

# 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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## PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION

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Opening Hours: Monday to Friday 10am to 1pm

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## 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  
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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: €3,723 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.**

# Why Sunday 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 Saturday evening, is not just an obligation; it is a profound privilege and a chance to experience God's love in a deeply personal way. As we come to this sacred celebration let us do so with hearts full of gratitude for the precious gift of Christ's presence among us."



**And the bishops place before us, some questions to ponder...**

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](http://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.





# NAAS WILD FOOD FESTIVAL

10 - 14 SEPT 2025  
JOIN US AT THE FESTIVAL TENT AT  
HEDDERMAN'S CARPARK, NAAS

DELICIOUS FOOD • MUSIC FESTIVAL  
FOOD TRAILS • CRAFT STALLS

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

Tickets & Info: [NaasWildFood.com](http://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 road closures associated with the festival as well as the Cannonball run (also finishing in Naas) on Sunday 14th September may effect your access along Main Street to the 6pm Sunday evening Mass. Leave extra time to use an alternate route.

## Enrolments: St Marys College

The 1st Year Open Evening will be held on Thurs. September 18<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> of October 2025. The 1st Year Enrolment Application Form will be available from Monday September 22<sup>nd</sup> on the school website [www.stmaryscollegenaas.ie](http://www.stmaryscollegenaas.ie)

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



ST. MARY'S COLLEGE  
CELEBRATING 90 YEARS

**SONGS OF INSPIRATION & HOPE**

Soprano  
**CELINE BYRNE & FRIENDS**

11<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2025 at 8PM TICKETS €25

CHURCH OF OUR LADY & ST. DAVID NAAS  
AVAILABLE FROM SCHOOL OFFICE, PARISH OFFICE, BARKER & JONES, SWANS

## 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](mailto:marycreativewriting@gmail.com)

## Want a Sociable, Educational evening with great company?

Join us on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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



## 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](mailto: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 11<sup>th</sup> Sept: 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.**

