

# Parish Newsletter

17th August 2025

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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## A Message from Bishop Denis: Day of Prayer and Reflection for Gaza.

At the opening of the Jubilee of Youth in a packed St Peter's Square, Pope Leo XIV said: ***"We must cry out for peace in the world"*** and he then invited all the young people to join him in saying: *"We want peace in the world!"* In the words of Cardinal Pizzaballa, the Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem:

***"Christ is not absent from Gaza. He is there, crucified in the wounded, buried under rubble and yet present in every act of mercy, every candle in the darkness, every hand extended to the suffering".***

The images we are watching on nightly news bulletins and on social media feeds are appalling. Many ask what can we do? We can become numb in our sense of helplessness before scenes that speak of *"man's inhumanity to man"*. We feel bewildered when we see and hear about people crushed by hunger or crushed in the stampede for airdropped food. Most upsetting of all is the horrible violence and death that children are experiencing and witnessing. Archbishop Eamon Martin has called on parishes to set aside **Sunday, 24th August** as a day of prayer and reflection for Gaza. I echo his call and ask all in Kildare & Leighlin to observe this day of prayer. We can light a candle in our family home or local parish church; attend Mass, spend time before the Blessed Sacrament; pray the Rosary; make some small personal penance or sacrifice, and on that day

***"let the light of hope radiate out from the island of Ireland for peace, for Gaza and for the future of its people."***

✠ Denis



**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place from 2pm - 5pm in Our Lady and St. David's Church on the main Altar on Sunday 24th August.**

## Naas Community Sponsorship Group are hoping to relocate a family to Ireland.

"This Afghan journalist and his family are at very significant risk of detention and, indeed, execution by the Taliban and will qualify for entry into Ireland under **Ireland's Humanitarian Admissions Programme**. The main barrier standing in their way is accommodation. The family cannot get permission to relocate here until they have secured a private rental property in which to live. (They will qualify for HAP payments and our group will cover pre-arrival expenses.) There are many other preconditions, all of which our group can arrange, but accommodation is where we urgently need your help. Do you know of a property anywhere in Ireland that would accommodate this journalist and his family of four for a minimum of two years. Our group is well-resourced and motivated to make any property work. As a group, we have already been renting a property in Naas for the last 5 years and can therefore supply references from the property owner, neighbours and residents' association."

**For more information, please contact [naascsg@gmail.com](mailto:naascsg@gmail.com) or call 087 249 1030.**

## Naas Parish Weekly Lotto Draw

**There was no winner of the €8,950 Jackpot on 13<sup>th</sup> August.**

**Lucky Dip winners were**

**T. & J. Lowry, T. Harhen, T. Hogan, P. Cullen.**

**Numbers Drawn were: 7-21-23-15**

**You could win the Jackpot of €9,200 on Weds. 20<sup>th</sup> August.**

## PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION

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Opening Hours: Monday to Friday 10am to 1pm

SACRISTY TWO MILE HOUSE: 086 399 1706

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## 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

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**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
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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: €3,281 Offertory: €2,575

**Online donations** (7th - 13th August): €179

**Tap&Go** (7th - 13th August): €585

**Sallins:** Envelopes: €305 Baskets: €520

**TMH:** €720



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

*Henry Hill, Esmondale*

**MAY HE REST IN PEACE**

**Rosary will be prayed outside OLSD**

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> August at 8pm:**

**The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

**"Don't drop the books" -  
Talk on the 120th anniversary of  
the first public library in Naas**

**1905**

**21st August, 7pm - 8pm  
Naas Library and Cultural Centre  
Town Hall, Naas**



## NaasPoint Pop-Up Shop

**When:** Saturday, 23rd August

12:00pm to 3:00pm

**Where:** Ballycane Church Car Park

Come along for **bargains galore** — we have a large  
selection of **brand-new and nearly-new clothes**, plus other  
**great items**, all at **nominal prices**.

*Every euro raised will go directly to NaasPoint, helping  
support families most in need in our parish.*

**Don't miss it – great deals for a great cause!**



**Note:** Youth Pilgrimage to Croagh Patrick - Postponed

## Recent Baptisms

Ayla Bell, Castelfarm

Isabelle Whelan, Stoneleigh

Niamh Kiely, Piper's Hill

Kai Flanagan, Finlay Park



**Mon 18th August - Sunday 24th August**

**"Exploring our foundations"**

**Photo Exhibition, Café Grange, Sallins**



**Launch night: Mon 18th**

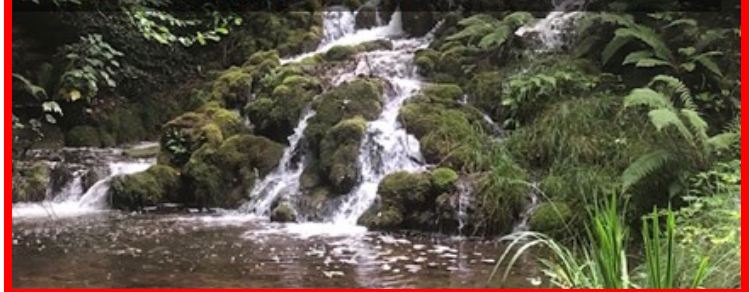
**- free tea, coffee and buns from 7pm!**

**De Burghs Woodland Gardens in Naas are now open  
Thursday to Sunday each week until 5pm.**

**No booking is necessary.**

**A guided tour of the Woodland Gardens at 2pm on Sat  
23rd and on Sun 24th August for those interested in the  
family history of the Naas De Burgh family, the creation of  
the Woodland Gardens and the influence of both on the  
town of Naas.**

**Guide: Seamie Moore. All welcome.**



## Sallins Parish Council Coffee Morning Social

for the International Protection Applicants from the  
Waterways on **Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> August**  
**in Sallins Community Hall from**  
**11am to 1pm.**

**All are welcome to join us.**

