

# Parish Newsletter

22nd February 2026

First Sunday of Lent



No: 2033

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## “The Empty Chair”

**WEEK 1 – Our Lenten Tree ... this week ... the yellow labels.**

Today we begin our Lenten journey - a time to grow closer to Jesus. Our theme this Sunday is Prayer, which is represented by the yellow labels on our Lenten Tree.

*A girl noticed her granny always kept an empty chair beside the kitchen table. When she asked why, her granny said, “That’s where I imagine Jesus sits when I pray.”*

*Curious, the girl tried it too - sitting quietly and imagining Jesus right beside her. Soon she found it easier to share her worries, her hopes, and her thanks.*

*Just like that empty chair reminded her to pray, the yellow labels on our Lenten Tree remind us to make space for Jesus in our day.*

*This week, could you pause for even one minute and say,*

*Jesus, be close to me.*

*Jesus, teach us to talk to you like a friend.*

*Help us remember you’re always with us.*

*Draw us closer to You this Lent.*

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## Living Lent

**Some suggestions for the week ahead:**

- † Make the Sign of the Cross when leaving your home/passing a church/cemetery/ before & after a meal
- † Give up social media for an evening (or more!)
- † Take a pause when you want to give out
- † Give up a coffee/ a meal and donate the money you save
- † Support Trócaire’s Lenten appeal

### BALDONNEL SINGERS MALE VOICE CHOIR

will sing at the 11am Mass in the Church of Our Lady and St. David, Naas on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March, in remembrance of all deceased members, family and friends of the choir. **All are welcome.**



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

Joan French, Lakelands

**MAY SHE REST IN PEACE**



## Recent Baptisms

Chloe Callaghan, Longstone

Lenten Collection in support of the Priests of the Parish will take place today at all Masses in Naas and Sallins. Thank you.

## LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTIONS

**Naas:** Development Fund: €3,793 Offertory: €2,945

**Online donations** (12th - 18th Feb): €398

**Tap&Go** (12th - 18th Feb): €745

**Sallins:** Envelopes: €400 Baskets: €555

**TMH:** €645



Many thanks to all the couples: whether engaged, recently married or celebrating a significant Wedding Anniversary, who joined Bishop Denis last Saturday in Our Lady and St. David's Church for a special St. Valentine's Day Mass.



# SEASON OF LENT 2026 - Timetable of Events

Trócaire Boxes are now available to collect from the Churches.

For Tuesdays during Lent, **Scripture Sharing** with Fr. Michael in the Upper Room after the 10am Mass. This Lent, the Gospel Reflection Series draws on the 'Baptised and Sent in Lent - Exploring the Lenten Sunday Gospels' programme.

Wednesday Evenings during Lent, **Scripture Sharing** with Fr. Yohan. Similar to the Scripture Sharing on a Tuesday morning, using the 'Baptised and Sent in Lent - Exploring the Lenten Sunday Gospels' programme, but now available for people who would prefer to attend in the evening. This will be available after the 7pm Mass in the Day Chapel in Ballycane Church.

Tuesday Evenings during Lent, **'Let's Dive into the bible'** join Fr. Robert at 7.15pm in the Day Chapel of Ballycane Church.

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 for the Palm Sunday Way of the Cross.

## CONFIRMATION 2026: DATES, TIMES AND CHURCHES

Date	Time	School	Church
Wednesday, 25 <sup>th</sup> Feb.	11am	St. Corban's NS	Ballycane
Wednesday, 25 <sup>th</sup> Feb.	12noon	Mercy Convent	Our Lady & St. David
Wednesday, 25 <sup>th</sup> Feb.	5pm	CNS/ St. David's NS	Ballycane
Thursday, 26 <sup>th</sup> Feb.	11am	Gaelscoil	Ballycane
Thursday, 26 <sup>th</sup> Feb.	2pm	Scoil Bhríde	Our Lady & St. David
Friday, 27 <sup>th</sup> Feb.	11am	Two Mile House NS	Two Mile House
Friday, 27 <sup>th</sup> Feb.	2pm	Ballycane NS	Ballycane
Saturday, 28 <sup>th</sup> Feb.	11am	Killashee NS	Two Mile House
Saturday, 28 <sup>th</sup> Feb.	12noon	Sallins NS	Our Lady & St. David

In order to comply with safeguarding policies we ask that photos are not taken **during** the ceremonies. Thank you for co-operating.

\* There will be no Adoration on Weds., Thurs. or Friday in Ballycane as Confirmations are taking place this week.

# Sallins Church, Wednesday 11th February.

Marking the Feast Day of Our Lady of Lourdes, World Day of the Sick.



Enjoying refreshments after our Mass of Healing with Anointing.

Many thanks to the Sallins PPC for coordinating the evening for the Pastoral Area.

See the Gallery Section of the Parish Website or App for more photos.

## Divine Mercy Conference

Sat. 28th Feb RDS, Dublin

Return bus: Monasterevin, Naas and Clane

For more info call Cera - 086 858 0229



## Naas Flower and Garden Club

Thurs 26th Feb, 7.30pm

Naas Care of the Aged Centre

"Spring Sensation"

Visitors Welcome: €10

## Naas Parish Weekly Lotto Draw

Congratulations to the winner of the €7,650 Jackpot on 18<sup>th</sup> Feb

Numbers Drawn were: 13-17-22-8

Winner wishes to remain anonymous  
(Ticket sold online)

You could win the Jackpot of **€2,100** on Weds. 25th Feb.

*Thank you for your support.*

