

Parish Newsletter



4th December 2022
Second Sunday of Advent

No: 1874

Mt 3:1-12

Something to think about ...



John the Baptist came to bear witness to Jesus. Who have been the people who have borne witness to us of the good news of the gospel that God loves us - a friend, a parent, a teacher, etc? To whom have we borne that witness?

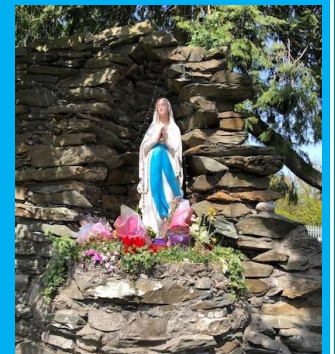
John appears in the story as one who had the courage to be himself in the face of opposition. He was also a person who knew his own value, did not make exaggerated claims and was content with his mission. Can you recall times when you have been content to be yourself, without pretending to be more than you are? What was it like to have that freedom, even in the face of criticism from others?

John was 'the voice of one crying out in the wilderness' - announcing confidently to those in the wilderness that they must not despair because God's grace may come to them at any moment. Have you had the experience of being in the wilderness, feeling lost? From whom did you hear a voice that gave you hope? Have you been able to give hope to other people when they were in the wilderness?



As we celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception on Thursday, we carry with us in prayer the intention of Pro-Life and a concern for appreciating the value of life in all its stages.

You are invited to join with the Legion of Mary to pray the Rosary at the Grotto outside Our Lady and St. David's Church at 5pm on Thursday 8th December, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception.



The Temporary Closure of the Entrance Hall in Ballycane (The Lobby!)

Parishioners attending Sunday Mass last weekend in Ballycane, learned about the unexpected closure of the Church Lobby. A decision taken for safety reasons. Unfortunately, the tiles are lifting with ledges forming making it unsafe and creating 'trip hazards' as the photographs below hopefully capture.



We are actively working on resolving the issue which will necessitate the entire re-tiling of the lobby.

Progress depends on the availability of the tiles (110m²), the turnaround involved and then the subsequent job of fitting the tiles.

Just keeping you all in the loop!



A **Service of Hope** for **Trevor Deely** will take place on Friday 9th December at 7pm in the Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane.

We continue to pray for Trevor's return.

All are most welcome to attend and to pray for Trevor and the Deely Family.



PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION

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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
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
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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

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.

Eucharistic Adoration: 8th December TMH

There will be Adoration of the Holy Eucharistic in honour of the **Immaculate Conception** after Mass on 8th December until 8pm in the Church of St. Peter, Two Mile House



Mass times Thursday 8th Dec Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Holy day of Obligation

OLSD: 7.30am and 10am

Ballycane: 7pm Weds

Sallins: 10am

Two Mile House: 9.30am

The Advent Collection for the Priests of the Parish will be taken up at all Masses in Naas and Sallins this weekend. Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

PARISH FINANCES

Naas: Development Fund: € 3220 Offertory: €2500

Online donations (24th - 30th Nov): €618

Tap & Go (24th - 30th Nov): €620

Sallins: Envelopes: € 280 Baskets: €500

TMH: €525

Today's Readings:

Please see pages 85-87 of the Mass book.



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

in Ballycane week commencing Mon. 5th Dec:

Monday - Wednesday 12 noon - 6pm

Thursday (Feast of the Immaculate Conception) 10 - 6pm

Friday 12 noon - 6pm

RECENT BAPTISMS

Izzy Teresa Butler, Monread Crescent

Arwen Mila Harte, Sarto Park

June Dwyer, Leixlip

Róisín Clinton, Ashgrove Park



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

Leo Murphy, Roselawn

Mary Giblin, Glenamaddy, Co. Galway

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Review by the National Board for Safeguarding Children in the Catholic Church in Ireland

I am pleased to announce that the National Board for the Safeguarding of Children in the Catholic Church in Ireland (the National Board) will be commencing their review of safeguarding practice in the Diocese of Kildare and Leighlin on December 12th.

The National Board was established in 2006 to provide advice, services and assistance in furtherance of the development of the safeguarding of children within the Roman Catholic Church on the island of Ireland; and to monitor compliance with legislation, policy and best practice and to report on these activities.

The Diocese entered into an agreement with the National Board through signing a Memorandum of Understanding and committed to the Safeguarding Children – Policy and Standards for the Catholic Church in Ireland 2016 issued by the National Board.

To assess our compliance, I invited the National Board to undertake a review of practice this year. The Diocese was previously reviewed in 2012 under

the Safeguarding Children – Policy and Standards for the Catholic Church in Ireland 2008.

The purpose of this second review is to assess the safeguarding practice in the Diocese of Kildare and Leighlin against the Catholic Church in Ireland's current standards as detailed in Safeguarding Children – Policy and Standards for the Catholic Church in Ireland 2016.

In advance of this, I encourage anyone who has a child safeguarding concern or who wishes to report an allegation of child abuse to contact a Diocesan Designated Liaison Person or An Garda Siochana or TUSLA or contact the National Board.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who encourage and facilitate children's involvement in parish activities and all those who contribute to safeguarding in their local parishes.

With every best wish,

+Denis Nulty, Bishop of Kildare and Leighlin



At a parish level we are completing our own safeguarding audit, and all the necessary staff and volunteers are undergoing either their refresher courses or their full-day safeguarding training.

Thank you very much to the local safeguarding representatives in all three of the parishes and to all the volunteers who work with our young people.

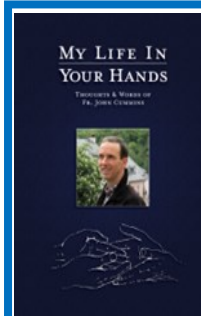


Friends of Calcutta

Clothes Collection on Thursday 8th December

All items of wearable clothing, footwear, curtains etc welcome. Collection up to 3pm in Sallins and Two Mile House Churches and up to 4pm outside Ballycane Church.

For all enquiries or to arrange a home collection, please call Michael on **087 9073074**.



Give a special book this Christmas...

The family of the Newbridge born priest Fr. John Cummins (52), who died tragically in 2019, have published his thoughtful writings in a book costing only **€10**, "My Life in Your Hands".

An ideal seasonal gift for use throughout the year. Available at Naas Parish Office Shop.

The Naas Parish Office Shop at Ballycane

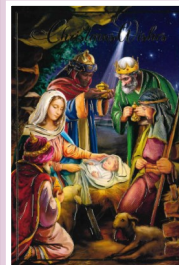
Why not call into the newly re-stocked shop in the Church at Ballycane now also selling a range of Christmas gifts and cards.

Opening Hours: Monday to Friday 10am-1pm

Free Car Parking right outside!



Sallins Road and Ballycane Parish Shops



are now offering a wide selection of signed Christmas Mass Bouquets & boxed Christmas Cards.

Cribs, calendars, diaries, candles, gifts,



children's books, Advent calendars, Christmas Teddy Bears, Christmas candles, baubles and much more





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)

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.

We thank parishioner, Marie, for her kindness and generosity in donating the hampers to us.

Carols together at Christmas

8pm Friday, 16th Dec
Naas Presbyterian Church
(opposite the Post Office)
Join us in singing some of
your favourite
Christmas Carols
Everyone very welcome



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.



Caragh Annual Christmas Craft Fair and Santa visit -
Caragh Community Centre
Sunday 4th December from
12-4pm.



Filled with wooden stalls selling an array of Yuletide Gifts, Festive Food, Christmas Decorations, Hand-made Crafts, Seasonal Treats for all ages and tastes. Our tea-rooms serve hot refreshments and festive treats. All are very welcome.

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.



Sallins Lourdes Committee Fundraiser Raffle. Please support

To raise much needed funds for the 2023 Pilgrimage to Lourdes. Tickets €2 each available outside Sallins Church after Mass this weekend. (Also available outside SuperValu, Sallins)
The Draw will be held in the Community Centre after 12pm Mass on Sunday December 4th.



Naas Parish Weekly Lotto Draw!

There was no **winner** of the €3,350 Jackpot on 30th November

Numbers Drawn were: 28-1-17-10

Congratulations to the Lucky Dip Winners:

F. & M. Lawlor, S.Dunne, R. & A. Kinahan and B. Loftus

You could win a Jackpot of **€3,600** on Wednesday 7th December.

Tickets are on sale in the Parish Offices and in:

**Whelans Menswear, Barker & Jones, The Stationery Store, Harbour Hotel,
The Soda Bread Shop and Swans on the Green.**

Tickets are €2 each and you may also purchase your Lotto ticket online at www.naasparish.ie or through the Parish App.