

# Parish Newsletter

13th July 2025

**Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**



No: 2003

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## A July Sunday in Romania

A July Sunday in Pustiana and the atmosphere was alive with hope, joy and expectation, as a native son made a welcome 'homecoming' to celebrate his First Holy Mass. To the sound of honking car horns, he made his arrival. Greeted at the church gates by his Mother, Margareta and his siblings: Karina, Alex and Florin, he received and ate, as per custom and tradition, bread and salt from his Mum.

Local parish priest, Fr. Anton publicly invited Laurence to celebrate his First Mass for the gathered assemblies. Laurence accepted, expressing heartfelt gratitude.



Led into the Church and kneeling before the Altar, Laurence offered a silent and personal prayer. Returning to the Sacristy, the opening procession for the Mass began. The music and singing was beautiful. Readings were proclaimed by his brothers and Karina sang the psalm. Offertory gifts represented the journey of his life and faith. Laurence sang beautifully parts of the Sacred Liturgy.

After the final blessing, Karina, his sister, spoke lovingly and warmly of her brother: their joy and pride obvious. Laurence responded with thanks, especially welcoming visitors from Naas



in Ireland. And he spoke with affection and happy memory of his time in Naas, Sallins and Two Mile House. Three priests were presented with bouquets of flowers: his Spiritual Director and Fr. Andriu, his mentor since High School, and myself (Fr. Liam). These we later placed before the Altar Shrines.

We then retired to the Village Hall where climbing the steps, Laurence knelt and received a prayer of blessing from his Mother, she concluded this short ritual by placing a red hand-embroidered cloth upon his shoulders.

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## PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION

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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://www.facebook.com/naasparish)

TWITTER: @naasparish

### SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN PARISH REPRESENTATIVES

**Naas:** Geraldine Faherty & Adrian King  
**Sallins:** Dermot McGiloway & 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

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**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. 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: €3,140 Offertory: €2,500

**Online donations (3rd - 9th July):** €472.50

**Tap&Go (3rd - 9th July):** €630

**Sallins:** Envelopes: €370 Baskets: €590

**TMH:** €1,195

### PowerPoint volunteers in Ballycane Church.

We are currently looking for volunteers to help work the PowerPoints in Ballycane Church at the two Sunday Masses. If you attend Ballycane Church and are willing to help, please contact the Parish Office on the Sallins Road. Training provided. *Thank you.*

### Our Lady's Island Annual Pilgrimage

takes place on **Sunday 27th July**. The main celebrant is **Bishop Paul Dempsey** (formerly of this Parish). Bus €25 departing from the Parish Church, Sallins Road at 11.15am.

*Book early to avoid disappointment.*

Contact Maureen 087 207 7044 or

John 086 856 3773. Vocations Society of St.

Joseph (formerly St. Joseph's young priest Society)



**"THOSE WHO DIE IN GRACE GO BUT TO GOD AND GOD IS VERY NEAR"**  
Anne Morrissey, Sunday's Well  
**MAY SHE REST IN PEACE**



### Recent Baptisms

Liam Sherry, Oldtown Demesne

Fionn Sherry, Oldtown Demesne

Charlotte Curtin, Sallins

### JOIN OUR TEAM

### ST CONLETH'S PARISH MANAGER

St. Conleth's Parish, Newbridge, Co. Kildare, is seeking a skilled and dedicated Parish Manager to oversee the day-to-day operations of our Parish. If you have excellent administrative and leadership skills, we'd love to hear from you.

#### Key Responsibilities:

1. Support the Parish Priest and Parish Community
2. Manage Parish Administration including Finances, Staffing and Payroll
3. Oversee the Maintenance of all Parish facilities
4. Management of the Parish Centre

**APPLY NOW**

*If you are interested in this rewarding role, email: [parishmanager@newbridgeparish.net](mailto:parishmanager@newbridgeparish.net) for further details.*

*We look forward to hearing from you.*

### Camp Pio - Summer Faith Camp

for Boys & Girls 5-13 years

**Arts & Crafts, Music & Drama, Games & Prayer.**

Mon 21st - Thurs 24th July: 9.30am-2.30pm; at Bloom HQ, Old Convent, Mountrath R32DT9F. €45 per Child (€30 for each additional sibling)

To book contact:

[camppio2024@gmail.com](mailto:camppio2024@gmail.com)

or Caroline 0852430529



### National Grandparents Pilgrimage to Knock celebrating World Day for Grandparents & the Elderly, 27th July 2025

The day will include anointing of the sick at 2.30pm, Holy Sacrament of Mass 3pm, Rosary Procession (weather permitting). All Children are invited to write a prayer for Grandparents. *Take part online at [www.knockshrine.ie/watch](http://www.knockshrine.ie/watch)*

For more information please see [www.knockshrine.ie](http://www.knockshrine.ie) / Call 094 938 8100.



Ballycane Church Car Park will be closed on Tuesday 15th July to facilitate remedial works to the lamppost. **PEDESTRIAN ACCESS ONLY** to the Church, Centre, Day Chapel and Shop/Office on that day. *Apologies for any inconvenience.*

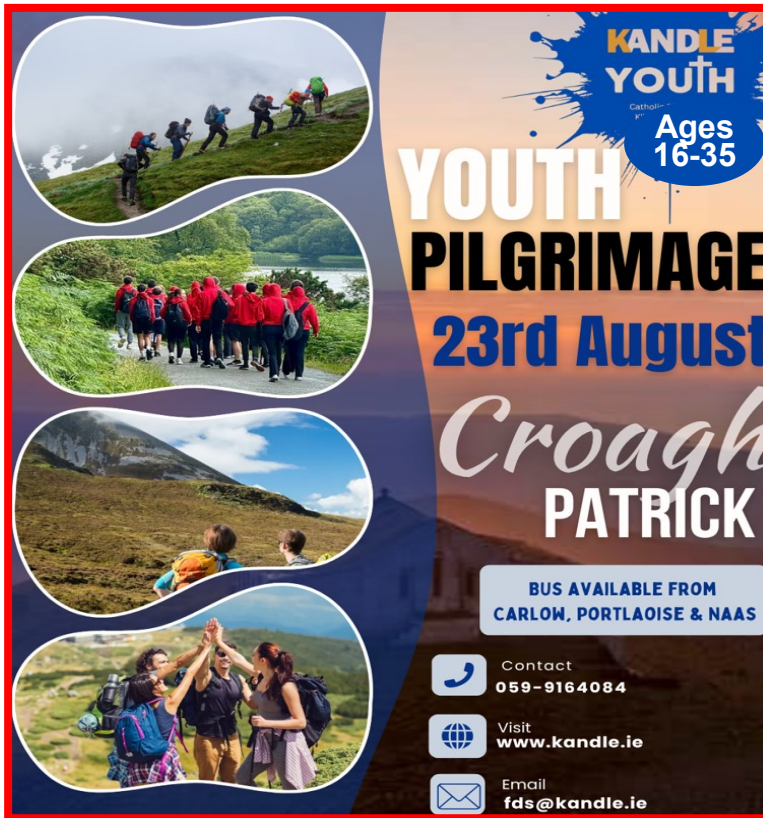


Local songs were preformed on stage to acknowledge the moment. Copious amounts of food and beverages were consumed. We attempted to dance off the excess food taken. Similar to our own set dancing, we gently advanced, retired, went full circle, gradually the tempo of the music reached a fever pitch crescendo. We held our own and took on the Romanians at their own game. Though we were wilting, we dug deep into the mental reserves of stamina, and the end was a primal shout of triumph! We had held our own and we didn't let the side down.

On a serious note, it was wonderful to see the happiness of Laurence. We treasure the memories and please God at some stage in the next 12 months Laurence will hopefully make a return visit to these parts. We look forward to that moment when it eventually arrives!



*Naas Parishioners Anais, Camelia (originally from Romania), Raluca and Eric, who is an Altar Server here in Naas.*



**KANDLE YOUTH**  
Catholic  
Ages 16-35

# YOUTH PILGRIMAGE

## 23rd August

### Croagh PATRICK

BUS AVAILABLE FROM  
CARLOW, PORTLAOISE & NAAS

Contact  
059-9164084

Visit  
[www.kandle.ie](http://www.kandle.ie)

Email  
[fds@kandle.ie](mailto:fds@kandle.ie)

## 24 Hour Silent Vigil for Gaza

From 12 noon Saturday 19th July to 12 noon Sun. 20th July at Clane Church Plaza space. Prayer, silence and reflection in solidarity with the people of Gaza. More details from Suaimneas Centre, Clane. All are Welcome  
Join for a minute or more for PEACE



Thurs. 17<sup>th</sup> July at 7pm: Rathasker Ramble ... an evening walk with the Naas Local History Group viewing Naas old and new. Meet at the Osprey Hotel. All welcome.



Cystic Fibrosis: Church Gate Collection 19th/20th July.

Kildare Animal Foundation **Open Day - Sun 13<sup>th</sup> July** @ 1pm in Kildare Town R51 YE00. Plenty of fun for all the family and stalls with special gifts. Admission Free. Please join us. *Sorry no visiting dogs allowed..*

**Naas Disability Access Group meeting** on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> July in Naas Library at 11am. Do you have a friend or family member who is elderly or has a disability? Are there accessibility issues in your area you'd like to highlight? **This is an open invitation** to all in the community to come together and make Naas a more inclusive & accessible town. Local Councillors and the Kildare County Council Access Officer will be in attendance. Contact: 0874183539 [naasaccess@gmail.com](mailto:naasaccess@gmail.com). **All Welcome.**

**McAuley Place: Golf Ball Drop & Family Fun Day (free entry).**  
Craddockstown Golf Club  
20th July 3pm



## Sallins Pilgrimage to Lourdes

We welcome back our intrepid pilgrims who travelled to Lourdes last week. Led by Fr. Michael, they enjoyed 7 nights in France and some of the braver ones pictured below made a trip to the High Stations in spite of the heat.



## Naas Parish Weekly Lotto Draw

There was no winner of the €7,700 Jackpot on 9th July  
Lucky Dip winners were

**S. Treacy, H. Sleator, C. Dignam, B. Daniels**

**Numbers Drawn were: 19-21-12-16**

You could win the Jackpot of **€7,950** on Weds. 16th July