Parish Newsletter

18th December 2022 Fourth Sunday of Advent



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On Tuesday 6th December, Fr. Liam celebrated Mass at Naas Garda Station.

It was an opportunity to remember deceased members of An Garda Síochána, as well as serving and retired members and their families. It was a lovely occasion of warmth and hospitality.

As a parish, we are very grateful for the support we receive from An Garda Síochána, always ready to assist and to respond.

Pictured here from left to right:

Sergeant Mícheál Keevans, Garda Deirdre Barry, Sergeant Tracy O'Connor and Fr. Liam.

Please note that **Midnight Mass** will take place at **11pm** this year in the Church of Our Lady and St. David.

Naas and Sallins Boxes of Envelopes for 2023

These boxes are now available to collect from the Church porches. Please could you write your name and address on the first few envelopes which you use.

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.

Traditionally, <u>Sallins Parishioners</u> 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.

Christmas Collections

All collections next weekend will be taken up in support of the priests of the parish. Thank you very much for your continued support and generosity.

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.

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



Advent Study Videos

Fr. Seán has produced a series of Advent videos on the Isaiah readings, one for each Sunday in Advent. They are available on the Balyna Parish YouTube channel or by following the link from the home page on the Naas Parish website or the weekly notices section on the parish app.

Many thanks to Fr. Seán for sharing these videos with us.

PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION

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NAAS PARISH OFFICE: Tel.: 045 879 730
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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

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN

Safeguarding Policy and representatives contacts are displayed in all Church Porches.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS / PLANTS FOR THE ALTAR

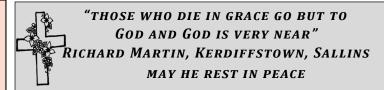
We would be most grateful for donations of flowers (red) or plants for the decoration of the Churches for Christmas (Naas & Ballycane). Poinsettias very welcome. Please leave flowers by **Thursday**, (in OLSD near altar). Thank you.

Thank you from Naas Point

to the Mercy Convent Student Council for their most generous donation of food and a special Thank You also to Ms. Marése Deely for organising the collection and to John Daly for delivering the food to Naas Point for those in need.

Mary's Meals – Big Family Christmas

By purchasing a gift of a virtual Christmas dinner (other gifts available too) you will be able to provide children in poverty with school dinners- for details see www.marysmeals.ie



RECENT BAPTISMS

Fiadh Murray, Kerdiff Park Jack O'Connor, TwoMileHouse Rafiat Akinbami, Bellingsfield Sally Doyle, Bellingsfield Adam McKeogh, Ashbourne Orla Farrell, Bellingsfield



PARISH FINANCES

Naas: Development Fund: €3060 Offertory: €2640

Online donations (8th - 14th Dec): €256

Tap & Go (8th - 14th Dec): €720

Sallins: Envelopes: €310 Baskets: €885

TMH: €720

Christmas Retreat

This Sunday (18th) 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.



Ballycane Update:

the task of

removing the tiles and the laying of new ones is underway in the Lobby of Ballycane Church.
Thank you for your patience and understanding while this essential and unavoidable work is carried out.

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 the parish website available on 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 Parishes youtube channel

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 at 3pm.

THE PARISH SHOP WILL CLOSE AT 3.30PM ON MONDAY 19TH DECEMBER



Raising funds for

Two Mile House Community Centre

TICKETS €25 - ENQUIRIES TO THECUBETMH@GMAIL.COM

LIVE MUSIC AFTER BY MEN IN BLACK

Naas Goal Mile

Christmas Day 11am -12noon

It will be run, walked and maybe even crawled once again this Christmas morning.

We need your support please. Come along, enjoy the run and the fun. Donations can be made online at Naas Goal Mile, Naas GAA club or on the occasion itself at



the GAA Club, Sallins Road. If you have any queries please call 086 844 8530



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 €3,850 Jackpot on 14th December

You could win a Jackpot of €4,100 on Wednesday 11th January.

Numbers Drawn were: 15-26-28-22

Congratulations to the Lucky Dip Winners:

O. O'Neill, A. King, E. Trant, N. Shirran

Additional Prize-winners for the Christmas Draw

Prizes of €100	Prizes of €50	Promoters Prizes of €100
* C. Cash * B. Whelan * M.Purcell * J.&J. Callan * C. Timmons * M. Kelly * Anon * F. Cummins * F. Cummins	* Anon * M. Eustace * Anon * A. O'Byrne * A. Burrke * G. Dunne * N. Kavanagh * C. Lynch * M. Deegan * F. McManus	* Mary McManus * Zena Walsh * Pat Kilfeather * Parish Office * M. Keevans

