

# Parish Newsletter

18th February 2024

First Sunday in Lent



No: 1934

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## Thinking About Ash Wednesday Just Gone

And, so Lent has begun ... with holy ash ....

A reminder of the dust we come from,  
breathed into life by love ...

A reminder of the ashes of our past,  
the sins and the burdens  
we are exhausted from carrying ...

A reminder of the desert spaces  
that shut out the light ...

A reminder of our bodily destiny,  
our dissembling into dust again  
when our last breath

will breathe its way back to love ...



On Wednesday, we wore the holy ash, not proudly, but as the mark of one who knows their need for the renewing breath of the one who is love, is life, is light - the one who will call us into the desert of transformation, the desert of conversion, the desert of the cross and there sow seeds of resurrection joy that will bloom from the ashen dust, irrigated by tears of truth, warmed by the sun of love, made fertile by the planting of prayer within its barrenness.

So, Lent begins and together we each enter its desert to be alone with him who makes the desert bloom again.

*Blessings on you and yours this Lenten season.*

*(excerpt taken from 'Still Points', Br. Richard)*

**Trocaire**  
TOGETHER FOR A JUST WORLD

Malita, Patricia and Patrick are suffering every day in Malawi from the extreme effects of climate change, facing severe flooding and burning dry spells within a single season. You can support this family to build a better future.



Please collect your **Trocaire Box** today and take it home with you.

Join us on Palm Sunday, 24th March  
in Punchestown at 3pm  
as we walk the track and pray the  
Stations of the Cross together.  
All very welcome.



**PARISH LOTTO DRAW JACKPOT IS NOW €10,000.**

Please see inside for details of how to participate.

## 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

FACEBOOK: [facebook.com/naasparish](https://www.facebook.com/naasparish)

TWITTER: @naasparish

PRIEST ON DUTY: 085 708 8407

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

## 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



**Today's Readings are on pages  
152-154 of the Mass Book.**

## PARISH FINANCES

**Naas:** Development Fund: €4,100 Offertory: 2755

**Online donations** (8th - 14th Feb): €124

**Tap & Go** (8th - 14th Feb): €630

**Sallins:** Envelopes: €395 Baskets: €530

**TMH:** €450

## Recent Baptisms

Con Sweeney, Sallins

Joseph Byrne, Monread

Sophia Cosgrave, Two Mile House

Ryleigh Gallagher, Pipers Hill

## HOLY MASS, COME AND FIND OUT MORE

We continue the journey this Tuesday...

**Bread of Life**

**Discourse: John 6 and  
the Real Presence**

**Part 3 - Spirit and Life**

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

**Tuesday 20th February,**

**Ballycane Church at 7.15pm**



Tuesday mornings after the 10am Mass  
in the Upper Room: Scripture Sharing  
on the Sunday readings of Lent.

Join the Legion of Mary in  
praying the Stations of the  
Cross each Friday in Lent  
at 3pm in the Church of  
Our Lady and St. David.  
All welcome.



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

Zara Louise Curran, Johnstown

Gerald Loughlin, Millbrook

**MAY THEY REST IN PEACE**



## Alms-Giving Tree

Instead of leaves, these trees have labels with an item written on it. You are invited to take a label and return the following week with the item detailed on it which can then be placed in the basket at the base of the tree during Mass Times.

These could be items of food, household goods, toiletries etc, and will be distributed by NaasPoint to people in need in the parishes.

This initiative is being coordinated by the Youth Groups.

## Confirmation Preparation Mass

**SUNDAY 25TH FEBRUARY**

4TH SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

**12NOON IN BALLYCANE CHURCH**

Candidates for Confirmation and their families are invited to attend this special Mass as part of their Confirmation Preparation.



**Naas Community College  
Parents Association**

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**When:** Friday 23rd Feb.

**Where:** Naas GAA @ 8pm

**Who:** Friends & Families of Naas Community College (over 18 only)

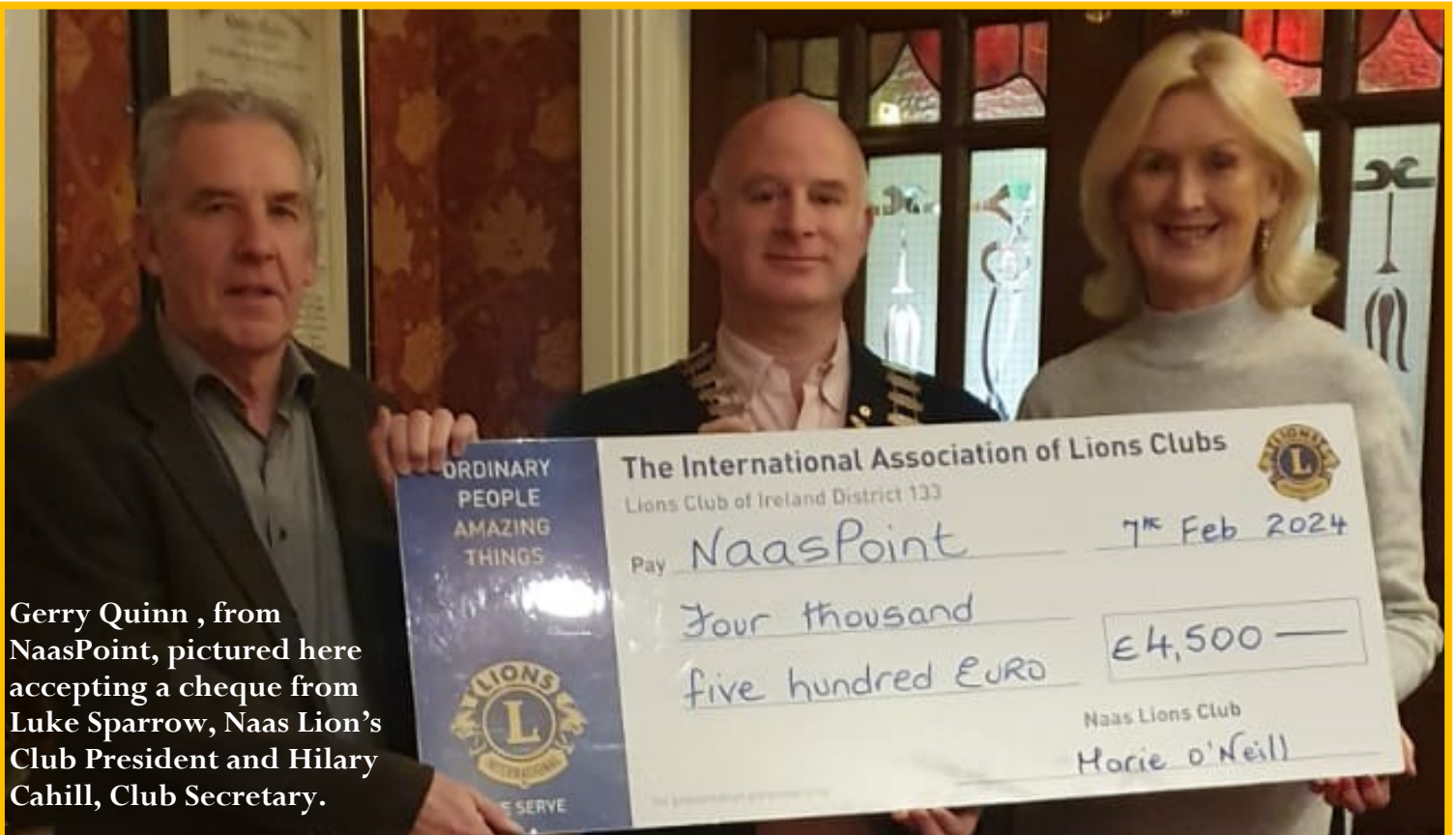
**Tickets** €10per person; Table of 4 €40  
(available at the door only on the night)

**FUNDRAISER IN AID OF NAAS CBS**



**Friday 1st March 2024  
Naas GAA Club at 8pm**

Tickets €10pp (limited numbers). Available from Parish Office & Parents Council or Tim 087 273 4923



Gerry Quinn, from NaasPoint, pictured here accepting a cheque from Luke Sparrow, Naas Lion's Club President and Hilary Cahill, Club Secretary.

*The Irish Catholic: Available in the Parish Shop, Sallins Road*

**The Faith has never been more needed  
in modern Ireland - help keep it alive**



### Naas Probus Club:

The Club has just commenced its activities for 2024. It was founded some 26 years ago to cater for men in retirement who want to remain active and maintain a social network with others who have similar interests. Naas Probus meets **twice monthly on the second and fourth Monday of each month in the Town House Hotel, Naas at 11.00 am.** Those wishing to join should contact any member of the committee, drop in to one of club meetings or contact Hugh at: [hughecrawford@gmail.com](mailto:hughecrawford@gmail.com)



*Thankyou to all those who supported the Coffee Morning in aid of the Gaza Humanitarian Appeal a total of €2,500 was raised.*



**Women's Shed** are inviting new members to their **Monday meetings from 10.00am to 1.00pm in the Naas GAA Centre** on the Sallins Road. Invite you to come along and meet new friends, socialise & have a chat with a cup of tea, have some fun and craic, learn new skills & discuss future activities, events & outings. All women over the age of eighteen years are welcome. **For more information:** follow us on our **facebook page: Naas Women's Shed Group** or **email: [womensshednaas@gmail.com](mailto:womensshednaas@gmail.com)**.



### SISTER SHEDS

Connecting women together in a supportive and empowering environment. New Members welcome (over 18 with no upper limit!). Our focus is on the mental and physical well-being of our members. We meet in the Monread Community Centre every Wednesday 8.15pm-10pm. To join and make new friends please call in for a cuppa & chat. **For further information please call 085 88777619.**

*Twomilehouse N.S. Parents Association present*

### Easter Raffle

**1<sup>st</sup> Prize** €500 Center Parcs Voucher  
*kindly sponsored by Stanley Residential*

**2<sup>nd</sup> Prize** 2 night B&B with 1 night Dinner for 2 people  
*kindly sponsored by FBD Hotel/Resorts in any of their Irish hotels. (Castleknock, Faithlegg, Killashee, The Heritage)*

**3<sup>rd</sup> Prize** A Leinster Jersey signed by the winning Heineken Cup Team  
*kindly donated by Elite Electrical*

*Along with many other fabulous prizes.....*

Draw will take place on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 2024



**Tickets can be bought in School Office at following times:**

**Tuesdays between 10am and 10.30am and Fridays between 2pm and 2.30pm**

**Or tickets can be bought online at**

**<https://www.idonate.ie/raffle/TMHPAEasterRaffle>**

### Naas Flower and Garden Club

in the Care of the Aged Centre,  
Limerick Road, Naas on Thursday  
**29th February, 7.45pm.** Garden Talk by:  
**Paul Smith** Head Gardener RHSI Bellefield  
House, Shinrone, Co. Offaly.  
Visitor's welcome €8.



## Naas Parish Weekly Lotto Draw

**Jackpot now stands at €10,000**

**Numbers Drawn on 14th February: 11-26-9-16**

**Lucky Dip: C. Hynan, L. Kelly, A. Kirwan, A. Barry**

**You could win the Jackpot of €10,000 on Weds 21<sup>th</sup> February.**

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

**Also on the Parish Website or Parish App.**

**Thank you for your support!**

