

Parish Newsletter

10th December 2023

Second Sunday of Advent

No: 1926



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Carols by Candlelight...

with

Celine Byrne
Parish Choir of
Our Lady & St. David
and the
Ballycane Church Choir

with accompanying music
from

Ronan Murray,
Brian Brady,
Eduard Disca
and Sr. Ailish

Thursday 21st December, 8pm
Our Lady & St. David's Church.

Free Admission:

Collection on the night, all proceeds to SVP



*Next Sunday is Bambinelli Sunday
we invite you to bring your
Baby Jesus from your crib at home
to Church with you for a blessing.*

Blessing for Bambinelli Sunday **Third Sunday of Advent**

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 2024

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 on this money.

In recent years the parishes have claimed back over €210,000 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 2023.

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.

Note for Sallins Parishioners: you can continue to donate using a Sallins Envelope even if you attend Mass in Naas or Two Mile House, your donation will go to Sallins Parish if you use one of their envelopes.

PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION

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

FACEBOOK: facebook.com/naasparish

TWITTER: @naasparish

PRIEST ON DUTY: **085 708 8407**

PARISH WEBSITE: www.naasparish.ie

PARISH TEAM

Fr. Liam Morgan	Sallins Road	087 133 7879
Fr. Alex Kochatt	Lakelands	045 898 684
Fr. Michael Flattery	Hazelmere	045 879 730
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: Ailish Higgins
Deputy Diocesan Liaison Person: Michele Hughes,
c/o Bishop's House, Carlow **Phone:** 085 802 1633

Safeguarding Policy displayed in all Church Porches.

PARISH FINANCES

Naas: Development Fund: €3,835

Online donations (30th Nov - 6th Dec): €603

Tap & Go (30th Nov - 6th Dec): €725

Sallins: Envelopes: €245 Baskets: €660

TMH: €510

Recent Baptisms

Arabella-Mae Hegarty Keane,
Sallins

Lydia Edmonds Carroll, Sallins

SCRIPTURE SHARING INVITATION

Join Fr. Michael to study
the Sunday Scriptures during Advent in the Upper
Room in Our Lady & St. David's Church after the
10am Mass on Tuesdays,
Continuing 12th December.

This year including homily reflections from My
Life in Your Hands by Fr. John Cummins.

ADVENT STUDY WITH FR SEAN MAHER:

Fr Sean will release a
video each week
exploring the meaning
of Advent. The links to
view these videos are
available on our website www.naasparish.ie and in
the **Weekly Notices** section of the Parish App.

HOLY MASS, COME AND FIND OUT MORE
We continue the journey this Tuesday...



**Mysteries of the Tabernacle:
Part 2: The Holy of Holies**

**COME AND LET'S DISCOVER
MASS TOGETHER!**

**Tuesday 12th December,
Ballycane Church at 7.15pm**

Loving God, as your light grows in the dark of winter,
bring its strength & its hope to the people of the
Holy Land & the Ukraine and to all people who suffer
through War & conflict. Guide all people to follow
your ways of Peace & Justice
Come Lord Jesus Prince of Peace



Peace Vigil OLSD 2/3 December.



**THE PARISH OFFICES AND SHOPS WILL CLOSE AT
2.45PM ON MONDAY 18TH DECEMBER**



**Today's Readings are on pages
85-87 of the Mass Book.**

FOR MASS TIMES & CONFESSIONS
PLEASE SEE THE PARISH WEBSITE OR THE
PARISH APP.

**There will be no 12noon Mass on
Christmas Eve in Ballycane Church**

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul in Naas is conducting its Annual Christmas Appeal.

Our church door collections will take place on **Sunday 10th December**. This year you may also use your bank card as well as cash to donate. If you prefer you may donate using the envelope received through your letterbox. **Please do not post cash.** 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. To receive a receipt please include your name and address. We may contact you in relation to the Revenue Commissioners' taxback 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).



SALLINS SUNSHINE CLUB

A reminder to the residents of Sallins that the Sunshine Club will be holding their Christmas Party this Sunday (10th December), in the Westgrove Hotel, Clane, starting at 2pm. A complimentary bus will leave Sallins Square at 1-30pm for those who wish to avail of this service. For more information, please contact Frances at 086-7927770.



Christmas Parish Raffle

Tickets are now on sale for this beautiful Christmas Hamper, full of festive treats. Tickets are €2 each or 3 for €5, available from the Parish Shops. The draw will take place - 2.30pm on 21st December in the Parish Shop- Sallins Rd.



The monthly **St Pio Rosary** will be recited in St Mary's Church Edenderry on Sunday afternoon 10th December at 3.30. After the rosary **St Pio's glove** will be available for those who would like to be blessed. You can also join us on webcam at edenderryparish.ie



DONATIONS OF RED FLOWERS OR PLANTS (especially Poinsettia) to decorate the Churches: OLSD & Ballycane for Christmas would be very much appreciated. If you can help please leave the flowers near the Altar (OLSD) on Tuesday, 19th DECEMBER



EXTENDED CHRISTMAS OPENING TIMES
FOR THE **PARISH SHOP**, SALLINS ROAD
ON SATURDAYS **9TH & 16TH DECEMBER**
OPENING HOURS ARE 9.30AM -3.30PM
DROP IN AND SEE THE SPECIAL GIFTS AVAILABLE.



Books of Christmas Stamps are available in the Parish Shops



*Special offer of 4 free stamps when you buy a book of stamps.



Food Donations for NaasPoint

Please bring non perishable foods to any of the Masses next Sunday to support the work of NaasPoint. Our volunteers will distribute your donations to those in need in the local area.

A Comunidade Católicos em Laois convida para a Primeira Missa em português.

Dia 17/12/2023 - Domingo

Horário: 16h

Local: St Peter & Paul's Catholic Church, Portlaoise - R32R684

Ação Social: Ofertório na missa com itens para doações à SVP - The Society of St. Vincent de Paul/Laois. Apoio: LABRAS.



Visit the Parish Shops on the Sallins Road and at Ballycane Church to see their range of gifts for Christmas.

Including Nativity Sets in a variety of sizes and to suit any budget. Also, an extensive range of Christmas Mass



Bouquets and Christmas Cards, including Charity Christmas Cards for Trócaire and NaasPoint.



Tuesday 12th Dec. is the last bingo before Christmas. This **Special Christmas Bingo** is at **8PM** in the Care of the Aged Centre, Newbridge Road.



Naas, Sallins and Two Mile House Christmas Timetable 2023



PENITENTIAL SERVICE, Wednesday 20th December

Our Lady & St David's Church: 7.30pm

Please note, no 7pm Mass in Ballycane Church on Wednesday 20th December

CONFESSION TIMES: Saturday 23rd December

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

CHRISTMAS EVE MASS TIMES, Sunday 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: 5.30pm and 7pm

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

CHRISTMAS DAY MASS TIMES, Monday 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 11.30am

St Peter's Church, Two Mile House: 10am

TUESDAY 26th DECEMBER – FRIDAY 5th 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 Saturday 6th January

FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY MASS TIMES, Saturday 6th January

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

Our Lady & St David's Church: 10am

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 €8,500 Jackpot on 6th Dec.

Numbers Drawn were: 14-19-15-8

Congratulations to the Lucky Dip Winners:

M. & P. Waldron, J. Monaghan, T. Moore, M. Moore Jnr

You could win the Jackpot of €8,750 on

***Wednesday, 13th December*.**

Tickets are €2 each. Thank you!



The Special Christmas Lotto Draw will take place 13th Dec.

Extra Prizes: 10 extra €100 & 10 extra €50 & 5 promoters prizes of €100