

# Parish Newsletter

22nd June 2025

## The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

No: 2000



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### Welcome to the 2000th Edition of the Parish Newsletter

## Naas Parish Newsletter

No. 1 NOVEMBER 11th 1984.

### THE NEWSLETTER

Today we publish our first weekly newsletter. We hope it will be of benefit to you as a source of Parish news and views and also a service to the many clubs, groups and organisations in our community who wish to communicate with you. It will do away with the need to read out many of our Sunday announcements and hopefully will be a more effective way of getting messages across.

Those who would like to have announcements made, functions advertised, lost & found notice inserted etc. are asked to have them handed in to the Parish Office or to the Curate's House Sallins Rd., before Thursday night. it will help if they are in an envelope clearly marked 'Newsletter'

## TRÓCAIRE

In response to the crisis situation in Ethiopia and other African countries we are called to show Christian solidarity by the Bishops. This week - 11th -18th Nov. - we are asked to fast, to contribute the fruits of our sacrifice to the Famine appeal and to deepen our understanding of the causes of this tragic situation. Trócaire is trying to tackle the basic causes of hunger through ongoing programmes for the provision of water, storage for grain, agricultural production and preventive medical schemes. Donations to Trócaire can be left in to the Parish Office or to any of the Priest's houses.

THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN WHO DIE THROUGH HUNGER IS EQUIVALENT TO THREE HIROSHIMAS EVERY WEEK

### Parish Newsletter

14th January 2024  
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time  
No: 1929 Lk 1: 26-38

#### Handing on the Faith

Our parish Confirmation Candidates participating in the Ceremony of Light gatherings which took place this week.



As humans we become part of the Christian family. The symbol of the candle, lit from the Paschal Candle, is a powerful acknowledgement that we have invited the Light of Christ into our lives. The sacrament of Confirmation acknowledges that the child must now begin to accept this responsibility for themselves. Parents: I give you this candle as a sign of your Faith. We lit this candle for you when you were a small child, and we helped you to keep it burning within our family circle. Now that you are older, we pass the light of Faith to you to hold for yourself. Keep it. Treasure it. Share it. You are the Light of the World. Child: I thank you for the gift of Faith which you have passed on to me. As I take it from you, I am taking the first steps on my own journey of Faith. With your help, I will keep it, treasure it and share it. We are the Light of the World. Pictures above are children and parents from Scoil Bealla and the Mercy Convent who were among the over 400 young people who participated in the Ceremony of Light this week in our three parishes. Congratulations to all!

### Parish Newsletter

28th April 2024  
Fifth Sunday of Easter  
No: 1943 Jn 15:1-8

#### Early morning down at the Harbour, last Thursday...



But now they drift on the still water,  
Mysterious, beautiful;  
Among what rushes will they build,  
By what lake's edge or pool  
Delight men's eyes,  
when I awake some day  
To find they have flown away?  
from 'Wild Swans in Coole' W.B. Yeats.

The recent improvement in the weather has lifted our hearts and changed our mood...

And you, sun and moon, O bless the Lord  
And you, stars of the heavens, O bless the Lord  
And you, rivers and seas, O bless the Lord  
And you, creatures of the sea, O bless the Lord  
And you, every bird in the sky, O bless the Lord  
To him be highest glory and praise for ever.  
from the Canticle of Daniel.

**Kildare & Leighlin Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine with Bishop Denis Nulty. See back page for details.**

Edition number 1 from November 1984 started as 'Naas Parish Newsletter' and was introduced as the Parish Church was about to be closed for renovation works in order to inform parishioners of the alternative arrangements for Masses, Confessions and Baptisms. The Newsletter has evolved over the years but continues to be a source of local news and inspiration. It is good to see that some of the societies which featured in the first newsletter are still going strong, including St. Joseph's Young Priests Society, Concern and the Legion of Mary.

The First Newsletter was put together using a typewriter in a parish which didn't possess a computer! Things moved on over the years and the newsletter is now done on a computer, it has increased in size and is now printed in colour! It is also now the Parish Newsletter of Naas, Sallins and Two Mile House Parishes. This allows the parishes to celebrate and share all the milestones of a parish. We have seen First Holy Communions, Confirmations, Weddings, Birthdays and have bid fond farewells to Friends and Family. We have seen the parishes themselves celebrate centenaries and priests celebrate Jubilees and so much more.

*My grateful thanks on behalf of all parishioners to Sarah and Patricia for developing and enhancing the overall look! Here's to the 4000th Edition. Where will any of us be then?*

## PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION

NAAS PARISH OFFICE: Tel.: 045 879 730

E-mail: [office@naasparish.net](mailto: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

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

TWITTER: @naasparish

## SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN PARISH REPRESENTATIVES

**Naas:** Geraldine Faherty & Adrian King

**Sallins:** Dermot McGilloway & Gillian Fitzharris

**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

**PRIEST ON DUTY: 085 708 8407**

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

**Registered Charity No: 20015848**

## PARISH TEAM

Fr. Liam Morgan	Sallins Road	087 133 7879
Fr. Michael Flattery	Hazelmere	045 879 730
Fr. Robert Petrisor	Sallins Road	045 879 730
Fr. Yohan Fernando	Lakelands	045 879730
Dn. Laurence Timaru	Parish Deacon	045 879730
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 Policy is displayed in all Church Porches.*

## LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTIONS

**Naas:** Development Fund: €3,365 Offertory: €2,535

**Online donations** (12th - 18th June): €193

**Tap&Go** (12th - 18th June): €605

**Sallins:** Envelopes: €355 Baskets: €670

**TMH:** €560



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

Anthony (Tony) Doyle, Kilmeague

Louis Alexander Murray, Dublin

Jason Power, Landen Park

**MAY THEY REST IN PEACE**

## Recent Baptisms

Lenny Alves McCall, Kilcullen

Maria Teles De Oliveira, Dun na Ríogh Grn

Síofra Gearty, Piper's Hill

Nell Dalton, Finlay Park

Ruby O'Brien, Castlefarm



**Divine Mercy Prayers**

**6.00pm Adoration Chapel, Ballycane**

**Wednesday, 25th June.**

**Followed by the Rosary.**

## Cemetery Masses

**Bodenstown Cemetery Mass will take place next Sunday,**

**Sunday 29th June at 11.30am.**

*This will be instead of the usual 11.30am Mass in Sallins Church.*

**St. Peter's, TMH Cemetery Mass is on the following Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup> July at 10am.**

## Columban Day Celebrations, Carlow, 11th - 13th July 2025

This significant occasion honours St Columbanus, one of Ireland's most influential early missionaries, recognised for his contributions to the spiritual and cultural foundation of Europe.

St Columbanus, patron saint of the Missionary Society of St Columban, was born in Myshall.

The three-day event promises a rich blend of cultural, spiritual and communal experiences.

Highlights include

- ♦ the launch of the exhibition 'Ireland and the Birth of Europe,'
- ♦ a symposium exploring the relationship between creation and spirituality given by Columban missionary Fr Sean McDonagh,
- ♦ a walk along the picturesque Columban Way.
- ♦ 'Columbanus, the Man from Myshall,' a talk by former President Dr Mary McAleese, taking place in the Holy Cross Church in Myshall.
- ♦ The celebrations culminate with the XXVI Columbanus Day Mass at the Cathedral of the Assumption, Carlow on Sunday 13th July. Join us for this International Columbanus Weekend, when pilgrims from all over Europe will gather here in our diocese to honour this great Saint.



**TURAS COLUMBANUS  
THE COLUMBAN WAY**

**XXVI Columbanus Day**

**11-13 July 2025**

**Please see the poster on the Parish Website for a full timetable of events.**



## Gaza: “Words are not enough!” – Irish Bishops call for Solidarity at Parish Level

Bishops stated the following concerning the humanitarian disaster in Gaza:

“In Gaza people are starving and adequate aid is being denied; it seems clear that famine is being used as a weapon of war. Already over 600,000 Palestinians have been displaced. The evidence points to a staged strategy of ethnic cleansing aimed at removing the Palestinian people from their homes and their homeland. It is becoming increasingly clear to people on the ground that these are genocidal actions sanctioned by the Government of Israel.

What is happening in Gaza – and the West Bank – is the death of tens of thousands of non-combatants, many of them women and children. This is unconscionable and disproportionate. It is immoral for world leaders to stand by inactively in the face of this outrageous tragedy for humanity.

### Words are not enough!

To date, almost 55,000 people have been killed in Gaza and the West Bank, since the horrific events of 7 October 2023. People in parishes across the country are horrified by what they are witnessing. They may feel helpless. **But they can show their solidarity in different ways by lobbying their political representatives, by supporting humanitarian aid and, above all, by continuing to pray for an end to the conflict now and the resumption of peace, including the return of all hostages and prisoners.”**

Bishops listened again to the recent words of Pope Leo XIV and resonated with them: “In the Gaza Strip, the cry of mothers, of fathers who clutch the lifeless bodies of children and who are continually forced to move in search of a little food and safer shelter from bombing, rises ever more intensely to the sky. I renew my appeal to the leaders: cease-fire, release all hostages, fully respect humanitarian law.

*‘Mary Queen of Peace, pray for us.’*



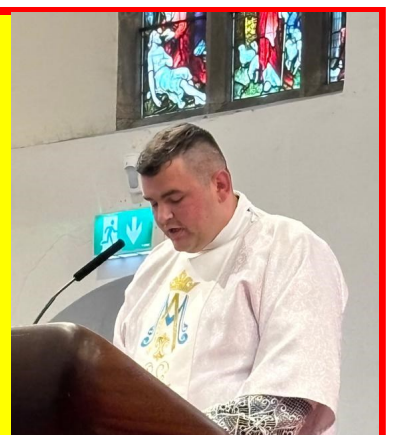
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BISHOPS' CONFERENCE  
COMHDHÁIL EASPAG CAITLICEACH ÉIREANN

## Ordination on Tuesday

Deacon Laurence will be ordained this coming Tuesday, 24th June at 9am (our time). If you would like to watch the **Ordination Ceremony**, a link to the **lași Diocese YouTube** channel is on our Parish Website.

This is a wonderful milestone in his young life and we join together in sending him our prayerful good wishes. It will be a day to remember for him personally and for his family and friends.

Laurence was also interviewed for the **Irish Catholic** this week, there is a short article on him on page 2, copies available from the Parish Shop.



The **Summer Collection in support of the Priests of the Parish** will be taken up at all Masses in Naas and Sallins this weekend.

*Thank you for your continued support and generosity to us.*

# CONGRATULATIONS

to **Naas Tidy Towns** and the Community of Naas on winning **three** national competitions this week!

1. IBAL **Cleanest Town** in Ireland (for the 4th time since 2020!)
2. All Ireland 32 county Award of 'Best Kept Town'
3. All Ireland 32 county Award of 'Best Kept Large Urban Centre'.

These things don't just happen! Well done!! Proud week for Naas!



Members of Naas Tidy Towns receiving one of the awards in Farmleigh House.

## Vocations - Come and See Day

A day to explore priesthood: talks, time for prayer, answering your questions, **discerning a vocation**, Knock House Hotel F12 R6Y5, **Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> July 11.00am to 4.30pm.**

Bookings only through [vocations.ie](mailto:carol.king@vocations.ie). or for more information contact: [carol.king@vocations.ie](mailto:carol.king@vocations.ie)

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION IN ST. PETER'S, TWO MILE HOUSE

FOR THE FEAST OF  
**THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS**  
**FRIDAY, 27<sup>th</sup> JUNE.**

**AFTER 9.30AM MASS UNTIL 8PM**



## Kildare Dementia Cafe

The Dementia Cafe gathers on the last Thursday of every month at Kildare Community Development Centre (old Presentation convent). It is a welcoming space for people living with dementia and their families and friends to have a cup of tea and a chat. Each month there is a short talk given by a guest speaker. Next meeting:

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> June from 2.30pm to 4.30pm.**

For any queries please contact **Anne 086 4411255.**

## Annual pilgrimage to Knock with Vocations Society of St. Joseph

Please join us on **Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> June.**

Return Bus €30 including refreshments.

Departing from various locations in Naas from 8am collecting in Sallins and Clane.

To book or for more information please contact:  
**Maureen 087 207 7044 / John 086 856 3773**

**Féile Nás na Ríogh: Free Music Festival**  
Main Street, Naas on  
**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> June 10am - 8pm**

## GOLF CLASSIC MCAULEY PLACE FUNDRAISER

NAAS GOLF CLUB  
WEDNESDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2025

**TEAM OF 4 - €400 PER TEAM**  
(PRICE INCLUDES MEAL)

**TEE BOX SPONSORSHIP - €100**

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT:

**BRIDGET LANE (087-7688196)**

**ANNE HIGGINS (087-2578062)**

**ANNE MARIE CAGNEY (083-2060630)**

1:30PM - PARNELL SQUARE - DUBLIN

**SATURDAY 5<sup>th</sup> JULY**

**RALLY FOR LIFE**  
**2025**



IRELAND'S  
LARGEST  
ANNUAL  
PRO-LIFE  
MARCH



## Naas Parish Weekly Lotto Draw

There was no winner of the €6,950 Jackpot  
**on 18<sup>th</sup> June**

Lucky Dip winners were

**F. McKevitt, N. Queally, J. Higgins, Anon.**

**Numbers Drawn were: 14-7-4-3**

You could win the Jackpot of **€7,200** on Weds. 25<sup>th</sup> June

**Thank you for your support!**