

Parish Newsletter

15th February 2026

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



No: 2032

Mt 5:17-37

**“When you send forth your Spirit, they are created;
and you renew the face of the earth” (Psalm 104:30).**

Many parishes are noticing a new reality: fewer people at Mass, growing indifference toward faith, and, at times, a tendency to shape religion according to personal preferences. This often happens when people seek the divine while trying to do so without God - attempting spirituality without The Spirit.

Psalm 104 offers a clear reminder: it is the Holy Spirit who gives life to the Church and renews the human heart. He is the one sent to guide our relationship with God, to purify our prayer, and to lead us into a real encounter with the Lord. Where the Holy Spirit is neglected, faith becomes fragile and many fail to find the God they are looking for.

Lent is a time of reflection and renewal. Our parishes Naas, Sallins and Two Mile House are inviting you to a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit - one that improves the way we think, speak, and live. Such renewal makes us more receptive to God’s inspiration, more patient with one another, readier to forgive, stronger in unity, more positive in our responses, and firmer in faith. It deepens love and brings new life to our communities. This renewal cannot be left to the few. Everyone can follow the Lenten path:

prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.

St Paul also urges that our good actions be done “for the Lord”, trusting that He sees what is offered and will reward what is done in faith (cf. Ephesians 6:7–8).

So, starting with Ash Wednesday and finishing on the Divine Mercy Sunday, we will have a special time of renewal of our parishes in the Holy Spirit. To help with this, each Church will have a **Lenten Tree**, on this tree will be labels in three different colours, yellow, purple and white representing prayer, fasting and almsgiving respectively. We would like to make some suggestions on how you might like to join in with the Spiritual Renewal of our Parish:

Prayer:

- Pray in your personal prayer that the Holy Spirit will abide in our midst with his grace and renew our parish.
- Pick a yellow label from the **Lenten Tree** on which is written a prayer suggestion. Try to offer the suggested prayer with the intention of the renewal of the parish in the Holy Spirit.
- Try to participate at one of the Scripture sharing meetings, these meetings will take place on a Tuesday morning after 10am Mass in the Upper Room and again on a Wednesday evening after the Mass in Ballycane Church.
- Try to participate at the ‘Let’s Dive into the Bible’ meetings in Ballycane Church on a Tuesday evening. These meetings will continue during Lent.
- Try to participate at the Stations of the Cross which will take place each Friday afternoon during Lent in Our Lady and St. David’s Church at 3pm. Also, on Palm Sunday at 3pm at Punchestown Racecourse.

Almsgiving :

- Trocaire Boxes: available now in the Church porches
- From the **Lenten Tree**, pick a white label and when you go shopping, add the suggested item to your shop and bring it to the Church at the next Sunday Mass.

Fast:

- Choose something to ‘give up’ or maybe pick a purple label from the **Lenten Tree** and follow the instructions such as ‘I won’t eat sweets this week’ or ‘I won’t snack’ etc.

Please see page 3 for the full Lenten Timetable

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
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Safeguarding Policy displayed in all Church Porches

THE PARISH TEAM

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



Denis McGovern, Kilcullen Road

Mary Sullivan, The Paddocks

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Recent Baptisms



Beau Shanley, Sallins

Seánie Dobbs, Kildare Town

Caoimhín Flaherty, Sallins

Isla Kenny, Piper's Hill

Ailbhe Scanlon, Sunday's Well

LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTIONS

Naas: Development Fund: €4,095 Offertory: €2,605

Online donations (5th - 11th Feb): €301

Tap&Go (5th - 11th Feb): €840

Sallins: Envelopes: €375 Baskets: €510

TMH: €645

Confirmation Preparation Mass



*Sunday 22nd February 12noon in
Ballycane Church*

4th Sunday of the month

We invite all candidates for Confirmation and their families to attend this special Mass as part of their Confirmation Preparation.

'A Time to Pull in our Nets and take stock'



**A LETTER BY BISHOP DENIS TO
THE PEOPLE & PRIESTS OF
KILDARE & LEIGHLIN DIOCESE**

February 2026

**Copies of the Bishop's Pastoral
Letter are available in all four
Churches and on the Parish Website
and the Parish App.**

We are delighted to have Bishop Denis with us this weekend celebrating the 6pm Mass in Our Lady and St. David's Church.

SEASON OF LENT 2026 - Timetable of Events

Ash Wednesday, 18th February, a day of fasting and abstinence with **Blessing and Distribution of Ashes** at all of the following Masses...

Parish Church 7.30am and 10am

Ballycane

7pm

Sallins 10am

Two Mile House

9.30am

Trócaire Boxes are now available to collect from the Churches...

Consider cutting out on snacks or some other expenditure each day in Lent and placing the money saved into your **Trócaire Box**.

In Lent, Trócaire is focusing on the plight of families in rural Rwanda whose lives have been made even more precarious by climate change.



For Tuesdays during Lent, **Scripture Sharing** with Fr. Michael in the Upper Room after the 10am Mass, beginning on Tuesday 17th February. This Lent, the five-session Gospel Reflection Series draws on the **'Baptised and Sent in Lent - Exploring the Lenten Sunday Gospels'** program.

Wednesday Evenings during Lent, Scripture Sharing with Fr. Yohan. Similar to the Scripture Sharing on a Tuesday morning but now available for people who would prefer to attend in the evening. This program will be available after the 7pm Mass in the Day Chapel in Ballycane Church starting on Ash Wednesday.

Tuesday Evenings during Lent, 'Let's Dive into the bible' join with Fr. Robert 7.15pm in the Day Chapel of Ballycane Church. The journey will continue on Tuesday 17th February, focusing on the Epistles.

This year, the Lenten Tree has three different coloured 'leaves'.

Yellow label for a prayer suggestion, **Prayer**

Purple label: suggestion of something to give up, **Fast**

White label for something to bring to Mass. Donated items could be food, household, toiletries and they will all be passed to NaasPoint for distribution to those in need in the parishes, **Almsgiving.**



Join us for the **Stations of the Cross:**

Fridays in Lent at 3pm in the Parish Church, with the Legion of Mary.

Palm Sunday 29th March we invite you to join us in Punchestown at 3pm on Palm Sunday as we walk the track and pray the Stations of the Cross together. The track is suitable for buggies and dogs on leads are welcome. Meet at the Parade Ring.



Divine Mercy Conference

Sat. 28th Feb 2026

RDS, Dublin

Bus leaving from :

Monasterevin at 7.30am

Our Lady & St. David's, Naas at 8am

Parish Church, Clane at 8.20am

and, on return, leaving RDS 8.45pm. €25pp.

For more information call

Cera - 086 858 0229 or Marie - 0861983870

Sallins Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes

50th Anniversary

10th - 17th July 2026

4* Hotel Padoue - €1,197pps

With Fr Michael Flattery - Spiritual Director

Included:

- Return direct flights Dublin/Tarbes (Lourdes)
- Coach transfer to/from Lourdes Airport
- 7 nights in 4* Hotel Padoue
- Full religious programme
- Services of a Marian guide
- All Airport & local city taxes
- Breakfast, lunch & dinner inc.

Marian Pilgrimages 01 8788159

For more details contact Rita Fanning: 087 653 5112



Naas Flower and Garden Club

Thursday 26th February, 7.30pm

The Care of the Aged Centre,
Limerick Road

beside the Fire Station W91AX76

Demonstration by Elizabeth

Murray AOIFA NAFAS

"Spring Sensation"

Visitors Welcome: €10



Totus Tuus 2026 Fatima Pilgrimage

28th August to 4th September

€915 for flights and half-board accommodation,

transfers and some day trips.

Fly from Cork or Dublin.

Limited spaces.

Contact Damien 087 2049048



NAAS PARISH CHURCH BICENTENARY 1827 - 2027

An Evening of Faith, Hope & Inspiration



Michael English

Friday, 6th March 2026 at 8:00 PM

CHURCH OF OUR LADY AND ST. DAVID, NAAS

Tickets available online at www.michaelenglish.ie, from the Parish Shops, Barker & Jones, Richie Whelan's and this weekend, after Mass in Sallins Church.

Parish Pilgrimage to Medjugorje: 10th-17th June 2026

€895pps

Spiritual Director: Fr. Robert

For more information on joining the group please contact:

John & Catherine Murphy 086 856 3773

Price includes:

- * Flights Direct to Mostar, Medjugorje
- * 7 nights air-conditioned accommodation
- * Freshly prepared breakfast & dinner
- * Luxury coach transfers with local guide

Full religious programme
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Naas Parish Weekly Lotto Draw

There was no winner of the €7,400 Jackpot on 11th February.

Numbers Drawn were: 7-10-8-28

Lucky Dip winners were: N. Segovia, B. Burke, B. Brady. C. Harte.

You could win the Jackpot of **€7,650** on Weds. 18th February.

Thank you for your support.

