

Parish Newsletter

26th February 2023

First Sunday in Lent



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Rev. Canon Craig McCauley, the newly installed Church of Ireland Rector for Naas Union of Parishes, on the occasion of his installation, pictured here with Fr. Liam.

The ceremony took place last Wednesday, 15th February, in St. David's Church.

Craig joins us from the Virginia group of parishes in Co. Cavan, where he has been the Rector for the last 18 years.

We wish Craig, his wife, Vida, and their children Laura and Matthew every blessing as they settle into their new surroundings in Naas. May they find happiness and contentment in their new lives in Naas.

From the comfort of your own home,
join with the Parish for three **Zoom Gatherings for Lent:**

2nd March with Sr. Phil from the Brigidine Sisters

9th March speaker to be confirmed.

23rd March with Bishop Denis

each Gathering will be

- ♦ half an hour in duration from 7-7.30pm
- ♦ with a guest speaker each evening,
- ♦ beginning with prayer and concluding with prayer.



To register and receive a 'Zoom link', please email office@naasparish.net.

TRÓCAIRE COLLECTION FOR SYRIA AND TURKEY

Thank you very much for your extremely generous response to the collection last weekend in aid of the people of Syria and Turkey affected by the earthquake. Collected so far:

Naas:	€18,200
Two Mile House:	€2,660
Sallins:	€1,960

If you missed the collection, you may leave money into the Parish Office or, clearly marked, into the weekly collection baskets.



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

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: €4,000

Online donations (16th - 22nd Feb): €344

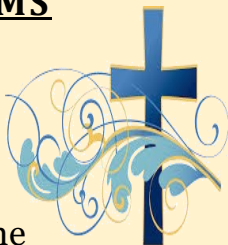
Tap & Go (16th - 22nd Feb): €470

Sallins: Envelopes: €405

TMH: €490

RECENT BAPTISMS

John Keenan, Cracow, Poland
Nathan Williams, Ashgrove
Réaltín Rochford, Longstone
Thomas Yarnall, The Orchard
Emma Meade, Oldtown Demesne



Today's Readings:

Please see pages 151-153 of the Mass book.



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

Sat. 12noon - 6pm The Upper Room OLSD

Sun. 2pm - 5pm The Upper Room OLSD

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"
MAUREEN TIERNAN, MORELL CLOSE
MAY SHE REST IN PEACE**

The Sallins Pilgrimage to Lourdes

will take place at the end of June.
Details to follow next week



Loving God,
May we walk in your ways,
so that peace and justice become a reality
for the people of Ukraine and for all the
world. Amen.

Baptism Meetings

2nd & 4th Tuesdays of each month
8pm in Room 4, Ballycane Church.



Children's Rosary Saturdays at 6pm
Children's Rosary Saturdays at 6pm in
the Church of Our Lady & the Guardian Angels, Sallins.



A Message for Lent 2023 from Bishop Denis

Lent offers us a scaffold, a template, a tool that supports our journey of personal renewal. I often hold up the example of Venerable Matt Talbot as someone we could emulate during this penitential season. Born in 1856, dying in 1925 on June 7th on Granby Lane. I feel a close association with Matt, maybe it's because he died on my birthday.

Matt grew up in a loving but tough family where poverty was never far from the front door and like many in his time had to work from an early age. His work in a Wine Merchants store gave him easy access to drink, too easy. A turning point was his rejection by his friends, at the age of 28 he stood outside a pub but was penniless. One by one his friends, his associates who he felt would now give him a dig out passed him by. He went home later and told his mother he would take the pledge, to which she replied, if you take it, keep it.

He took a temporary pledge in Clonliffe College. He even went into a bar during that time, tempted by the smell of beer, the barman paid little attention to him and he left it humiliated for a second time. He found his way to Gardiner Street Church. He realised taking the pledge was the easy bit, keeping it needed a discipline of prayer. Dropping into a church to rest became a frequent part of his walk. He turned to God for help. This was another huge turning point. He decided to attend daily Mass and take the pledge for life. He lived an austere life, modelling his life on the early monks.

Matt got a heart attack on his way to Mass on Trinity Sunday – June 7th, 1925. Nobody was able to identify him, his body was taken to Jervis Street Hospital, where the extent of his austere life was revealed as the body was prepared for embalmment. In 1975 he was conferred the title 'Venerable', it's high time he was recognised for the journey so many take from drunkenness to sobriety. I pray I will see this day. We all need an influencer to get us through Lent, Matt's mine, maybe he should also be yours this Lent!



And as always, a simple acronym on the word **LENT**:

L – to do with less

E – to examine our life and make amends

N – to say 'No' not in a negative way, but in the knowledge that denying ourselves sometimes is good for us

T – to give God a little more time this year, it might be making Mass more often, it could be saying a prayer as we walk, drive or go out for a run.

Blessings on your journey of forty days and may Venerable Matt Talbot be one of your constant companions on that journey.

+ Denis

During the Season of Lent, you might also like to consider the following:



Scripture Sharing on the Sunday readings of Lent will take place on Tuesdays after the 10am Mass in the Upper Room.



Join with the **Legion of Mary** in praying the **Stations of the Cross** on a Friday afternoon at 3pm in the Church of Our Lady and St. David.



Naas CBS Bingo Night at GAA

Friday 3rd March in Naas GAA Club, Sallins Road at 8pm
 Tickets €10 (limited number available). Tickets are on sale at the
 Parish Shop Sallins Rd., from the Parent's Council or from Tim 087 2734923

There will be spot prizes and a raffle on the night!

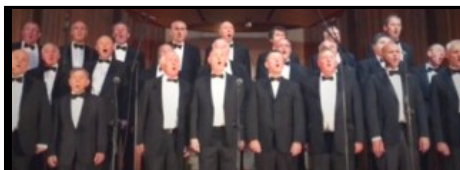
There may be some tickets available on the night at the door. To avoid disappointment please pre-purchase your tickets.



NaasPoint are trying to assist a professional family in urgent need of accommodation. They are looking to rent an apartment or house in or around Naas. References are available. Please contact NaasPoint on 045 879730.

For the latest information on what's happening in the Parishes of Naas, Sallins & Two Mile House and to receive updates on current events, follow us on

@naasparish



The Baldonnell Singers

will sing at the 11am Mass on

Sunday 5th March, 2023 in Our Lady and St David's Church, Sallins Road, Naas.

Deceased members, family and friends of the choir will be remembered at this Mass.

The Baldonnell Choir invites friends and family to come and remember with us.

SPIRITUALITY IN THE SECOND HALF OF LIFE

On zoom and in Resurrexit, Kilmeague, Friday 3rd March at 8 pm, we will show a recorded talk given by Fr. Richard Rohr, a Franciscan priest, about spirituality in the second half of life. The talk will be for about an hour, and there will be time for a discussion afterwards.

Suggested donation € 15. For zoom link contact Grace resurrexitcommunity@gmail.com, or 086-8161043

For further information see our website www.resurrexit.ie.

Seachtain na Gaeilge 1ú-17ú Márta 2023

Fáilte roimh cách chuig Seachtain na Gaeilge 2023! Beidh imeachtaí do gach aois ghrúpa ar fáil idir Na Solláin agus Nás na Ríogh. Tuilleadh eolais ar

www.sultnasollan.ie/snag

A full programme of events will take place in Sallins and Naas to celebrate Seachtain na Gaeilge 1st- 17th March.

Full details can be found on www.sultnasollan.ie/snag

Seachtain
na Gaeilge

Naas Parish Weekly Lotto Draw!

There was no **winner** of the €4,100 Jackpot on 22nd Feb.

Numbers Drawn were: 4-22-19-14

Congratulations to the Lucky Dip Winners:

M. Gunning, P. Brennan, D. Deady, Anon.

You could win a Jackpot of €4,350 on Wednesday 1st March.



Tickets are €2 each and may be purchased:

- **online at www.naasparish.ie**
- **through the Parish App.**
- **From the parish shops**
- **From Whelans Menswear, Barker & Jones, the Stationary Store, Harbour Hotel, the Soda Bread Shop and Swans on the Green**

Thank you for your support.