

Parish Newsletter

21st December 2025

Fourth Sunday in Advent



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A Message from Fr. Liam

As another year draws to a close, so hard to believe? I know, I speak for my colleagues: Michael, Robert, Yohan, Jackie and Willie when I say, how blessed we feel to serve and minister as priests in the parishes of Naas, Sallins and Two Mile House. The feeling of support, kindness and encouragement is palpable. It is very evident...in the collective love of faith and parish. This is reflected in the whole-hearted involvement of so many people, hundreds - truth be told of parishioners participating in parish committees, choirs, church ministries, altar serving, parish youth groups and so much more! Recently, we were delighted to see the Ordination to the Diaconate of Jody Callan and Michal Mizgala. They will be a great addition to our Pastoral Area

Our parishes are so well served by our sacristans, our parish staff who so ably manage the affairs of pastoral life both in the parish offices and shops. My grateful thanks to our Parish Manager, Sarah Farmer and Pastoral Worker, Trish O'Neill.



As we navigate our way each year through the rhythms of parish life, it is a reminder that we share this journey together. Like Mary and Joseph, we too are indeed on a journey, a pilgrimage towards heaven. In another sense we are just a short distance from Bethlehem, a short way from Christmas.

The celebration of Jesus among us, with us, is a moment to pause in hope and consolation. For many of us, Christmas is a joy-filled time with family and friends, but for others, it can be a difficult time due to illness, or the recent death of a loved one. We are thinking this Christmas of our own Fr. Eddie, gone to his eternal reward.

Some carry high expectations of the 'Perfect Christmas' only to be disappointed when things don't work out as they had hoped and planned. The problems of this life can sometimes be overwhelming. Yet, this is why Jesus came, to offer us a hope-filled calm and reassurance. May this Christmas be a peace-filled one for you and your family.

Happy Christmas.....and, thank you! from Fr. Liam

On behalf of Robert, Michael, Yohan, Jody, Trish and Sarah.

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SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN PARISH REPRESENTATIVES

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

Una Sullivan, Lakelands

Thomas O'Flynn, Ashgrove

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

After Christmas we will begin the **Faith Friends** Programme for Confirmation. Registration is now open on the parish website.

Please make sure that your child is registered if they would like to take part in this programme.



"NAAS PARISH CHURCH BICENTENARY 1827-2027"

MICHAEL ENGLISH

AN EVENING OF FAITH, HOPE & INSPIRATION

Perfect Christmas Present!

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



We welcome Bishop Denis to Naas who is with us today to celebrate the 9am and 10.30am Masses.

Always a welcome visitor to these parts!

LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTIONS

Naas: Development Fund: €3,735 Offertory: €3,250

Online donations (11th - 17th Dec): €718

Tap&Go (11th - 17th Dec): €785

Sallins: Envelopes: €495 Baskets: €525

TMH: €585

Sallins Intermediate Footballers Leinster Champions!



Fr. Liam pictured with Sallins captain Daragh Mangan and Club chairman, Fergal Nugent.

It was lovely to drop in on the post-match celebratory meal last Sunday evening in Lawlors.

To the entire panel, management, mentors and club officers, we offer our congratulations on this wonderful achievement.

Thank you for the invite!

Naas Goal Mile Christmas Morning

11am - 12noon at Naas GAA Club, Sallins Rd.

The best gift to give this Christmas ...Life

For more information: 086 844 8530.

To donate: search for Goal Mile Naas on the idonate website.



Christmas Raffle Draw will take place on Monday in the Parish Shop on the Sallins Road at 12noon. Proceeds this year will go to help the flood victims in Sri Lanka.

The Collection at all Masses on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day will be taken up for the Priests of the Parish.

Thank you very much for your kindness and support.

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.

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.

Fourth Sunday of Advent Reflection Love - "The Purple Scarf"

A boy learned to knit from his granny and made a scarf for someone in need. Though it wasn't perfect, it was made with love. The boy realised that love doesn't need to be perfect it just needs to be real. That scarf, stitched with care, became a symbol of warmth, dignity, and the quiet power of kindness.

God showed His love by sending Jesus to be with us. The fourth candle of Advent reminds us that love is at the heart of Christmas.

This week, can you do something loving for someone who might feel left out or lonely? A small act of love can make a big difference.

Jesus, your love changes everything

Teach us to love with open hearts

Help us to care

for those who feel alone.

Come Lord Jesus, bring your love.



Naas Parish Weekly Lotto Draw

There was no winner of the €5,900 Jackpot on 17th December.

Numbers Drawn were: 14-10-1-27

Lucky Dip winners were: R.P. Gibbons, N. Colivet, B. Burke, M. Hogan

You could win the Jackpot of **€6,150** on Weds. 7th January.

Christmas Draw Winners of the €100 prizes:

L. Treacy, E. Lloyd, Anon., N. McCarthy, Anon.,

J. Higgins, Anon., P. O'Rourke, B & U Walsh, M. O'Rourke.

For the full list of prize winners please see the parish website www.naasparish.ie

Thank you for your continued support and wishing you a wonderful Christmas



Naas, Sallins and Two Mile House Parishes

Christmas Timetable 2025

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 be 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 Church. Free Admission.
Donations on the night to the SVP

