

Parish Newsletter

15th March 2026

Fourth Sunday of Lent



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A Night to Remember!

While walking on the Sallins Road during the week, I spoke with a parishioner who said **'don't talk to me about the concert, I am raging I missed it'**, the Michael English Concert staged last Friday night has been the 'talk of the parish'. Those who attended were blown away by the music and song. By Michael himself who shared so beautifully about his own faith, and his childhood experience of parish in his native Castledermot. About a time when his local Parish: Parish Priest and the Sisters of the local convent, supported his family during a time of illness and prolonged hospitalisation for his mother, then a young mother to three children. It is a kindness and an experience of parish at its best that Michael has never forgotten!

As well as hymns and songs of inspiration, Michael had us standing and swaying in the pews to some lovely tunes!! It was a pure joy to be present and the Facebook clips currently online will give you a glimpse of what I mean.

This concert officially launched preparations for the Bicentenary of our Parish Church next year. We are looking forward to this wonderful milestone.

I want to take this opportunity to thank a few people who contributed to the success of the concert: Tom Keightley, Mick, Celine, Grace and the Parish Pastoral Council, our Parish Staff on the Sallins Road and in Ballycane and to NaasPoint Volunteers.

Thank you one and all, it was a night to remember!



PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION

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Opening Hours: Monday to Friday 10am to 1pm

SACRISTY TWO MILE HOUSE: 086 399 1706

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SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN PARISH REPRESENTATIVES

Naas: Geraldine Faherty & Adrian King
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Two Mile House: Paula Clancy & Suzanne Powell
Diocesan Designated Liaison Person: Michele Hughes,
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or **email:** dlp@kandle.ie

Safeguarding Policy displayed in all Church Porches

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



John White, Oldtown Demesne
Sheila Burke, The Park, Sallins Road.

Tom McDermott, Forenaughts

Dan Curtin, The Paddocks

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTIONS

Naas: Development Fund: €3,685 Offertory: €2,925

Online donations (5th - 11th March): €140

Tap&Go (5th - 11th March): €870

Sallins: Envelopes: €340 Baskets: €545

TMH: €590

Recent Baptisms

Archie O'Grady, Oldbridge Station

Elizabeth Boyce, Morrell Green

Sophia Abasiisa, Station House, Sallins

Leah Farrelly, Bellingsfield

Cassie Carolan, Piper's Hill

Tadhg Carolan, Piper's Hill

Clodagh Keane, Kerdiffstown

Gabriela Harney Rodriguez, Sallins Park

Tadhg Bennett, Willouise, Sallins



Living Lent

Some suggestions for the week ahead:

- † Persevere in your chosen resolutions for Lent and remember their purpose is to bring you closer to God
- † Pray the Mysteries of Light and /or the Sorrowful Mysteries
- † Be kind to your mother throughout the week!
- † Look out for someone who might need your help and offer it
- † Visit a church, light a candle and say a prayer
- † Turn off lights when not in use

"The Bus Stop Prayer"

WEEK 4 – Our Lenten Tree ... this week ...

we return to the yellow labels with the theme of Prayer.

A boy was late for the bus and nervous about a test. At the bus stop he whispered, "God, help me do my best."

An older man heard him and said, "That's a good prayer - simple and honest."

The boy realised prayer doesn't need fancy words. It can happen at a bus stop, in school, on the pitch, even in a noisy house.

When you see the yellow labels on the Lenten Tree this week, let them remind you to say a quick prayer wherever you are: "Lord, be with me."

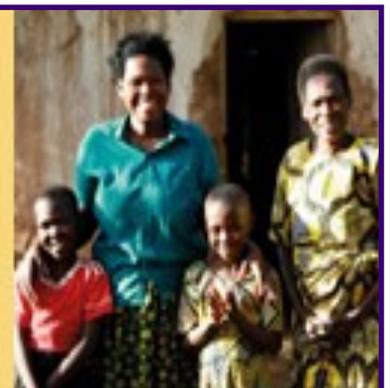
Jesus, help us find you in ordinary moments.

Teach us to pray from the heart.

Stay close to us each day.

Take a Trócaire Box home today...

Consider cutting out on some luxury each day and placing the money saved into your **Trocaire Box**... Uwamahoro, 28, is doing all she can to support three generations of her family, but devastating floods and storms are pushing them to the edge. The family have already lost all of their belongings in floods and now they share what little they have left. With each storm, they live in fear of losing their home. With your help, Uwamahoro can begin to rebuild her family's lives.



St. Patrick's Day Mass Times - Tues 17th March

OLSD: Vigil Mass (Mon) 6pm
9am 11am (bilingual)

No 6pm Mass on the Tues eve (17th)

Ballycane: 10.30am and 12noon

Sallins: Vigil Mass (Mon) 7pm
11.30am

Two Mile House: 10am

TMH Annual Pilgrimage to St. Patrick's Well

Meet at 11.15am outside the main
entrance to the Killashee Hotel.

*Wellies essential! Please note that
significant rainfall before Tuesday could
prevent the Pilgrimage from happening.*

All welcome!

**Due to it being St. Patrick's Day on
Tuesday...**

Scripture Sharing with Fr. Michael
will take place on Wednesday 18th March in
the Upper Room after the 10am Mass.

'Let's Dive into the bible' with Fr.
Robert, normally on a Tuesday evening will
not take place on Tuesday 17th March, back
on Tuesday 24th .

Scripture Sharing with Fr. Yohan
after the 7pm Mass in Ballycane Church will
continue as usual on Wednesday 18th March
in the Day Chapel.

Stations of the Cross at 3pm each
Friday in Lent in Our Lady and St. David's
will continue this Friday, led by the Legion of
Mary.

The Parish Office and Shop on the Sallins Road will
close on Monday 16th and Tuesday 17th March for
the St. Patrick's Day Bank Holiday.

The Parish Office and Shop at Ballycane Church and
the Ballycane Centre will be closed on Tuesday 17th
March.

There will be no Adoration on Tuesday 17th March.



Chrism Mass 2026

Monday 30th March at 7.30pm

Join Bishop Denis as the holy Oils
for the year are blessed and
consecrated and the priests of
the diocese renew their priestly
promises.

**A free return bus will
operate on the evening,
more details to follow.**

Stations of the Cross in Punchestown.

Join us on Palm Sunday,
29th March to walk the
track at Punchestown and
Pray the Stations of the
Cross together.

Meet at 3pm at the Parade
Ring. Suitable for Families
and dogs on leads.



The Sallins Sunshine Club Annual Easter Raffle Fundraiser Sunday March 29th

raffle tickets available from
Fran Walsh +353 (86) 792 7770 or
Bernie Johnston 086 8976600
Raffle takes place after
11.30am Sunday Mass on
March 29th in the
Parish Community Centre.



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.**



Evangelium Young Adults Conference 2026

Evangelium is hosting a one-day Catholic apologetics conference for young adults (18-40) on Saturday 21st March (10am-6:30pm) at the Clayton Hotel Silver Springs, Cork. Tickets can be found on Eventbrite or www.evangelium.ie

Children's Grief Space: To support children between 4-18 years affected by the loss of a loved one through death. This space is provided by Clane Parish with trained volunteers. Please call 089 246 5747 and leave a message. A support worker will call you back to make an appointment.



Please see the Parish Shops in Naas for a new range of Jewellery for Communion and Confirmation, cards, gifts, missals, medals, rosaries, rosettes and much more.

Also in stock: a wide selection of Easter Mass Bouquets, Cards and gifts.



Naas Flower & Garden Club



Thurs. 26th March 7.30pm

The Care of the Aged Centre, Limerick Road, Naas, W91AX76 beside the Fire Station

Garden Talk Rosemary Maye (The Insomniac Gardener)

Visitors welcome €10

NAAS CBS BINGO NIGHT FUNDRAISOR

Fri. 20th March at 8pm - Naas GAA Club House
With Prizes, Jackpot & Raffle
Entry €10 including Bingo Card;
€2 Jackpot, Tickets on sale in the Parish Office or at the door. **All are very Welcome**

The Little Way Cancer Support Centre Fashion Pop Up Shop Sat. 14th - Tues. 17th Mar. in the Clane Parish Centre, W91 W588. clane@little-way.org.

ST. CORBAN'S BOYS NS supporting the IRISH CANCER SOCIETY

For some years past, the pupils and staff of our school have supported the work of the Irish Cancer Society. We ask you to join us this **Daffodil Day - Fri. Mar 20th** by scanning the QR code to donate.



OUR SCHOOL HAS RAISED IN EXCESS OF €210,000 SINCE 1997.

THANK YOU FOR HELPING US.



Volunteer tutors needed for Naas Library

To help with Age Actions free one - one digital literacy classes for older people.

Contact: 0818 911109



In Ireland over 45,000 people live with epilepsy. For more info. visit www.epilepsy.ie. Purple Day / Epilepsy Awareness Day, will take place on **Thursday. 26th March.**

Local Bereavement Network Information Evening

Living with Grief - Community Supports, Kildare

Tuesday, March 24th, 7:00 - 9:00pm

in the Keadeen Hotel, Newbridge, W12 T925

Free event but booking is necessary.

Please see full poster on Parish Website.



Naas Parish Weekly Lotto Draw

There was no winner of the €2,600 Jackpot on 11th March.

Numbers Drawn were: 8-4-2-7



Lucky Dip winners were: Anon., R. & M. Whelan, S. O'Loughlin, T. & R. Kinahan

You could win the Jackpot of **€2,850** on Weds. 18th March.

Thank you for your support.