

# Parish Newsletter

11th September 2022

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



No: 1862

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## Novena to our Lady of Perpetual Help



Friday 30th September - Saturday 8th October 2022

*The theme of our Novena*

**“A Synodal Journey:  
Walking together in Faith with Hope”**

DATE	SPEAKER
Friday 30th September 7.30pm	<b>Bishop Paul Dempsey</b> , former curate of Naas, Sallins and Two Mile House, Bishop of Achonry since 2020.
Saturday 1st October 6pm	<b>Sr. Helen Culhane</b> , founder of the Children's Grief Centre. Social Worker and Psychotherapist. Limerick person of the year 2017.
Sunday 2nd October 6pm	<b>Eddie Mullins</b> . Naas Parishioner and Governor of Mountjoy Prison.
Monday 3rd October 7.30pm	<b>Michelle Ward</b> works with young people, Retreat Director. Member of the Kildare & Leighlin Diocesan Pastoral Council.
Tuesday 4th October 7.30pm	<b>Fr. Seán Maher</b> , formerly a member of the Parish Team in Naas/Sallins/Two Mile House. Parish Priest of Balyna Parish. Scripture Scholar.
Wednesday 5th October 7.30pm	<b>Professor Jim Lucey</b> , Professor of Clinical Psychiatry at TCD. Medical Director of St. Patricks University Hospital since 2008.
Thursday 6th October 7.30pm	<b>Elma Walsh</b> , founder of the Donal Walsh LiveLife Foundation.
Friday 7th October 7.30pm	<b>Fr. Vincent Sherlock</b> , Parish Priest, Tubbercurry, Co. Sligo. Columnist with the Irish Catholic, Retreat Director
Saturday 8th October 6pm	<b>Bishop Denis Nulty</b> , ordained Bishop of Kildare & Leighlin Diocese 2013.

Today's Readings: are on pages 136 to 139 of the Mass Book.

Responsorial Psalm Response: : “I will leave this place and go to my Father.”

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia, May the Father of Our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can see what hope his call holds for us. Alleluia

# A Pastoral Letter from Bishop Denis Nulty

Dear Priests, Deacons, Religious and Lay Faithful,

A few months ago, I announced that the seven former deaneries of the diocese were now reconstituted as seven Pastoral Areas. I heard many questions as I visited the seven Pastoral Areas. The most critical question is how can we be Church with one another in 2022 and onwards thereafter? How can we work more closely together, while still honouring the autonomy and identity of the individual parish? What worked in the past doesn't of necessity address the needs of the future. We must build a different type of Church.

I am now proposing to create 19 Parish Clusters, some of them crossing different Pastoral Areas. The 19 parish clusters are offered as an experimental arrangement. These are the clusters that have emerged out of those initial Pastoral Area meetings. It is important to give these clusters every support. Please **see the map opposite**. I am asking that discussions be held at first at parish level with lay people, within the parish cluster and then in the Pastoral Area to make sure that the clustered parishes are operable and correctly assigned. I am asking that responses come back to me regarding the parish clustering proposal by October 15<sup>th</sup>.

## The Importance of the Sunday Eucharist:

We all accept that we celebrate too many Masses, and our priests are stretched to cover every scheduled celebration. Often it is difficult for a priest to get away from the parish for his day off, or indeed arrange some annual leave, because it is becoming more challenging to get cover. I am very conscious of the health and well-being of our priests, and I ask parishioners to be reasonable in the demands they make of them. If a priest gets sick or over-stretched, where does that leave us?

The proposed 19 parish clusters must reflect together on a sustainable local **Mass Schedule**. An agreed approach to what happens in a local church when a priest is unavailable for Sunday Mass will also need to be arrived at in time.

I know the changing of schedules disrupts routine and traditions, but I am appealing to all to look on this with an open mind and a generous heart. It is my intention that on the First Sunday of Advent, November 27<sup>th</sup> a sustainable local Mass schedule within each cluster will be agreed upon and announced and then become operable on the First Sunday of Lent, February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

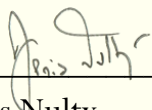
## A Greater Sharing and Co-Responsibility:

But it's more than about Masses, much more. I am asking that deep reflection happens as to how these parish clusters or the wider Pastoral Area might share resources such as secretarial services or the employment of administrative support. Can we support one another in our chaplaincy outreach to schools (Primary and Secondary), hospitals, nursing homes, prisons? Our experience of the pandemic taught us the importance of the parish taking the lead in the programmes for sacramental preparation working alongside our schools and homes. Might we work towards a common approach within each cluster?

The Synodal discussions that are ongoing have been a great example of people journeying with one another - walking and talking. We continue on that synodal journey.

## Keeping the Momentum Going:

- Reflect on this Pastoral within your parish and in the parish cluster, leading to a meeting in each of the seven Pastoral Areas and a response to me by **October 15<sup>th</sup>**.
- Further reflect and explore practical ideas around a sustainable schedule of local Masses and greater sharing of services and resources within the agreed parish clusters, by **November 27<sup>th</sup>**.
- New schedule of Masses becomes operable throughout the diocese on **February 26<sup>th</sup> 2023**.



+ Denis Nulty

Bishop of Kildare & Leighlin, 5 September 2022





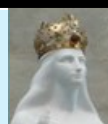
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**Pilgrimage to Lourdes**  
**from Limerick (passing through Naas) led by**  
**Fr Joe Young, October 18<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>, €595, all in,**  
**including return coach to Dublin airport.**  
**Please phone Laura or Kieran on 086 3256639.**

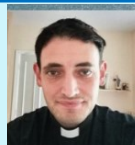


*Legion of Mary*  
Pilgrimage to Knock  
25th September  
All are welcome



**KNOCK**

**The Men for Christ Conference 2022 -**  
**a Catholic Conference for Men will be LIVE & EXCLUSIVE**  
**on Radio Maria Ireland Saturday 17th September from**  
**2pm. Speakers for this years Conference are Fr. Jamie Twohig**  
**SAC, John Pridmore, David Quinn and Fr. Marius O'Reilly.**



Fr J Twohig



J. Pridmore



D. Quinn



Fr. O'Reilly

### **Opening Night & Enrolment for St. Mary's College**

**1<sup>st</sup> year Opening Night:** Thurs. 6<sup>th</sup> of October in St. Marys College from 5-7pm. We invite all 6<sup>th</sup> class parents and students to attend.

Our Enrolment process for September 2023 will start on Monday the 3rd of October.

The 1st Year Enrolment Application Form, St. Mary's College Admissions Policy, and Annual Admissions Notice will be available on the school website [www.stmaryscollegenaas.ie](http://www.stmaryscollegenaas.ie) Completed Application Forms will only be accepted from Monday October 3<sup>rd</sup> to Monday October 24<sup>th</sup> (Enrolment Period).

Applications received outside this period will be marked as late.



### **RECENT BAPTISMS**

Tadhg Cronin, Morell Rise  
Ace McCormack, Lacken View  
Darragh Mehigan, Kilcullen  
Rylie Keenan, Craddockstown  
Isla O'Connor, Sallins  
Maximilien Barth, Sallins  
Maevie Parish, London UK



### **Baptism Meetings**

These will resume on October 11th and will be held on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month at 8pm in Room 4, Ballycane Church. There is no need to book these meetings please turn up to the one that suits your family.



### *Naas Flower & Garden Club:*

Naas Flower & Garden Club will meet on 29th September at 7.45pm at Care of the Aged Centre, Naas (Beside Fire Station). Demonstration by Ali Dietrich AOIFA. The theme is "As Summer Fades".



We welcome visitors, new and past members to join us.  
Admission €8



### **St David's Bridge Club**

Re-opens September 28th at 7.30pm in Care of the Aged, Newbridge Road. New members welcome (tel. 087 220 0005)



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



**MARGARET PLANT, CLEEVAUN**  
**LENA EDMONDS, SALLINS**  
**ANNE KENT, KINGSFURZE**  
**MAY THEY REST IN PEACE**

### **PARISH FINANCES**

**Naas:** Development Fund: € 3,125 Offertory: €3,119

**Online donations (1st Sep - 6th Sep): €404**

**Tap & Go (1st Sep - 6th Sep): €635**

**Sallins:** Envelopes: €355 Baskets: €465

**TMH:** €480



### **The Priory Institute:**

*The Institute provides online Theology courses to degree level. Attend Saturday lectures in Tallaght or from the comfort of your own home.*

*Register before September 13<sup>th</sup>. Find out more on our website, [prioryinstitute.com](http://prioryinstitute.com)*



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### **Naas Parish Weekly Lotto Draw!**

**There was no winner of the €4,100 Jackpot on 7th September.**

**Numbers Drawn were: 24-18-17-22;**

**Congratulations to the Lucky Dip winners:**

**C. Dulcie, E. Trant, B & C. O'Dowd & B. Burns**

**You could win a Jackpot of €4,350 on Wednesday 14th Sept.**