

Parish Newsletter

22nd December 2024

Fourth Sunday of Advent



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Christmas Message from Fr. Liam...

May I take this opportunity to wish you and your families the peace, hope and joy that the birth of the Christ Child brings into our lives. If you made the journey home for ChristmasWelcome!

The joy of being together, is the best Christmas gift of all. This Christmas we think of parishioners who have experienced the sadness of grief this past year, we keep you and your loved ones in our prayers.

Looking back on the past yearFr. Alex returned to his native India, we keep him in our thoughts and prayers this Christmas time. Sallins Church celebrated a milestone. The Novena in October was truly uplifting. We danced the night away at our Parish social. Plans to refurbish our Parish Office, Shop and Church Grounds were published. Locally, the blue and white of Naas continued to enjoy sporting success, bringing unbridled joy to young and not so young faces. Tidy Towns continued their trojan efforts in maintaining our beautiful town. On the bigger stage of life, our Irish athletes were golden in Olympic achievement.



But, sadly, the tragedy of war in Gaza and Ukraine continues with no end in sight. It seems that the Holy Land that welcomed the Saviour of the World, the Prince of Peace, is now a forsaken and forgotten land. We pray earnestly for that long awaited gift of peace. As we see the challenges faced by the world: war, climate change, migration, we can become bewildered. And yet the clarion call of our Christian faith, is to look to God with hope and confidence. To recognise how a child born in a stable in Bethlehem called us to love tenderly and to live in peace. His, is a light that shines in the dark. A light that darkness can never overpower. He is the herald of peace, He brings happiness, He is Our Saviour! This is a truth we must hold onto.

Wishing you all a happy and peaceful Christmas and thank you for your unwavering kindness and support for your parish and to us, the Parish Team.

Nollaig shona dhaoibh agus blian nua faoi mhaise dhaoibh.



Scoil Bhríde Confirmation Candidates in February.



Altar Server, Juan, with Bishop Denis

*A
look
back
over
2024*



Stations of the Cross, Punchestown.



Josie's at 90! with Brian, our Organist.



A fond farewell to Fr. Alex in May



A Special Day in May

Cofaiste Naomh Mhuire ST. MARY'S COLLEGE Deputy Head Girl	
93-94 Yvonne Mooney	07-08 Deborah Walsh
94-95 Mary Carr	08-09 Sandra Lawler
95-96 Aileen Fanning	09-10 Cíodhna MacSwiney
96-97 Breeda Kane	10-11 Anna Power
98-99 Dairde Cleary	11-12 Hannah Denvir
99-00 Emer Lawler	12-13 Rachel Fleming
00-01 Elaine McKenna	13-14 Sarah Benn
01-02 Elaine Cotter	14-15 Jennifer O'Donovan
01-02 Aileen Kane	15-16 Róisín Sheridan
02-03 Bridget Harney	16-17 Aine Sheehan
03-04 Anne Byrne	17-18 Emma Ryan
04-05 Fionnuala	18-19 Hannah Denvir
05-06	19-20 Hannah Jordan
06-	20-21 Katie MacNamara



'A Soft Day thank God' in June for the Youth Pilgrimage to Croagh Patrick



These young, enthusiastic 'wet heads' with Fr. Robert.



Joe pictured with the GAA President.



Happy 100th Birthday to Sallins Church in September.



Listening attentively at the Retreat.



Out for the night at the Parish Social ... November.



Set and ready for Christmas 2024!

Naas, Sallins and Two Mile House Parishes Christmas Timetable 2024

CONFESSION TIMES: Tuesday 24th December

Our Lady & St David's Church: 10.30am – 12.30pm

CHRISTMAS EVE MASS TIMES, Tuesday 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, Wednesday 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

THURSDAY 26th December – FRIDAY 3rd January

Weekdays: Our Lady & St David's Church: 10am

Weekends: Normal Mass Schedule

No other weekday Masses in Ballycane and Sallins.

Normal Mass Schedule resumes from Saturday 4th January

FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY MASS TIMES, Monday 6th January

Our Lady & St David's Church: 7.30am, 10am

Our Lady & the Guardian Angels, Sallins: 10am

St Peter's Church, Two Mile House: 9.30am

Church of the Irish Martyrs: 7pm

Please note: Ballycane Centre and Day Chapel will be closed from Mon 23rd Dec. until Mon 6th Jan.
No adoration in OLSD on 28th/29th December or on 4th/5th January.
The Parish Offices and Shops will be closed from 11.30am on Christmas Eve until 9.30am on Monday January 6th.

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

John McNicholl, The Gallops
Aggie McGarr, McAuley Place
MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Goal Mile at Naas GAA Club, 11-12pm on Christmas Day.

LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTIONS

Naas: Development Fund: €3,726 Offertory: €3,105

Online donations (12th - 18th Dec): €263

Tap&Go (12th - 18th Dec): €820

Sallins: Envelopes: € 445 Baskets: €525

TMH: €555

**Please may donations of Red Flowers or Plants be
left into Naas Churches on Monday 23rd December.**

Dates for your diary:

◆ 1st Thursday Adoration - 9th January

◆ Family Masses 11th/12th January



Naas Parish Weekly Lotto Draw

There was no winner of the €4,350 on 18th December

Numbers Drawn were: 21-4-27-13

Lucky Dip: P. Higgins, V. Keogh, Anon, A. King

You could win the Jackpot of €4,600 on Weds. 8th January

Thank you for your support & we wish you a very Happy Christmas!