

Parish Newsletter



11th December 2022

Third Sunday of Advent, Gaudete Sunday

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Bambinelli Sunday

The Blessing of the Bambinelli (Baby Jesus) is a tradition which began in Rome. Each year on the Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday), the Pope Francis invites children to bring the Baby Jesus figure from their family Nativity scene to Mass for a blessing.

At the children's Masses in our parishes this weekend, we have a Baby Jesus figure for the children to bring home with them. Families are also invited to bring the Baby Jesus from their own crib at home to any Mass to have it blessed.

Prayer of Blessing

God, our Father
you so loved humankind
that you sent us your only Son Jesus,
born of the Virgin Mary,
to save us and lead us back to you.
We pray that with your Blessing
these images of Jesus,
who is about to come among us,
may be a sign of your presence and



love in our homes.

Heavenly Father, open our hearts,
so that we may be able to
receive Jesus in joy,
always do what he asks
and see him in all those
who are in need of our love. Amen.

Blessing by Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI

Naas and Sallins Boxes of Envelopes for 2023

These boxes are now available to collect from the Church porches.

If we could ask you to write your name and address on the first few envelopes which you use, this would allow us to keep a track of your donations during the year. If you donate more than €250 in any one year the parish can claim back the tax which you have already paid when earning that amount in the first place.

In recent years the parishes have claimed back over €70,000 from revenue under this scheme.

If you think that you might not have written your name and address on the envelope for the current year, it is not too late! you can still write your name and address on your envelope for the remaining weeks of 2022.

If you have any questions or for further information on participating in the tax back scheme, please call into the Parish Office on the Sallins Road.

Traditionally, Sallins Parishioners have kept the same envelope number each year. However, in recent years there have been a good number of boxes of envelopes which remain unused. So, in order to reduce our impact on the environment and the cost of envelopes, we have ordered fewer boxes this year.

We ask you therefore to pick any box of envelopes you like and to write your name and address on the first few envelopes which you use of your new box.

Please note that **Midnight Mass** will take place at **11pm** this year in the Church of Our Lady and St. David.
Please see the back page for the full Christmas Mass Schedule.

4th class or above? Would you like to become an Altar Server?
-please see inside for details and a form.

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

REGISTERED CHARITY No: 20015848

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 | 045 882 630 |
| 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

PARISH FINANCES

Naas: Development Fund: €3636

Online donations (1st - 7th Dec): €170

Tap & Go (1st - 7th Dec): €685

Sallins: Envelopes: €225 Baskets: €635

TMH: €495

Thank you for your generous support of the Advent Collection last weekend, for the Priests of the Parish

MASS TIMES

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.



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

James (Jimmy) Carroll, Pacelli Road

MAY HE REST IN PEACE

RECENT BAPTISMS

Camila Guirey Carbo, Bellingsfield

Harmon Murtagh, Millicent

Nora Dillon, Islandbridge, Dublin

Holly McCormack, Gleann na Riogh



Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Annual Church Gate Collection Sunday, 11th December

We help those in poverty and in need in the Naas, Johnstown, Kill and Two-Mile-House areas.

The cost-of-living crisis has created many new problems and stress for many people in our area. You may also **donate using the envelope** received through your letterbox or the Parish Office. 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)**

A special Invitation to anyone from 4th to 6th Classes and above who would like to be an Altar Server.

We would like to see Altar Servers return to participating in all our churches, and are delighted to invite any young people who might be interested to let us know.

To apply please fill in this form and return it to the parish office, or email the details required to office@naasparish.net, we will contact you to arrange training. As with all our programmes involving children and young people, we work with Altar Servers according to the Safeguarding requirements of the Diocese of Kildare and Leighlin, and under the parish Safeguarding Policy. Details of this are available on the parish website www.naasparish.ie

Information Required

Please complete and return to Parish Office

Child's Name:



Parent or Guardian

- Name: _____
- Email address: _____
- Contact number: _____

To find out more: you might like to watch the Altar Servers video on the Naas, Sallins and TMH you tube channel

SALLINS WEDNESDAY CLUB (formerly the Tuesday Club)

The CLUB welcomes Senior Citizens, Retirees, Widows, Widowers and those living alone. It is a lovely opportunity to meet up with neighbours and other members of our community, especially those who are new, and not so new, in our Parish.

A post-pandemic **Christmas Afternoon Tea** will take place on Wednesday 14th December in Sallins Community Centre from 2pm to 4pm. Musical entertainment will be provided.

Please join us and enjoy.



Christmas Opening Times

Saturdays 10th & 17th December:
the Parish Shop on the Sallins Road
will open 9.30am-3.30pm



Closing Times over Christmas:

The Parish Offices and Shop on the Sallins Road and at Ballycane Church will close at 1pm on Friday 23rd December and reopen on Wednesday 4th January.



Pope's Intentions:

We pray that volunteer non-profit organisations committed to human development find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international cooperation.



Parish Christmas Raffle

WIN this hamper full of Christmas goodies or one of the two 2nd prize hampers.

Tickets €3 each at the Parish Shops. The Draw will take place on Wed 21st Dec in the shop on the Sallins Road.

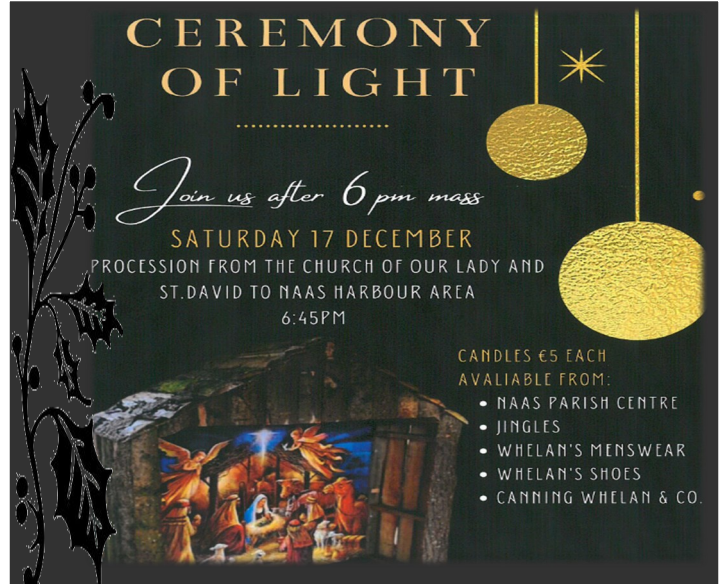
CEREMONY OF LIGHT

Join us after 6pm mass

SATURDAY 17 DECEMBER
PROCESSION FROM THE CHURCH OF OUR LADY AND
ST. DAVID TO NAAS HARBOUR AREA
6:45PM

CANDLES €5 EACH
AVAILABLE FROM:

- NAAS PARISH CENTRE
- JINGLES
- WHELAN'S MENSWEAR
- WHELAN'S SHOES
- CANNING WHELAN & CO.



Naas Point would like to say a sincere thankyou

to all those who helped to support their work in the Parish especially to Tesco Monread and Tesco Blessington Road management and staff for facilitating a food collection for NaasPoint. Thankyou to our volunteers and to all of the people that donated food. This will help us continue to look after the families who are in most need this winter. Thanks also to those who supported the Christmas Raffle and congratulations to the winners.

You are invited to a Pre Christmas retreat

On Sunday 18th December at 2.30pm in the Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane, Fr Liam will lead a service of quiet prayer and meditation in support of St. Joseph's Young Priests' Society. The retreat will conclude with the celebration of Holy Mass & Benediction.





Naas, Sallins and Two Mile House Christmas Timetable 2022

PENITENTIAL SERVICE, Wednesday 21st December

Our Lady & St David's Church: 7.30pm

Please note, no 7pm Mass in Ballycane Church on Wednesday 21st December

CONFESSION TIMES: Saturday 24th December

Our Lady & St David's Church: 10:30am – 1pm

CHRISTMAS EVE MASS TIMES, Saturday 24th December

Our Lady & St David's Church: 5pm, 7pm, 9pm and 11pm

Church of the Irish Martyrs: 4pm, 6pm and 8pm

Our Lady & the Guardian Angels, Sallins: 6pm and 8pm

St Peter's Church, Two Mile House: 7.30pm

CHRISTMAS DAY MASS TIMES, Sunday 25th December

Our Lady & St David's Church: 9am, 11am and 12.30pm

Church of the Irish Martyrs: 10.30am and 12noon

Our Lady & the Guardian Angels, Sallins: 10am and 12noon

St Peter's Church, Two Mile House: 11am

MONDAY 26th DECEMBER – SUNDAY 8th January

Weekdays: Our Lady & St David's Church: 10am

Weekends: Normal Mass Schedule

No other weekday Masses in Ballycane and Sallins.

Weekday Masses will continue as normal in TMH, any changes will be announced.

Normal Mass Schedule resumes from Friday 6th January

FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY MASS TIMES, Friday 6th January

Church of the Irish Martyrs: 7pm Vigil (Thursday Evening)

Our Lady & St David's Church: 7.30am and 10am ONLY

Our Lady & the Guardian Angels, Sallins: 10am

St Peter's Church, Two Mile House: 9.30am



Naas Parish Weekly Lotto Draw!

There was no **winner** of the €3,600 Jackpot on 7th December

Numbers Drawn were: 2-19-20-11

Congratulations to the Lucky Dip Winners:

M. O'Brien, Esther & Brian, M. Roche, B. Burns

You could win a Jackpot of **€3,850** on Wednesday 14th December.

This is the final draw of 2022!

Join in the draw next week to be in with a
chance of winning these extra prizes...

10 extra €100 prizes
10 extra €50 prizes
5 promoters prizes of €100

Thank you for your support.

