

Parish Newsletter

25th December 2022
Christmas Day



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A Silent Night 1914

Gerry Lynch is an Irish singer best known for his singing of 'A Silent Night - Christmas 1914', this moving song by Cormac MacConnell will be heard on many Irish Radio Stations over these days of Christmas. It tells the moving story of how some soldiers declared their own unofficial truce!

On Christmas Day 1914, some German soldiers left their trenches and called out "Merry Christmas" in English across No Man's Land. The German troops were unarmed. The British Soldiers began to realise that it wasn't a trap and so dropped their arms. Both sides, we are told, shook hands, exchanged gifts of chocolate, cigarettes. Together, they sang Christmas Carols and in particular 'Silent Night'. Truly the spirit of Christmas was evident. How in the singing of that beautiful hymn the celebration of Christ's love managed to bring sworn enemies together, even for a period of time! Even beneath the pain and sadness of war the innate decency of humanity shone through. Not even a World War could destroy the true spirit of Christmas.



Crib in Our Lady and St. David's Church, Naas

This Christmas we think of Ukraine, of its people displaced, battered, but not broken!

We see also protests in Iran, the suffering in Afghanistan, we see Christians, many of whom are Catholics being targeted in Nigeria. As a people, in the depths of our being, we long for peace. We hope, and we pray for peace. As we contemplate the scene of the crib, we behold Jesus, the Saviour of the World. Christmas is that enduring promise that in and through Christ, his light of love and peace overcomes the deepest darkness. We believe, we profess, Jesus as the light of the World! And we are called with a Christmas hope to welcome that light into a world yearning to receive it.

This Christmas, as every Christmas, we celebrate that moment when God took on human flesh and lived among us. As we contemplate that remarkable scene at the stable in Bethlehem we pray a troubled world may hear anew those inspiring and soul-filled words:

*"Silent Night, holy Night
All is calm, all is bright
Round yon Virgin, Mother and Child
Holy infant so tender and mild
Sleep in heavenly peace."*

May we, each of us experience that Christmas gift of Christ's peace and love
individually, together and for our World.

PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION

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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

PARISH TEAM

Fr. Liam Morgan	Sallins Road	087 133 7879
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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

Family-Friendly Masses

(on the Second Sunday of each month - All are Welcome)

Sunday 8th January

(the Baptism of Our Lord)

There are special family-friendly Masses in all Churches on the second Sunday of each month:

OLSD Sat. 6pm & Sun. 11am

Ballycane Sunday 10.30 & 12.00

Sallins: Sunday 12noon

TMH: Sunday 11am



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.



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

Doreen Doyle, Sallins

Joe O'Rourke, Sallins

Pauline Cleary, Craddockstown

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE



PARISH FINANCES

Naas: Development Fund: €4445 Offertory: €2760

Online donations (15th - 20th Dec): €393

Tap & Go (15th - 20th Dec): €375

Sallins: Envelopes: € 320 Baskets: €630

TMH: €540

Word of Thanks!

To the parishioners of Naas, Sallins and Two Mile House, I express to each of you my heartfelt gratitude and appreciation for your kind support and encouragement.

This you express in your deep faith, your commitment to your parish and in your kind and generous support of Sunday collections, Parish Lotto and of those designated Sunday collections taken up in support of the priests of the parish throughout the year. Thank you!

My sincere thanks to so many parishioners who volunteer to fulfil the various ministries and tasks that are so central to the activity and mission of each parish. Your involvement is valued and not taken for granted. My grateful thanks to our shop and office staff on the Sallins Road and in Ballycane. To our Sacristans, Parish Schools and their Boards of Management, Parish Pastoral Councils and Finance Committees.

It has been a year of many blessings, most especially, our welcome return to Sunday Mass without restriction, the Silver Jubilee of Ballycane Church was both joy filled, inclusive and so representative of our multi-cultural parish. The National Flower Show and the Walk in Punchestown on Palm Sunday. The Novena made a welcome return with great attendance and wonderful singing, truly uplifting!

There is much to be grateful for and now, we look forward to 2023! Renewed thanks for your kind and encouraging support, Happy Christmas!

Fr. Liam (on behalf of Alex, Eddie, Jackie, Michael and Robert)

Thank You!



First Holy Communion



The Flower Show



Punchestown Walk



Punchestown Walk

Some memories of ...



Synodal Gathering

2022



The Novena



25th Jubilee, Ballycane Church



Sr. Mary's Retirement



Naas, Sallins and Two Mile House

Christmas Timetable 2022

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

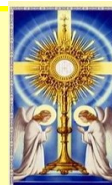


Eucharistic Adoration & Church Opening Times

Eucharistic Adoration in Our Lady & St. David's will resume Sat 7th January

Eucharistic Adoration in Ballycane Church will resume at 10am on Tues. 3rd January

Our Lady & St. David's will be open for private prayer; closing at the usual time of 5pm (approx.)



Please note there will be no Confessions in Sallins Church on Thursday 29th December

An Invitation for 4th class children and above to become Altar Servers

Please complete and return to the Parish Office



Child's Name: _____

Parent or Guardian

• Name: _____

• Email address: _____

• Contact number: _____

Little Way Cancer Support Centre

Thanks You For Your Generous Support in 2022

We've seen a significant increase in demand as we emerged from the pandemic. With your help we have been able to provide a vital community cancer support service in Kildare.

Little Way Cancer Support Centre services will re-open on the 9th January 2023 at 10am.

We wish you a Happy, Healthy and Peaceful Christmas & New Year.



Dog walk in aid of Kildare Animal Foundation

The Annual Curragh Dog Walk takes place Sunday 1st Jan 2023 at 12 noon on the Curragh Race Course:

Meet in trainers car park opposite the Race Course at 11.45am. You don't even have to have a dog but if you do, please make sure they are on a lead!! Join in the fun!



NAAS GOAL MILE ON CHRISTMAS DAY

11am - 12noon Please join us @ Naas GAA club Sallins Road