

Parish Newsletter

13th November 2022

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



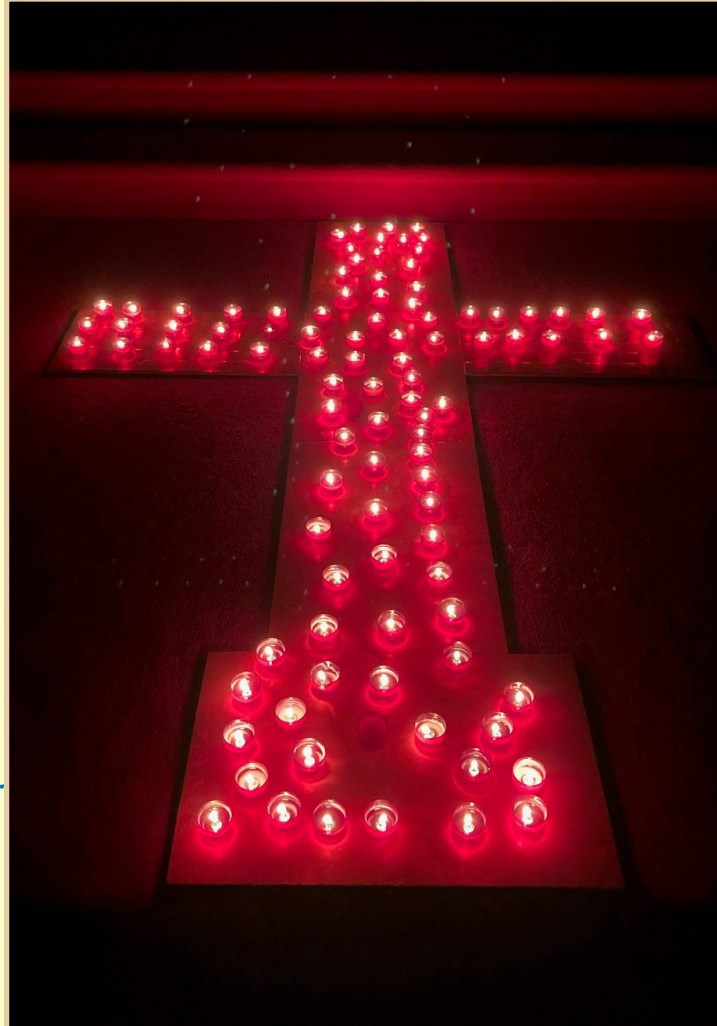
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Lk 21:5-19

The centre image with candles lighting was taken at midnight on Friday 4th of November.

Each candle was lit as a much-loved family member was named and remembered.

Long after we had left these candles remained lighting, they speak of: love and gratitude, and sometimes a gentle tear slowly falling.



Death is not the end of light and the beginning of darkness.

On the journey of the soul, it is the end of darkness and the beginning of light.

Death is but another season,

part of the sequence of life,

and as seasons follow seasons,

the cycle of growing goes on.

Our grateful thanks to the Liturgy Group, Funeral Ministers, Choir, Sacristan and the Parish Office for all their sensitive preparation for our Bereavement Mass.

The Winter Season - reception of Holy Communion

As we move into the winter season, everybody is conscious of the possibility of a new surge of Covid 19, along with the flu and other respiratory viruses which are circulating (within the community). Bearing in mind all that we have learned over the past two years about the transmission of disease and the responsibility we all have to care for those who might be vulnerable, we are encouraging parishioners to consider **using face masks** while attending Mass. We are in an enclosed and potentially crowded space. We ask people to continue with hand hygiene practice by **using the hand sanitiser** provided. It would be our preference that people receive **Holy Communion on the hand** and in the interests of the wellbeing of our Eucharistic Ministers, they have been instructed not to give Holy Communion on the tongue. Please be considerate of the health of our Ministers of Holy Communion and of each other at this time.

PARISH FINANCES

Naas: Development Fund: €3085 Offertory: €2910

Online donations (3rd - 9th Nov): €419

Tap & Go (3rd - 9th Nov): €480

Sallins: Envelopes: €340 Baskets: €640

TMH: €545



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

Michael Bermingham, Kildangan

Eamonn D'Arcy, Hollywood Park

Lucy Power, St. Gabriel's Place

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Notes on the 2021 Accounts

Income:

Income from Online Collections and the Tap & Go Terminals is allocated on a proportionate basis between the Development Fund and Basket Collections.

Income from the two basket collections and shrines returned to 75% of pre-pandemic levels. Income for 2022 is running at the same level as 2021. No major fundraising event was held in 2021.

Lotto income has enjoyed a welcome return to pre-pandemic levels.

The Parish Shop continues to thrive with income up almost 50% on 2020. A huge thank you to the Team working so diligently in the Parish Shop & Office making it such a success and many thanks to all the parishioners who support the shop.

Expenditure:

- As the main sources of income for the parish had reduced substantially since the start of the pandemic, we have been fortunate to be eligible for the Employment Wage Support Scheme and have received a total of €109k in 2021, which appears as a credit in the Employers PRSI / Revenue Commissioners line and explains why this line appears as a negative expenditure (i.e. a net income).
- Throughout the pandemic, expenditure on Repairs and Maintenance has been kept to essential work only. The largest expense was on an overhaul / update of the emergency lighting system in the Church of Our Lady & St. David.
- The Diocesan Levy was returned to the full rate in 2021 (it had been levied at 50% of the full rate for part of 2020).
- Cleaning costs substantially reduced in 2021 as the stringent hygiene requirements were relaxed.
- As parish activity resumed, thankfully, music, youth and community expenses have started to return to normal levels. Further increases in these areas are expected in 2022.
- All other categories of expense have been heavily reduced in light of reduced services, programmes and activities.

The Weekly Collections: The First Collection (the envelope collection) every week and monthly standing orders received from parishioners support the Parish Development Fund. Income from this fund is directed to major maintenance and renovation works on both parish churches, the parochial houses and the parish centre. The second collection (the offertory collection) supports the day-to-day running costs of the parish, e.g. wages and salaries, insurance and utilities and the running of the parish offices on the Sallins Road and Ballycane.

Payments to Priests: The priests of the parish do not receive any payment from the Development Fund or Offertory collections. Salaries are paid from seven specific collections for priests taken at Christmas, Easter, Advent & Lenten Stations and Spring / Autumn collections. As priests we express our sincere thanks for your wonderful generosity and support to us.

The Parish Lotto: The Parish Lotto continues to make a significant contribution to the finances of the parish. We thank all who regularly support the Lotto and, in particular, our promoters. Please consider supporting the Lotto, possibly through a yearly subscription, monthly standing order or weekly €2 ticket, you can also buy tickets online on the parish website or from the parish. Our grateful thanks to the lotto committee.

Tax Refund on your Donations to Naas Parish: The parish qualifies for this scheme and is entitled to reclaim an additional 45% of your annual donation where your donation is more than €250 per year. We receive very good support from our parishioners, many of whom contribute more than €250 each year to the parish and to take advantage of this scheme, we must be able to record donations. We would encourage you to donate in a way in which this can be achieved. A good way is through the weekly envelope boxes. If you write your name and address on the first few envelopes that you use, we can calculate your annual contribution. Alternatively, we can record donations made through the online donations module or by cheque or standing order. Collections for the priests also qualify. Under this scheme, we have received over €50,000 in refunds over the past few years.

Thank You: As in previous years, the continued healthy state of the Naas Parish finances is down to the generosity of so many of our parishioners.

Thank you for your continued support – it is very much appreciated.

November 2022

Trevor Macnamara (Chairperson)

Current Finance Committee: Trevor Macnamara (chairperson), Gerry Martin (secretary), Ciaran Murray, Ann McManus, Alex Keane, Renu Thomas and Fr Liam Morgan.

Summary of Naas Parish Accounts for 2020 and Preliminary Results for 2021

Accounts for Naas Parish have been submitted to and examined by the Diocesan Accountant and audited by the Diocesan external auditors.

They form part of the Diocesan consolidated accounts submitted to the Charities Regulator.

They have been approved by the Parish Finance Committee for publication in this format.

	Preliminary	
	2021	2020
<u>Income Received</u>		
Development Fund Collection	€137,712	€156,995
Basket Collection	€108,630	€95,882
Income from Shrines	€57,264	€38,368
Rental Income	€50,532	€55,581
Fundraising	€0	€2,034
Donations & Bequests	€12,697	€40,645
Tax Refund	€27,608	€1,930
Church Bookings	€1,800	€1,650
Deposit Interest Received	€46	€44
Parish Shop	€66,633	€45,443
Lotto Income	€48,819	€24,955
Other Income	€24,901	€38,152
	€536,642	€501,679
<u>Expenditure Incurred</u>		
Wages and Salaries	€160,950	€170,418
Employers PRSI / Revenue Commissioners	-€71,378	-€86,956
Pastoral Programme Expenses	-€3,825	€1,991
Insurance	€18,340	€19,363
Security	€4,559	€5,971
Light and heat	€35,380	€31,587
Cleaning	€6,836	€16,505
Rates, Water, LPT & Waste Collection	€4,562	€4,524
Repairs and Maintenance	€49,823	€110,413
Diocesan Levy	€45,377	€30,252
Diocesan Retirement Fund	€4,000	€4,000
Printing, Stationery and Office	€11,179	€10,828
Altar & Shrine Requisites	€14,840	€11,484
Telephone, Broadband and Internet-related Expenses	€6,670	€5,109
Computer Software, Hardware and Servicing Costs	€9,151	€7,428
Hire of Equipment	€1,234	€1,464
Music Ministry	€6,073	€2,345
Accountancy Fees	€537	€670
Youth & Community Expenses	€9,095	€4,041
Bank Charges	€4,101	€3,110
Donations	€0	€1,260
General expenses	€3,594	€3,680
	€321,096	€359,487
<u>Surplus of Income over Expenditure</u>	€215,546	€142,192

Please note: the Accounts for Sallins and Two Mile House will be published in the newsletter next weekend.

Two Mile House November Remembrance Mass & the Blessing of the Graves (after Mass)

Sunday 20th November at 11am

THERE WILL BE NO MASS IN **TMH**, MONDAY TO WEDNESDAY 14TH -16TH NOVEMBER.

Two Mile House Coffee Morning in Aid of St. Brigid's Hospice

TMH ICA are hosting a coffee morning immediately after the blessing of the graves on Sunday 20th November, in aid of St. Brigid's hospice at TMH School. Please come and support.



RECENT BAPTISMS

Everly Kavanagh Dowd, Sallins Bridge
Charlie McClean, Sallins
Anaïs Barat, Sarto Park
Tadgh Swan, Sallins
Killian Dunne, Sallins Bridge
Annie O'Brien, Johnstown
Abel McGinn-Griffin, Eadestown
Zach McGinn Nugent, Johnstown
Tadgh Moran Bradshaw, Monread Lawns



For Mass Times and Confession
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Blessing of the Graves

Bodenstown Cemetery, Sallins
Sunday 13th November at 11am



Memorial Service for babies, who passed away through miscarriage, Still birth and Neo Natal deaths at: the **Church of Our Lady & St. Joseph, Caragh** on Friday, November 18th at 7pm.
All are welcome.



**SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN PARISH
REPRESENTATIVES LISTED ON WEBSITE & IN
ALL CHURCH PORCHES**

Team Hope Christmas shoebox appeal - extended deadline to **15th November**. Boxes may be dropped into any Dealz shop. (www.teamhope.ie)



Sallins Senior Citizens Committee will hold a meeting in Sallins Community Centre on Saturday 19th November at 2pm.
New members welcome.



Naas Art Group will hold their 41st Annual Exhibition in Naas Library from 1st -10th December
Paintings will be on Sale

Sallins Lourdes Committee Fundraiser Raffle

To raise much needed funds for the 2023 Pilgrimage to Lourdes. **Tickets €2 each available outside the Sallins Church** after Masses on **Saturdays and Sundays** from 19th Nov to 4th December. (*Tickets will also be available outside SuperValu, Sallins on these days*)
The Draw will be held in the Community Centre after 12pm mass on Sunday December 4th.
Your support would be greatly appreciated.



Rosary at the Grotto, OLSD
Monday, 21st November 5pm
Rosary will be offered for the Holy Souls
All are welcome.

Naas Parish Weekly Lotto Draw!

There was no **winner** of the €2,600 Jackpot on 9th November.

Numbers Drawn were: 6-4-22-1

Congratulations to the Lucky Dip Winners:

P. Sloane, P. Stokes, M. Maloney and Anon.

You could win a Jackpot of **€2,850** on Wednesday 16th November.

Thank you for your support.

