Parish Newsletter

7th September 2025

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

No: 2011 Lk 14:25-33



'The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light, on those who dwelt in the land of deep shadow, a light has shone' (Isaiah 9:2)

And so, the long years of waiting, disappointment and frustration were swept away in the cutting of a ribbon. On Tuesday morning in an atmosphere of excitement and unbridled joy, a new chapter in education dawned at Mercy Convent. School principal, Mr Cathal Ruane welcomed all present, acknowledging the massive contribution of so many, while referencing generously the founding influence and contribution to education of the Mercy Sisters.

A legacy secured, a new chapter begins. The school, a dream of former Principal, Ms Jacqueline O'Reilly who was at the helm when the school building began, seven years ago. Successive Boards of Managements have come and gone. Thanks to our current chairperson Trevor MacNamara for his unflinching dedication and commitment to the school.

A deserved word of recognition to Mr Cathal Ruane whose dogged determination saw the eventual completion of the School. He has given himself 24/7 to its completion. It is a state of the art building, fit for a new century. His personal vision and dream have succeeded in acquiring the very best for the school in terms of indoor and outdoor facilities. Nothing was spared, as he leveraged out the very best from the department and providers, all to benefit the children who now cross the

threshold of this fine school.

We wish the entire school years of happiness and God's blessing.

Official opening, blessing and dedication will take place on Friday 10th of October with Bishop Denis doing the honours.

> **Assistant Principal: Sinead Buckley School Principal: Cathal Ruane Deputy Principal: Brian Corkery**



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Safeguarding Policy is displayed in all Church Porches.

LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTIONS

Naas: Development Fund: €3,723 Offertory: €2,740 Online donations (28th August - 3rd September): €155 Tap&Go (28th August - 3rd September): €440

Sallins: Envelopes: €405 Baskets: €450

TMH: €525



Recent Baptisms

Slaney Higgins, Bellingsfield Roman Walsh, Whitethorn Crescent Rían Kennedy, Oak Park Green

Legion of Mary Pilgrimage to Knock,

Sunday 28th September, cost of bus, €20.

Please call into the Parish Office to reserve your place and purchase tickets for the bus.

Sallins Church Tuesday Morning 10am Mass

We are pleased to announce that this Mass will resume, starting on 9th September with the exception of occasional Tuesdays when no priest will be available in which case Mass will be replaced by a Prayer Service/Rosary. Please see below for the schedule for the first two months:

9th Sept 10am Mass 16th Sept 10am Mass 23rd Sept 10am Mass 30th Sept 10am Mass 7th Oct 10am Mass

14th October 10am Prayer Service

21st October 10am Mass 28th October 10am Mass

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

Gerald (Ger) Kenny, Cleevaun Mary Sheridan, Pacelli Road John Murphy, Two Mile House Gerry Halton, Hollywood Park

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

MASS TIMES for the Pastoral Area of Naas, Sallins, TMH & Kill

OUR LADY AND ST. DAVID, NAAS

WEEKDAYS: Mon. - Fri: 7.30am & 10am

Sat: 10am Sat Vigil: 6pm

SUNDAYS: 9am, 11am & 6pm

Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane

WEDNESDAYS: 7pm

SUNDAYS: 10.30am & 12noon

OUR LADY & THE GUARDIAN ANGELS, SALLINS

WEEKDAYS: Fri: 10am Sat Vigil: 7pm

SUNDAYS: 11.30am

CHURCH OF ST PETER, TWO MILE HOUSE

WEEKDAYS 9.30am SUNDAYS: 10am

CHURCH OF ST BRIGID, KILL

WEEKDAYS: Mon. - Fri.: 10am SATURDAYS: 6.30pm SUNDAYS: 11am

CHURCH OF ST ANNE, ARDCLOUGH

SUNDAYS: 9.30am FIRST FRIDAYS: 8pm

The Autumn Collection for the Priests of the Parish will be taken up at all Masses this weekend in Naas and Sallins. Thank you for your support.

Choirs Welcome New Members!

Would you like to join one of our church choirs?

Parish Church Choir or Ballycane Church Choir

- Ballycane Choir (10.30am Sunday Mass) resumes practice Monday 8th September 8pm.
- Parish Church Choir (11am Mass) resumes practice on Wednesday 10th September at 7.40pm.

We welcome Sopranos, Altos, Tenors and Bass. If you would like to join we would be delighted to hear from you. For more details please contact

Bernard: 087 235 2545.



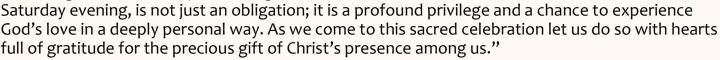
WhySunday Matters

Last Sunday, the Irish Episcopal Conference launched a thought-provoking document on 'Why Sunday Matters', an invitation to reflect on Sunday Mass. Here, we publish a brief extract of its opening paragraphs ...

"Sunday has always been the day of the Lord: the day of resurrection, the day of rest, the day of Eucharist. From the very beginning of our Christian faith, Sunday has been central to the life of the Church and remains the heart of Christian practice. It is on this day that we gather as a community, united in our love for Christ, to encounter the risen Lord and be nourished in body and soul.

The Mass is not just a ritual, it is the source and summit of our faith. It is where we encounter Christ in His living presence, and it is through the Eucharist that we are strengthened to live as true disciples.

Attending Mass on Sundays, or its vigil on





What has been the impact of online Masses on our parish celebration?

What makes our Sunday celebration alive?

How can we be more welcoming to those who have found it difficult to return to Mass since the pandemic?

What can we do in our local parish to help bring about a richer celebration of Sunday Mass for all ages?

Do visitors feel welcome into our celebrations? Can we be more sociable?

Do we need to review Mass times or the number of weekend Masses?

Registration for children who wish to receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion or Confirmation in 2026 is now open on the Parish Website and App.

Please follow the link from the home page www.naasparish.ie or from the Sacraments tab on the Parish App.

This registration is for all children who wish to receive these Sacraments whether they are within the Parish schools or elsewhere.

Diocesan Liturgy Conference Saturday 20th September in Carlow.

Come and hear the two keynote speakers and choose from a selection of workshops, including one led by Fr. Robert.

Registration is free but essential.

Please use this QR code. For help registering, please call into the

Parish Office on the Sallins Road.





DELICIOUS FOOD • MUSIC FESTIVAL FOOD TRAILS • CRAFT STALLS

FREE ENTRY 11am-5pm SATURDAY & SUNDAY FICKETED EVENTS 6pm-11pm FRIDAY & SATURDAY WILD FOOD TRAILS - WED 10th & THU 11th

Tickets & Info: NaasWildFood.com

Featuring Parish Youth Group SOLAS, singing at 12noon on Sunday. Full lineup, please see the poster on the Parish Website.

**Please note that the <u>road closures</u> associated with the festival as well as the Cannonball run (also finishing in Naas) on <u>Sunday 14th September may effect your access along Main Street to the 6pm Sunday evening Mass</u>. Leave extra time to use an alternate route.

Enrolments: St Marys College

The **1st Year Open Evening** will be held on <u>Thurs.</u> <u>September 18th</u> in St. Marys College from 5-7pm. We invite all 6th class Parents/Guardians and students to attend.

Our **Enrolment application process** for September 2026 will start on Wednesday the 1st of October 2025.

The 1st Year Enrolment Application Form will be available from Monday September 22nd on the school website www.stmaryscollegenaas.ie

Completed Application Forms will only be accepted from Wednesday 1st October to Wednesday 22nd October (Enrolment Period). *Applications received outside this period will be marked as late.*

BRIDGEWATER LADIES GOLF SOCIETY 25TH ANNIVERSARY

Celebrate with us in Killeen Golf Club on Sunday 21st September: Tee Times 13.00 to 16.00 hrs All members, past and present, are welcome.

It will be a 9 hole golf outing followed by a meal. Golf and meal €35 (Meal only €20 / Golf only €15)
To participate, please contact: Rosemarie 086-3656136 or Alicia 086-3931524 or Karen 087-2919627

Help Change a Child's Life Today with Operation Smile

We are a non profit group providing



life-changing surgery

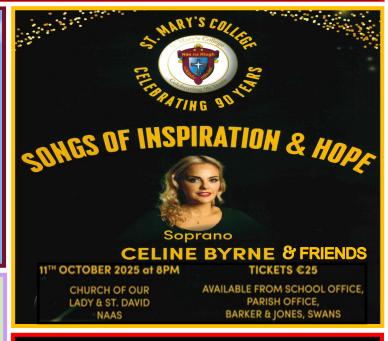
for cleft lip and palate. Scan QR

code for more information.

10 week Creative writing Course, McAuley Place from 23/9/25 Contact: marycreativewriting@gmail.com

Want a Sociable, Educational evening with great company?

Join us on 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month at Naas Toastmasters Meeting,
7.45pm (Guests Welcome). The Luisne Centre,
Sallins Road, Naas, W91D62E
For more information call 087 7564323



The Life & Music of Edith Piaf

McAuley Place Arts & Culture Centre Saturday 27th September Doors open: 7.30pm, Price: €20 Tickets from McAuley Place Reception.

St. Bridgid's Lough Derg Pilgrimage Association

One Day Retreat Sunday 21st September
Bus departing from various locations in Kildare
For further information or bookings:
Contact Deirdre 087 2467594 (after 6pm)
Or email: deirdregleeson@medwise.ie

Diocesan Youth Art Competition

for children and young people, 1st - 30th September.
For full details, please see the poster on the parish website.

Are you grieving the loss of a loved one?

Might it help to spend a little time with others who are also grieving? **Grief Peer Support Group**, meeting monthly, starting Thurs 11thSept: 11am to 12 noon in Ballycane Centre. For more information: **Text or call Máirín on 083 1120060**.



Naas Parish Weekly Lotto Draw

There was no winner of the €9,700 Jackpot on 3rd September.

Lucky Dip winners were: C. Whelan, C. Kilfeather, T&A Gavin, C. Timmons

Numbers Drawn were: 26-10-20-11



You could win the Jackpot of €10,000 on Weds. 10th Sept. Thank you for your continued support.

