

Parish Newsletter

7th December 2025

Second Sunday in Advent



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Second Sunday of Advent Peace

Reflection

“The Football Fight”

Two friends had a falling out during a football match. After a sleepless night, one of them decided to say sorry first. The other forgave him, and they made peace. Their friendship grew stronger because of that moment, proving that peace often begins with a brave first step. The football field became a place not just for games, but for grace and second chances.

Jesus came to bring peace - not just in the world, but in our hearts and relationships. The second candle of Advent reminds us to be peacemakers. This week, can you say sorry to someone or help two people make peace? Maybe you can be the reason someone smiles again.

*Jesus, you are our peace
when things fall apart.
Help us to forgive
and make things right
Let your calm fill
our hearts and our homes.
Come, Lord Jesus, bring your peace.*



Mass of Hope for Trevor Deely

will be celebrated on
Monday 8th December in
Ballycane Church at 7pm.

We continue to pray for Trevor's return.
**All are most welcome to attend and to
pray for Trevor and the Deely Family.**



Family Masses 13th/14th Dec.

OLSD: Sat 6pm, Sun 11am
Sallins: Sat 7pm
Ballycane: Sun 10.30am
& 12noon
Two Mile House: Sun 10am

**All are welcome to
attend any of the Masses.**



PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION

NAAS PARISH OFFICE: Tel.: 045 879 730

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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

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PARISH WEBSITE: www.naasparish.ie

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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
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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"**



Mary Glennon, Kingsfurze Avenue
Roisin Trainor, Kingsfurze Avenue
Stan Hickey, Pacelli Road
MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

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.**

**Also on 8th December, you are
welcome to Adoration in TMH
Church from 10am-7pm.**



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: €3,890
Online donations (27th Nov - 3rd Dec): €205
Tap&Go (27th Nov - 3rd Dec): €845
Sallins: Envelopes: €455 Baskets: €600
TMH: €572

Orate Masses

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, in preparation for the celebration of Christmas.

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.



**EXTENDED CHRISTMAS OPENING
TIMES PARISH SHOP, SALLINS ROAD**
SATURDAYS **13TH & 20TH DEC.**
OPENING HOURS ARE 9.30AM - 3.30PM



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



Deacon Fergal Receives a new Assignment!

This weekend, we extend to Deacon Fergal O'Neill our sincere good wishes and offer to him our heartfelt congratulations. In recent diaconate appointments made by Bishop Denis, Deacon Fergal has been appointed to Newbridge Parish, and the pastoral area of Caragh, Prosperous and Allen.

I want to take this opportunity to thank Fergal for his faithful service and ministry among us as Deacon. Ordained to the diaconate in 2013, Fergal was actively involved in our parish from 2013-2020. His ministry was defined by commitment, dedication and generosity and, I thank him for the fine contribution made by him over that time.



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. The aim of this survey is to allow people to have a direct influence on whether their local school will go forwards offering a Catholic Education which would include sacramental preparation within school or whether they would prefer a different model.

For an accurate picture to emerge, as many parents, guardians and prospective parents as possible should participate in this survey.

Decisions on which schools will retain or lose their Catholic patronage will be influenced by the expressed opinions of those who participate in this survey. Therefore, your opinion and the values you hold dear are important, and your voice needs to be heard about your local school. 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.



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



Recent Baptisms

Ollie Gilligan-Browne, Kill
Freya Wilson, Oak Glade Close
Sophie Wilson, Oak Glade Close

Please note: No Baptism Meeting on 23rd December.



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)



Society of St. Vincent de Paul

in Naas will hold its Annual Christmas Appeal on

Saturday 13th December

Sunday 14th December.

You may donate at the church door collections, in Kill, Naas and Two-Mile-House, with your bank card as well as with cash.

If you prefer you may post your donation using the envelope received through your letterbox. **Please do not post cash.**



NaasPoint

Next weekend, we invite you to bring donations of non-perishable foods or toiletries to any of the Masses to support the work of **NaasPoint**. Our volunteers will distribute your donations to those in need in the local area.

Some suggestions: Canned food, cooking oil, flashlights/batteries, noodles, pasta, toilet paper, soups, ladies and mens toiletries.

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.

Don't miss Caragh's Christmas Craft Fair TODAY!
12.30-4pm on Sun. 7th Dec. Tickets only €5 per child to visit Santa, Mrs Claus and their elves.

Nás na Rí Singers

We wish you Christmas

With Norah King and Ballycane School Choir, Sun. 14th December, 7.30pm in Ballycane Church. Tickets from Choir Members, Naas Parish Office or Eventbrite. Adults: €20, U18s: €5

Sallins Local History Society presents their 2026 Calendar Launch & Christmas Soirée
7.30pm Wednesday 10th December in the Railway Inn, Sallins.
Complimentary Minced Pies and Mulled Wine.

Owen C Lynch presents **O Holy Night 2025** with Suono Ladies Choir, OCL Male Voice Choir & Guests.

Saturday 13th December, Naas CBS at 7.30pm

Admission: €25. For bookings, text/call Veronica 087 7940850.

Naas Art Group - 44th Annual Exhibition

3rd - 20th December



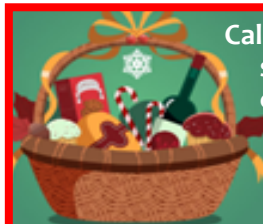
Naas Library and Cultural Centre
3rd Floor Town Hall Main Street, Naas
& Naas Plaza, South Main St, Naas
Open 10am - 5pm in both venues & 5pm-8pm Tues, Weds, & Thurs in the Library Gallery

Youth 2000 Christmas Retreat on 12th-14th December in the Dominican College, Newbridge. Ages 16-35.
Book online at www.youth2000.ie

The Sallins Sunshine Club Annual Christmas Party

Sunday 14th December, 2pm, Westgrove Hotel.

The club welcomes Senior Citizens, Retirees, and those living alone from the Sallins area to join us in an afternoon of food, music and fun. If you fit this criteria (or you know of someone who does) and would like to attend the Party, please contact our **Chairperson, Frances Walsh at 086-7927770** before the 12th December. A complimentary bus will leave the square in Sallins on Sunday 14th at 1.30pm and return to Sallins from Clane after the party.



Call into the Parish Shops for our wide selection of Christmas Cards, cribs, candles, stamps and much more...
Why not take part in our Christmas Raffle, all proceeds this year going to help the people of Sri Lanka.

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**, the next monthly meeting is Thurs 11th Dec: 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 €5,400 Jackpot on 3rd December.

Numbers Drawn were: 19-21-23-16

Lucky Dip winners were: P. & F. Dunne, J. Doyle, C. Kilfeather, A. McManus

You could win the Jackpot of €5,650 on Weds. 10th Dec.

Thank you for your continued support.

