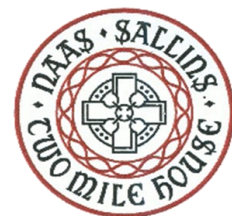


Parish Newsletter

14th December 2025

Third Sunday in Advent



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Third Sunday of Advent Joy

Reflection

“The Surprise song”

A class visited a nursing home to sing carols. One resident was moved to tears by “Silent Night”, remembering her childhood. The students saw how joy could ripple outward, touching hearts in ways they hadn’t expected. That simple carol became a bridge between generations, reminding everyone that joy is a gift meant to be shared.

When Mary visited Elizabeth, they both felt great joy because they knew something amazing was about to happen– Jesus was coming! The third candle of Advent is pink, the colour of joy. This week, can you bring joy to someone? Maybe sing a song, tell a joke, or just give someone a big smile. Joy is a gift we can all share.

*Jesus, you bring joy that lifts our hearts
Help us to share your joy with others
in our smiles, songs, and kindness, be near.
Come, Lord Jesus, bring your joy*



**The Parish Penitential Service will take place on
Thursday 18th December at 7.30pm in Our Lady and St. David’s Church.**

Orate Masses starting on Wednesday 17th December

We would like to invite you to join us for our **Special Christmas Preparation Masses** starting on Wednesday 17th December and finishing on Wednesday 24th December. **The 7.30am Masses for this period will be moved to 7am and will finish at the usual time.** There will additionally be a 7am Mass on Saturday 20th December and the Christmas Preparation Mass for Sunday will be at 9am. Orate Masses have a long tradition in the Catholic Church celebrated in many parts of Europe. It emphasises Mary’s role in bringing the light of the world into the darkness.

PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION

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E-mail: office@naasparish.net

Opening Hours: Monday to Friday 10am to 5pm

SACRISTY OUR LADY AND ST DAVID: 045 856 925

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

TWITTER: @naasparish

PRIEST ON DUTY: **085 708 8407**

PARISH WEBSITE: www.naasparish.ie

Registered Charity No: 20015848

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
Deputy Diocesan Liaison Person: Michele Hughes,
c/o Bishop's House, Carlow **Phone:** 085 802 1633

THE 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. Jody Callan	Parish Deacon	045 879730
Ms. Trish O'Neill	Youth/Pastoral Minister	045 879 730
Ms. Sarah Farmer	Parish Manager	045 879 730

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

Ann Kennedy, Jigginstown

Patricia Collins, Roseville

John Leech, formerly Dublin Rd

Anne Marie McBennett, Oakfield Hgts

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE



Recent Baptisms

Martin Kirwan, Sallins

Jude Woods, Sallins

Bláithín Dennehy, Osberstown

Please note: No Baptism Meeting on 23rd Dec.

Scripture Sharing

**Tuesday mornings, after the 10am Mass,
join Fr. Michael in the Upper room.**

**Tuesday evenings... Let's Dive Into the Bible
will return on 20th January**

The Parish Office and Shop will close early on
Monday 15th December. It will close at 3pm.

Open as usual on Tuesday 16th December all the
way through until Wednesday 24th December!

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: €3,433 Offertory: €2,790

Online donations (4th - 10th Dec): €370

Tap&Go (4th - 10th Dec): €840

Sallins: Envelopes: €390 Baskets: €635

TMH: €585



EXTENDED CHRISTMAS OPENING TIMES

PARISH SHOP, SALLINS ROAD,

SATURDAY 20TH DEC. 9.30AM -3.30PM

The Perfect Preparation for Christmas

This 3rd Sunday of Advent

Afternoon retreat - 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)



DONATIONS OF RED FLOWERS OR PLANTS

(especially Poinsettia)

to decorate the Churches: OLSD &

Ballycane for Christmas would be
much appreciated. If you can help

please leave the flowers near the
Altar (OLSD) between Friday 19th

and Sunday 21st Dec.



Naas and Sallins Boxes of Envelopes for 2026

Boxes of envelopes are now available to collect from the Church porches along with forms which will allow the parish to claim back the tax on your donations.

If we could ask you to write your name and address on the first few envelopes which you use, this would allow us to keep a track of your donations during the year. If you donate more than €250 in any one year the parish can claim back the tax which you have already paid on this money.

It is a 'pain-free' scheme which in recent years has permitted the parishes to claim back over €210,000 from revenue.

If you think that you might not have written your name and address on the envelope for the current year, it is not too late! you can still write your name and address on your current envelope for the remaining weeks of 2025.

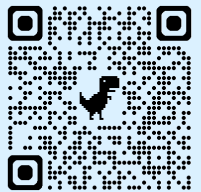
If you have any questions or for further information on participating in the tax back scheme, please call into the Parish Office on the Sallins Road.

Last chance to have your Say on the Future of Catholic Education in your School

The Department of Education is currently calling on all parents, guardians or prospective parents of primary school children to take part in a survey on the future patronage of primary schools in their local area. Please take a few minutes to complete the survey.

The closing date is 16th December 2025.

The survey may be accessed at www.gov.ie/primaryschoolssurvey, or using this QR code.



Christmas Raffle now extended to include **THREE PRIZES!** Call into the Parish Shop on the Sallins Road to participate. All proceeds this year going to help the people of Sri Lanka whose lives have been devastated by the recent flooding.

ANNUAL CHURCH GATE COLLECTION FOR THE
SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL IS
TAKING PLACE THIS WEEKEND YOUR
SUPPORT IS GREATLY APPRECIATED



Sallins Sunshine Club Christmas Party, Sunday 14th December, Westgrove Hotel, Clane at 2pm. **Please note: Change of Bus Times.** The complimentary Bus will leave St. Brigids Tce., Sallins at 12.45 and leaving the **Square in Sallins** village at 1pm returning from Clane to Sallins after the party.

Kildare Dementia Cafe at Kildare Community Development Centre (old Presentation convent) will meet for a Christmas event on: **Thurs 18th Dec. from 2.30 - 4.30pm.** For any queries please contact Older Voices Kildare M:0861372871

Alateen /Al-Anon Supporting people affected by a friend's/family member's Alcoholism. **Alateen Meeting (peer support for teenagers) 15th December at 7.30pm** in the Ballycane Church. **Al-Anon Meeting also at 7.30pm 15th Dec.**



MARY'S MEALS provides life-changing school meals to children living in some of the **world's poorest communities.** Any donations received by 12/01/26 will be doubled. **To donate and for more information, go to www.marysmeals.ie or phone 01 853 5163.**

Naas Parish Weekly Lotto Draw

There was no winner of the €5,650 Jackpot on 10th December.

Numbers Drawn were: 2-19-13-3

Lucky Dip winners were: T. McNally, D. O'Neill, B. Doyle, T. & K. Keane

You could win the Jackpot of **€5,900** on Weds. 17th Dec.

The next draw on Wednesday December 17th is the last draw before Christmas. Take part to be in with a chance to win one of the many EXTRA prizes.



Naas, Sallins and Two Mile House Parishes

Christmas Timetable 2025

PENITENTIAL SERVICES

Tuesday 16th Dec	Kill Penitential Service	Kill Church	7.30pm
Thursday 18th Dec	Parish Penitential Service	Our Lady & St David's	7.30pm

CONFESSION: Wednesday 24th December

Our Lady & St David's Church: 10.30am – 12noon

ORATE MASSES

For the eight days leading up to Christmas Eve, there will Orate Masses in Our Lady and St. David's:

Weds 17th Dec - Sat 20th Dec	7am
Sunday 21st December	9am Mass will be the Orate Mass
Mon 22nd - Weds 24th Dec	7am

CHRISTMAS EVE MASS TIMES, Wednesday 24th December

Our Lady & St David's Church:	5pm, 7pm, 9pm and 11pm
Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane:	4pm, 6pm and 8pm
Our Lady & the Guardian Angels, Sallins:	5pm and 7pm
St Peter's Church, Two Mile House:	7.30pm

CHRISTMAS DAY MASS TIMES, Thursday 25th December

Our Lady & St David's Church:	9am, 11am and 12.30pm
Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane:	10.30am and 12noon
Our Lady & the Guardian Angels, Sallins:	10am and 11.30am
St Peter's Church, Two Mile House:	10am

FRIDAY 26th December – MONDAY 5th January

Weekdays: Our Lady & St David's Church: 10am

Weekends: Normal Mass Schedule

No other weekday Masses in Ballycane and Sallins.

ADORATION

Weds 31st December	11pm - Midnight	Our Lady and St. David's Church
Sat 3rd/Sun 4th January	12noon - 5.30pm	Upper Room, OLSD

Adoration in Ballycane will finish on Tues 23rd Dec and resume on Weds 7th January.
No adoration in OLSD on 27th/28th December.

FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY MASS TIMES, Tuesday 6th January

Our Lady & St David's Church:	7.30am, 10am
Our Lady & the Guardian Angels, Sallins:	10am
St Peter's Church, Two Mile House:	9.30am
Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane:	7pm (Tuesday)

Normal Mass Schedule resumes from Wednesday 7th January

PARISH OFFICES AND SHOPS

Will close at 11.30am on Christmas Eve and reopen on Monday 5th January.

Please note: **Ballycane Centre will be closed from Mon 22nd December, reopening on Weds 7th January**

Carols by Candlelight with **Celine Byrne and Choirs**

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

Free Admission: Donations on the night to SVP

