

# Parish Newsletter

3rd December 2023

## First Sunday of Advent

No: 1925



Mk 13:33-37

### *A message from Pope Francis on Advent...*

Staying awake is not easy; it is really quite hard. At night, it is natural to sleep. Even Jesus' disciples did not manage to stay awake when told to stay awake 'in the evening, or at midnight, or at the cockcrow, or at dawn'. They did not keep watch. They fell asleep.

But that same drowsiness can also overtake us. There is a dangerous kind of sleep: it is the slumber of mediocrity. It comes when we forget our first love and grow satisfied with indifference, concerned only for an untroubled existence. Without making an effort to love God daily and awaiting the newness he constantly brings, we become mediocre, lukewarm, worldly. And this slowly eats away at our faith, for faith is the very opposite of mediocrity: it is ardent desire for God, a bold effort to change, the courage to love, constant progress. Faith is not water that extinguishes flames, it is fire that burns; it is not a tranquilliser for people under stress, it is a love story for people in love! That is why Jesus above all else detests lukewarmness. God clearly disdains the lukewarm.

How can we rouse ourselves from the slumber of mediocrity? With the vigilance of prayer. When we pray, we light a candle in the darkness. Prayer allows God to be close to us; it frees us from our solitude and gives us hope. Praying and loving: that is what it means to be watchful.

Come, Lord Jesus, take our distracted hearts and make them watchful.

Awaken within us the desire to pray and the need to love.

*(Intercom Magazine, December 2023)*



### *Advent Diary*



**All-night vigil for Peace** with Adoration to mark the beginning of Advent. Our Lady and St. David's Church, starting after 6pm Mass on Saturday 2nd and concluding at 8am on Sunday 3rd December.

Join Fr. Michael each Tuesday during Advent to **reflect on the Sunday Gospel** in the Upper Room in the Parish Church after the 10am Mass.

**Service of Hope for Trevor Deely** on Friday 8th December at 7.30pm in Ballycane Church. We continue to pray for Trevor's return.

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

**Penitential Service** on Wednesday 20th December for Naas, Sallins and Two Mile House at 7.30pm in Our Lady and St. David's Church. **Please note: no evening Mass in Ballycane Church on 20th Dec.**

Join us in Our Lady and St. David's Church for **'Carols at Christmas' with Celine Byrne** on Thursday 21st December at 8pm. No admission charge, donation only via basket collection in the Church. All proceeds to St. Vincent de Paul.

## PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION

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

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PARISH WEBSITE: [www.naasparish.ie](http://www.naasparish.ie)

## PARISH TEAM

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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: €3,530 Offertory: €2,935  
**Online donations** (23rd - 29th Nov): €374  
**Tap & Go** (23rd - 29th Nov): €560  
**Sallins:** Envelopes: €360 Baskets: €435  
**TMH:** €460

The Advent Collection in Support of the Priests of the Parish will be taken up at all Masses in Naas and Sallins this weekend, 2nd & 3rd December.

*Thank you for your support.*

## Recent Baptisms

Clara Sadlier, Caragh  
Billy Preston, Gleann Na Riogh  
Penelope Bruton, Whitethorn  
Liam Gallagher, Castlefarm  
Fiadh Halton, Longstone



**Today's Readings are on pages  
82-84 of the Mass Book.**

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

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



**Mysteries of the Tabernacle:  
The Blood of the Covenant**

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

**Tuesday 5th December,  
Ballycane Church at 7.15pm**

## MASS TIMES for the Pastoral Area of Naas, Sallins, TMH & Kill

### 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  
**SUNDAYS:** 10.30am & 12noon

### OUR LADY & THE GUARDIAN ANGELS, SALLINS

**WEEKDAYS:** Fri: 10am  
**Sat Vigil:** 7pm  
**SUNDAYS:** 11.30am

### CHURCH OF ST PETER, TWO MILE HOUSE

**WEEKDAYS:** Mon. - Fri.: 9.30am  
**SUNDAYS:** 10am

### CHURCH OF ST BRIGID, KILL

**WEEKDAYS:** Mon. - Fri.: 10am  
**SATURDAYS:** 6.30pm  
**SUNDAYS:** 11am

### CHURCH OF ST ANNE, ARDCLOUGH

**SUNDAYS:** 9.30am  
**FIRST FRIDAYS:** 8pm

## CONFESSIONS

*take place in Sallins Church on Thursdays 3pm -  
5pm and in Our Lady & St David's Church on  
Saturdays after the 10am Mass.*

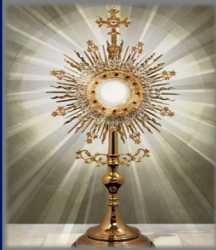


**Adoration will take place in  
Ballycane Church on  
Thursday, 7th December,  
9.15pm-10.15pm.**



## Eucharistic Adoration Two Mile House

8th December 2023



There will be Eucharistic Adoration in Honour of the Immaculate Conception starting after 9.30am Mass and finishing at 8pm with the Rosary at approx. 7.30pm.

All are Welcome



## FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

**FRIDAY 8TH DECEMBER**

**MASS TIMES**

**7PM VIGIL (THURS) BALLYCANE**

**7.30AM OUR LADY & ST. DAVID**

**10AM OUR LADY & ST. DAVID**

**10AM SALLINS**

**9.30AM TWO MILE HOUSE**



## Past Times Community Choir Invite you to



A Christmas Singalong | Moat Theatre, Naas

Tues 12th Dec @ 12 noon | All very welcome

**Free Event**

Home for  
Christmas  
A Magical,  
intimate  
evening of  
Christmas  
favourites

# SUONO

Ladies Choir  
& Guests



OWEN C. LYNCH  
Musical Director

**Saturday, 9th December**

St. David's Church of Ireland,  
Main Street, Naas @ 8.00pm

Admission: €25.00

Tickets now on sale!

For bookings, call Veronica on 087 7940850

Books of Christmas Stamps are available at the Parish Shops

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



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.



## Mary's Meals Christmas Gifts:



With the cost of living crisis, times are that bit harder for us all. The Global School Feeding Movement Mary's Meals have launched our Christmas Gifts Campaign - giving gifts that have a real and tangible impact on those in need. From as little as €5.50, which will provide 50 meals for children in their place of education, we can play our part in changing the lives of those most in need. Visit [www.marysmeals.ie](http://www.marysmeals.ie) to download a gift today or call 01-8535163/089-4339592.



## Family Masses: December

*2ND SUNDAY OF THE MONTH—ALL ARE WELCOME*

**Sunday 10th December**

**OLSD: Sat. 6pm & Sun. 11am**

**Ballycane: Sunday 10.30am & 12.00**

**TMH: Sunday 10am**

**Sallins:** There will be no weekend Family Mass in Sallins; however the First Communion Classes from St Laurence's National School will attend a weekday Mass with their teachers.



**All families are welcome to attend a family Mass in any of our churches which suits their weekend schedule.**

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.



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

Our church door collections will take place on **Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> 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).



### BALDONNEL SINGERS Present: CHRISTMAS CHORAL FAVOURITES

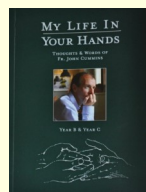
with guests **Paul Linehan, Tenor & Caroline Behan, Soprano**

on **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December, at 8pm** in  
**St Davids Church of Ireland, Naas**

**Tickets €15, can be purchased on Eventbrite.**



### MY LIFE IN YOUR HANDS



The second volume of Fr. John's sermons, for years B and C. As well as the sermons, it contains reflections for secondary school students, tributes from friends and numerous photographs. The book (priced €15) is **available in both of the Parish Shops.**

### SALLINS SUNSHINE CLUB

Meeting next Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December  
at 2pm in Sallins Community Centre.



**SafeTALK** are holding a suicide awareness training morning in Luisne Centre, McAuley Place, Naas, Co Kildare on the **5<sup>th</sup> December 2023, 9.30am—1pm.** 'Suicide Alertness for everyone' preparing participants to identify persons with thoughts of suicide and connect them to suicide first aid resources. This training is suitable for anyone over the age of 18. Training is free of charge. Booking is essential. For more information email [admin@breakingthrough.org](mailto:admin@breakingthrough.org)



### Carlow Choral Society – Christmas Celebration Concert

Christmas Celebration concert in the Cathedral of the Assumption, Carlow, on **Saturday 09 December at 8pm**  
Admission is €25.00 and the concert is free for under 16s accompanied by an adult. Tickets are available on [www.eventbrite.ie](http://www.eventbrite.ie)

**Christmas Craft Fair Today in Caragh**  
Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec. from 12-4pm in Caragh Community Centre.  
Our tea-rooms serve hot refreshments and festive treats.  
**Entry to the Fair is FREE.**  
**Santa & Mrs Claus arriving at 2pm**



### EXTENDED CHRISTMAS OPENING TIMES

FOR THE **PARISH SHOP**, SALLINS ROAD  
ON **SATURDAYS 2<sup>ND</sup>, 9<sup>TH</sup> & 16<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER**

**OPENING HOURS ARE 9.30AM -3.30PM**

**DROP IN AND SEE THE SPECIAL GIFTS AVAILABLE.**



**Totus Tuus Magazine** is a Catholic magazine, full of articles from Irish priests and laity, which aims to highlight the beauty and joy of our faith. It is going into its 7<sup>th</sup> year and is run by donations. If you haven't come across Totus Tuus Magazine and would like a free copy please contact Fiona Kiely on 086 8760058.

### 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 21<sup>st</sup> December in the Parish Shop- Sallins Rd.



## Naas Parish Weekly Lotto Draw

There was **no winner** of the €8,250 Jackpot on 29<sup>th</sup> Nov.

**Numbers Drawn were: 2-18-11-14**

**Congratulations to the Lucky Dip Winners:**

**N. Merrick, J. & AM. Friel, A. Behan-Deady, A. Croke**

**You could win the Jackpot of €8,500 on  
Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> December.**

**Tickets are €2 each.**

**Thank you for your continued support.**

