

Parish Newsletter

1st June 2025

The Ascension of the Lord

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Prayer-Filled Blessings to Deacon Laurence

This weekend we bid a fond farewell to Deacon Laurence. In the space of seven short months, Laurence has made a deep and lasting impression upon so many of us. It must have been daunting for him last October: a new country, a new language and so many new and unfamiliar faces.

Coming to us on Diaconate/Student placement, an ‘apprentice’ of sorts, he took to it, like a “duck to water”, testament to his own natural warmth, his innate kindness, his generosity of spirit, and his capacity to form friendships.

Laurence immersed himself fully into the pastoral life of our three parishes. He never shied away from challenge, opportunity, or work. He celebrated numerous baptisms, accompanied families at the graveside of their loved ones, performed House Blessings, School Visitation, Parish Youth Clubs, Confirmation Retreats, Legion of Mary and so much more...

Many have commented on his fine homilies, early signs are obvious of a fine preacher in the making!

In these changing times, it is a blessing for all of us, to encounter a young man of 25 years willing to serve the Lord with such faith and personal commitment.

As he says “yes” to the Lord in priesthood, he does so with obvious faith and deep conviction. I have seen how Laurence seeks to nurture each day in his life, a life based on deep and personal prayer.

In the final line from today’s Second Reading from Hebrews we read

‘Let us keep firm in the hope we profess, because the one who made the promise is faithful.’

Laurence, may you always trust God’s faithful love.

And so, we thank you for your fine contribution to our three parishes, we were truly blessed to have you among us. We wish you every blessing in the coming weeks as you prepare for your ordination on Tuesday 24th June. You are a credit to yourself personally, your family and your diocese. No doubt our paths will cross again, you are always welcome in these parts.

Go n-éirí an bóthar leat!



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Safeguarding Policy is displayed in all Church Porches.

LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTIONS

Naas: Development Fund: €3,645

Online donations (22nd - 28th May): €233

Tap&Go (22nd - 28th May): €605

Sallins: Envelopes: €400 Baskets: €635

TMH: €1125

There will be no Wednesday Evening Mass in Ballycane Church during July & August.

No Confessions in Sallins on Thursday 5th June.



Recent Baptisms

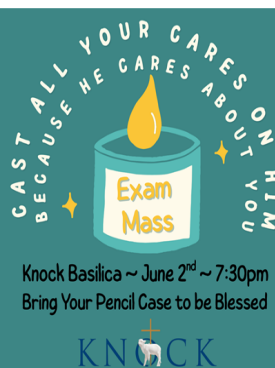
Noah Garrahan, Piper's Hill
Tomás Monahan, Landen Park
Callum Piggott, Stonehaven



Thursday Evening Adoration in Ballycane will take place on Thursday 5th June until 10pm.

The Thursday Evening Adoration will then finish for the Summer,

Adoration on Thursdays will be from 10am to 6pm until September.



Our annual Mass for students who are about to begin their Junior & Leaving Certificate examinations will take place on **Monday, June 2nd at 7.30pm In Knock Basilica**. This can be an overwhelming and stressful time for young people. This Mass offers the opportunity to pray with family and friends and to take some quiet time and a break from study and preparations.

All students and their families are welcome

Parish Pilgrimage to Duiske Abbey Saturday 28th June 2025

Departing Ballycane Church at 8am and returning at approximately 5.30pm.

€40 per person which includes:

tea & scone after Mass at Duiske Abbey.

8km prayer walk along the Barrow Way to St. Mullins.

2 course lunch at the Duiske Inn.

All buses including from St. Mullins back to the Duiske Inn.

To purchase a ticket, contact the Parish Office (Sallins Road).



Cemetery Mass in St. Corban's Cemetery

Wednesday 4th June at 7.30pm.

A collection will be taken up at this Mass.

There will be no Mass in Ballycane Church that evening.

First Holy Communions 2025

It was the turn of the Gaelscoil, Sallins School and Scoil Bhride last weekend which brought our First Holy Communion Season for 2025 to a close.

Thank you very much to all involved. We will be inviting all the boys and girls to join us on 21st/22nd June for the Family Masses on the Feast of Corpus Christi. They might dress up in their finery again!



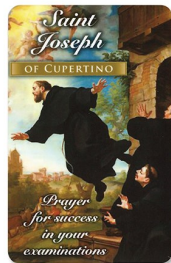
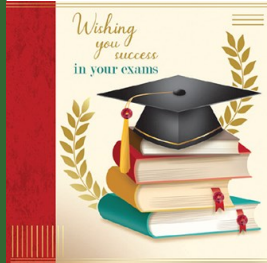
For more photos, please see the gallery pages of the Parish Website and the Parish App.



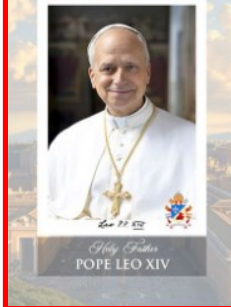
Cemetery Masses

- Bodenstown is on Sunday 29th June at 11.30am
This will replace the 11.30am Mass in Sallins
- St. Peter's, TMH is on Sunday, 6th July at 10am

Exam Mass Bouquets, Prayer Cards, Good Luck Cards, Guardian Angels, Candles now on sale in both Parish Shops.



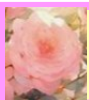
Celebrating Pope Leo XIV



Candles, Prayer Cards, A4 and A5 prints are now on sale in the Parish Shops on the Sallins Road and at Ballycane Church.



Bishop Denis will celebrate a special Mass for those who were Confirmed this year & their families on Saturday 7th June at 7pm in Ballycane Church, celebrating Pentecost.



Monday is a Bank holiday: there will be no 7.30am Mass and the Parish shops & offices will be closed.

Annual pilgrimage to Knock with Vocations Society of St. Joseph (formerly St. Joseph's Young Priest's Society)

Please join us on **Saturday 28th June.**

Return Bus €30 including refreshments.

Departing from various locations in Naas from 8am onwards with pickups in Sallins and Clane. Book early to avoid disappointment: For further information or to book please contact:

- Maureen 087 207 7044 or
- John 086 856 3773



St. Brigid's Lough Derg Pilgrimage Assoc.

Three Day Pilgrimage to Lough Derg:

- Fri 4th - Sun 6th July &
- Wed 13th - Fri 15th August

Please see poster on www.naasparish.ie for more information or contact

Joe 087 3815887 or Deirdre 087 2467594 - after 6pm



Kingsfurze Avenue Annual Open-Air Mass

Friday, 13th June 2025 at 7.30pm
All are welcome.

Refreshments will be served afterwards.



Jubilee 2025 Pilgrims of Hope: Mass at the Priests Corner Mass Rock in Ballyteague on Sun. 15th June at 2pm celebrant - Bishop Denis

During the 18th and 19th Century in the time of persecution and the penal laws, the Bishop of Kildare and Leighlin resided in Allen Parish. People attended Mass at the Priests Corner Mass Rock in Ballyteague.

For those who wish to walk the 2.5kms in pilgrimage, please assemble at 12.30pm at the GAA clubhouse in Ballyteague W91 VEW8. For those who do not wish to walk, car parking will be available beside the Mass Rock which will be signposted on the day.



Naas Parish Weekly Lotto Draw

There was no winner of the €6,200 Jackpot on 28th May.

Lucky Dip winners were

Anon., H. Sleator, T. McNally, J. Higgins

Numbers Drawn were: 22-7-11-19

You could win the Jackpot of **€6,450** on Weds. 4th June

Thank you for your support!