

Parish Newsletter

30th November 2025

First Sunday in Advent



No: 2023

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First Sunday of Advent - Hope Reflection

"The Candle in the window"

A young girl and her brother lit a candle in the window each night while their grandad was in hospital. That small light became a symbol of their hope. Just before Christmas, their prayers were answered - Granda came home. The candle became more than a decoration - it was a quiet promise that love and healing were near. Even now, the memory of its glow reminds the family that hope can shine through the darkest nights. The prophets in the Bible waited and hoped for the coming of Jesus. Just like them, we light the first candle of Advent to remind us that hope is alive. This week, can you be a sign of hope for someone? Maybe write a kind note, say a prayer for someone who's sick, or light a candle at home and say, "Jesus I trust in you."

Jesus, light of the world, shine in our hearts
When life feels dark, help us to trust in you.

Teach us to wait with hope,
like the prophets did.

Come, Lord Jesus, bring your light.



FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION MONDAY 8TH DECEMBER

7.30AM, 10AM OUR LADY &
ST. DAVID

10AM SALLINS
9.30AM TWO MILE HOUSE

7PM (MON) BALLYCANE

ROSARY WILL BE PRAYED AT THE
GROTTO AT OUR LADY AND ST.
DAVID'S CHURCH AT 8PM ON MONDAY.



Carols by Candlelight

with
Celine Byrne
and
Combined Choirs

Sunday 21st December, 7.30pm
Our Lady & St. David's.

Free Admission:
Donations on the night to SVP



PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION

NAAS PARISH OFFICE: Tel.: 045 879 730

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SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN PARISH REPRESENTATIVES

Naas: Geraldine Faherty & Adrian King
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Two Mile House: Paula Clancy & Suzanne Powell
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THE PARISH TEAM

Fr. Liam Morgan	Sallins Road	087 133 7879
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Ms. Trish O'Neill	Youth/Pastoral Minister	045 879 730
Ms. Sarah Farmer	Parish Manager	045 879 730

The Perfect Preparation for Christmas

3rd Sunday of Advent

Afternoon retreat on Sunday 14th Dec. in Ballycane Church at 2.30pm, with Fr Liam with Holy Hour, the Rosary, Anointing of the Sick and concluding with Holy Mass.

Vocations Society of St. Joseph
(Formerly St. Joseph's Young Priest's Society)



Recent Baptisms

Kenneth Whelan, Ban Na Gréinne
Maisie Maguire, Cluain Aoibhainn
Sophie Mihoc, Oakfield Heights
Max Bracken, Landen Park
Esmé Dredge, Whitethorn Ave



1st Thursday Eucharistic Adoration in Ballycane Church

Thursday 4th December

9pm - 10pm.

All are Welcome.



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: Tues: 10am

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

LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTIONS

Naas: Development Fund: €3,330 Offertory: €2,555

Online donations (20th - 26th Nov): €92

Tap&Go (20th - 26th Nov): €665

Sallins: Envelopes: €300 Baskets: €495

TMH: €460

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



Breda Pitt, Lacken View

MAY SHE REST IN PEACE



First Saturday Centenary Celebration: Prayer and Reflection

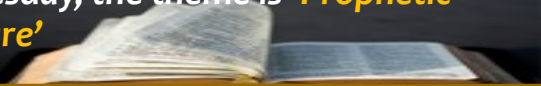
in the Upper Room following 10am Mass in
Our Lady & St. David's (approx. 20 mins)

Saturday 6th December.

Tuesdays in Advent...

Tuesday mornings, after the 10am Mass, join Fr. Michael for Scripture Sharing in the Upper room. Everyone is welcome.

Tuesday evenings... Let's Dive Into the Bible continues in Ballycane Church 7.15pm - 8.15pm. This Tuesday, the theme is 'Prophetic Literature'



Collection at all Masses in Naas and Sallins this weekend in support of the Priests of the Parish.

'NAAS PARISH CHURCH BICENTENARY 1827-2027'

MICHAEL ENGLISH

AN EVENING OF FAITH, HOPE & INSPIRATION



Friday 6th March 2026 at 8.00pm
Church of Our Lady and St. David, Naas
CONCERT STARTS AT 8PM SHARP

Ticket Price: €30

Tickets are on sale now from the Parish Offices, Barker
& Jones and Richie Whelans Menswear

An Ideal Christmas Gift!



Fifteen young people from the parish received Pope John Paul II Awards from Bishop Denis at a ceremony in Carlow Cathedral recently. For the past year each of them has been active in parish life, nurturing their own life and that of others. They have been taking part in Social Awareness and justice activities, living out their faith by caring for other people. As a parish we are blessed to have so many young people active and present in our day-to-day activities. Congratulations to each of them.

The Pope John Paul II Awards programme is open to students in senior cycle or in college, and we would be delighted to welcome young people who might like to participate this year. Please contact Trish O'Neill in the parish office to register for the coming year. Trish.oneill@naasparish.net or 087 659 4858

First Saturday Conference Knock December 6th:

Bus departs Naas 6.30am, arrive at Knock 10am, returning 5pm. To book: please text 0872467594 or email deirdregleeson@medwise.ie.
€30 if paid in advance, €35 on the day.

Table Quiz in aid of Naas CBS Kenya Trip
Wednesday 3rd Dec. at 7.30pm, 33 South Main
€50 per team of 4.

Naas Book Club: next meeting on 3rd Dec at 10.30am at the Moat Theatre.

Book this month is 'Adults' by E.J. Unsworth.

Spirit of Kildare Awards 2026: sponsored by KCC. Nominations close 4th December @ 5pm. For details see www.kildarecoco.ie



Santa arrives in Caragh Community Centre from 12.30-4pm on Sun. 7th Dec. Tickets only €5 per child.

THE PRIORY INSTITUTE FREE ONLINE ADVENT RETREAT
Featuring a series of online reflections, given by Fr. John Harris OP; with reference to the four Advent Sunday gospel readings. To register or for more information visit www.prioryinstitute.com



EXTENDED CHRISTMAS OPENING TIMES
PARISH SHOP, SALLINS ROAD
SATURDAYS 6TH, 13TH & 20TH DEC.
OPENING HOURS ARE 9.30AM - 3.30PM
CALL IN TO TAKE PART IN THE RAFFLE
AND TO BUY ALL YOUR CHRISTMAS CARDS, CANDLES, GIFTS, STAMPS AND MUCH MORE.



Sallins Lourdes Fundraiser:

The Raffle draw will take place on **Sunday 7th Dec after 11.30am Mass**, in the Parish Community Centre. For more info, contact: Rita Fanning on 087 6535112.

Bring the magic of Christmas to a child in need by donating:

★ **New toys, clothes, or vouchers**

Drop-off location: The Moat Theatre, Naas
Tuesday – Friday 10am – 3pm

New Items only. Closing date: 17th Dec.



Naas Parish Weekly Lotto Draw

There was no winner of the €5,150 Jackpot on 26th Nov.

Numbers Drawn were: 5-7-26-23

Lucky Dip winners were: J. & M. Gunning, Anon., N. Begley, J. O'Brien

You could win the Jackpot of €5,400 on Weds. 3rd Dec.

Thank you for your continued support.

