday 21st May | Killashee MDNS | 12.30pm | St. Peter's, TMH | All |
| Saturday 21st May | St. Corban's | 10am | Irish Martyrs, Ballycane | Ms McCutcheon |
| | | 11.30am | | Ms Roche |
| Saturday 21st May | Mercy Convent | 10am* | Our Lady & St. David's | Ms Keohane |
| | | 11.30am | | Ms Carroll |
| | | 1pm | | Ms Byrne & Ms Carr |



'Unheard Voices: Reflections of a Prison Chaplain'

This public event in Mount St. Anne's Retreat and Conference Centre on Tuesday 24th May is being called to explore the issues raised in Imelda Wickham's recently published book which calls us to engage in dialogue & conversation in an effort to find new and creative ways of developing a more humane and holistic justice system.

The event will afford an opportunity for all who are interested in this topic to share their views and ideas.

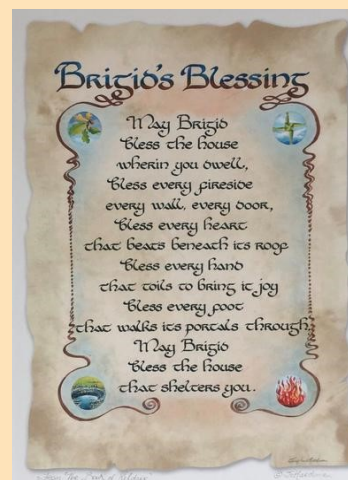
Speakers include Sr. Imelda Wickham, former prison chaplain, Ian O'Donnell, Professor of Criminology at UCD, Seán Duggan, Head of Chaplaincy Services and Fr. Peter McVerry, SJ, a priest in Inner City Dublin & founder of the Peter McVerry Trust.

The event begins with Tea/Coffee @ 7pm.

Booking is essential: Email: secretary@mountstannes.com by 17th May to confirm your attendance.

Josephine Hardiman

Raffle of an A3 Framed Brigid's Blessing



**Tickets available from the Parish Shop on
the Sallins Road for €5 each.**

All proceeds to go to the Ukraine Appeal.



Sunday 12th June, 12noon Mass, Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane.

In preparation for the Mass being celebrated by Bishop Denis, we are asking whether parishioners have any photos of special occasions celebrated in Ballycane Church over the years which you would be willing to share with us and have displayed in the Church on the day.



We ask that you either send us a copy by email to office@naasparish.net, or if you call into one of the Parish Offices, we can take a photocopy.

If you do leave an original photo with us, please write your name and phone number clearly on the back.

Deadline for receipt of photos is 3rd June.

Request for home baking for the celebration in the school after the Mass. If you would be willing to bake, please contact, Noel on 087 920 3444.





Tuesdays in the Care of the
Aged Centre (Newbridge Road),
at the NEW TIME OF 8PM!



When JESUS saw the CROWDS...

NEW
Evening Workshops
at 7pm

52nd Summer School
14th & 15th July, 2022
St. Patrick's College Maynooth

www.icmamusic.ie

NCC Colour Run will take place on May 22nd at 2pm



Come along and join in the fun: the race will start at Naas Community College and continue for 5K along Millennium Park and back to the school grounds for a BBQ.

All are welcome to join, experienced runners and novices alike. Sorry no bikes, scooters or dogs permitted. Funds raised will go towards the school and our charity partner InSync.



Register at <https://www.popupraces.ie/race/naas-community-college-5k-colour-run-2022/>



**3 Day Pilgrimage to Lough Derg,
Fri 1st - Sun 3rd July.**

Contact Joe Fitzpatrick 087 381 5887

THE PASSION PLAY - OBERAMMERGAU PILGRIMAGE 2022



5th - 12th August 2022

Tour Leader: Fr. Liam

**Cost: €1,890 per person
sharing twin/double room**

Cost Includes: Return flight tickets,

private transfers throughout, walking tour of Kitzbuhel, walking tour of Salzburg, 5 nights stay in Kitzbuhel (half board), 2 nights stay in Oberammergau (half board), tickets for the passion play (Category 1 seating, 11th August 2022).



For ALL further information on payments and rooms, or any queries you may have regarding the pilgrimage, please contact Tully's Travel on 059 913 6100 or info@tullys.ie.



Naas Parish Weekly Lotto Draw!

There was no winner of the €2,400 Jackpot on 11th May.

Numbers Drawn were: 8-26-23-16;

Congratulations to the Lucky Dip winners:

T. Durkin, ANON, D. Daly and Aishling.

You could win a Jackpot of €2,650 on Wednesday 18th May.

Tickets are on sale in the Parish Offices and from various outlets in the town.

Tickets are €2 each and you can also purchase your Lotto ticket online at www.naasparish.ie or through the Parish App!

Thank you for your support.