

Parish Newsletter

21st June 2026

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time



No: 2049

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Sunday Independent Journalist, Brenda Power writing on Sunday 3rd of May last said “It would be a betrayal of voters to alter law that saves up to 2,200 lives a year.”

Last Wednesday evening Dáil Éireann voted on a bill brought forward by Sinn Féin to scrap a ‘Three Day Wait’ for an abortion in Ireland. Sometimes referred to as a ‘cooling-off period’. Brenda Power, in the article referred to above, said: **“Like the majority of the electorate, I voted to repeal the Eighth Amendment in 2018. One of the big selling points for “yes” was that “it shall be necessary for 72 hours to elapse between a woman’s first consultation with her GP and the termination itself.”**

“Among the figures often quoted,” she continues, “is a figure you won’t hear.. In 2024 in Ireland, 12,641 women went to their GPs for an initial consultation on abortion. Following the mandatory three day period, 10,441 returned and went ahead with a termination. That means 2,200 women did not proceed, for one reason or another.”

In Italy, the waiting period is seven days, in Belgium, it is six days and in Germany, it is three. Which begs the question why do we have to drop a measure that allowed time for reflection and a decision one way or the other?

Last Wednesday, TDs voted 86 to 70 to remove this ‘three day’ measure.

No doubt, these issues are very sensitive and complex.

On this Day for Life we reflect on the wonder of human life from the moment of conception.

We remember how the LORD Jesus Christ Himself sanctified and experienced the beginning of life in the world as an unborn child, hidden in the womb of Mary.

Mary knew that she was carrying the Son of God – God and man – as soon as He was conceived. John the Baptist leapt in his mother, Elizabeth’s womb when Mary greeted her. Our Lady treasured Our Lord in her heart and womb until His birth.



PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION

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Safeguarding Policy displayed in all Church Porches

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**"THOSE WHO DIE IN GRACE GO BUT TO
GOD AND GOD IS VERY NEAR"
KIERAN BOYLAN, THE PADDOCKS
MAY HE REST IN PEACE**



LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTIONS

Naas: Development Fund: €3,980 Offertory: €2,090

Online donations (11th - 17th June): €174

Tap&Go (11th - 17th June): €606

Sallins: Envelopes: € 327 Baskets: €545

TMH: €660

Recent Baptisms

Oisín Rafferty, Canada
Ella Reynolds, Piper's Hill
Beth Gleeson, Two Mile House
Ollie Connors, Clane
Demi Kelly, Whitethorn Place
Callum Young, The Orchard
Ava Higgins, Patrician Crescent



**"Human Dignity
has no passport
and does not
lose its value
when crossing a
border"**

Pope Leo XIV

Each year on 20th June, World Refugee Day, the world honours the strength and courage of people who have been forced to flee their home country to escape conflict or persecution.

NAAS TIDY TOWNS

Annual Church/Street Collection:
Fri 26th, Sat 27th & Sun 28th June.
We will be collecting at all masses & in Naas to help pay for the beautiful flowers in our town.

Many thanks for all your support.



Annual pilgrimage to Knock with Vocations Society of St. Joseph

(formerly St. Joseph's Young Priest's Society)

Please join us on **Saturday 27th June.**

Return Bus €35 incl. refreshments.

Departing from various locations in Naas from 8am onwards with pickups in Sallins and Clane. Book early to avoid disappointment:

For further information or to book call:

- Maureen 087 207 7044 or
- John 086 856 3773



Cemetery Masses 2026

Sallins Sunday, 21st June at 11.30am

This Mass replaces the usual 11.30am Mass in Sallins Church

Two Mile House

Sunday, 5th July at 10am

This Mass replaces the usual 10am Mass in St. Peter's Church

Divine Mercy Prayers

**6.00pm Adoration Chapel, Ballycane
Weds., 24th June with the Rosary.
All are Welcome**

National Synodal Pathway Update

See theway.ie which is the website of the Irish Bishops Conference for more details of this and other current issues.

Summer Collection in support of the Priests of the Parish will take place at all Masses in Naas and Sallins this weekend.

Thank you once again for your kind and generous support.

Timetable of Masses in Ballycane Church

25th May to 17th July

All Masses including Funerals will take place in Ballycane Church.

Monday	7.30am	10am			
Tuesday	7.30am	10am			
Wednesday	7.30am	10am	7pm (May + June)		
Thursday	7.30am	10am			
Friday	7.30am	10am			
Saturday	10am	6pm			
Sunday	8am	9.30am	11am	12.30pm	6pm

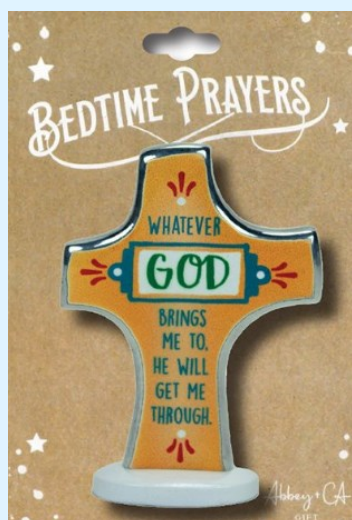
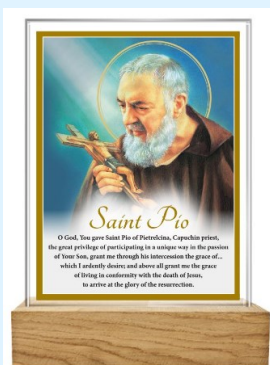
Weekday Adoration in the Day Chapel, Ballycane, will commence each day at 11am. The Upper Room, Our Lady and St. David's will open each day 9am to 6pm for quiet prayer. **Confession will be available in Ballycane Church after 10am Mass on Saturdays.**

Parish Shops

The Parish Shops on the Sallins Road and at Ballycane Church will both remain open for the duration of the improvement works in Our Lady and St. David's Church.

Call into the Parish Shop on the Sallins Road to see the new arrivals...! We have lots of new candles, both wax and battery powered, a selection of Electric Altars for the home, metal, wooden and resin plaques and lanterns featuring many of your favourite Saints.

Along with new ranges of prayer cards and bookmarks and, of course, all the existing favourite items for all occasions.



Naas Parish Weekly Lotto Draw

There was no winner of the €2,400 Jackpot on 17th June.

Numbers Drawn were: 23-14-1-25

Lucky Dip winners were: S. McNamara, Anon., S. Delahunty, T. Barton.

You could win the Jackpot of **€2,650** on Wednesday 24th June.

Thank you for your support.



• ARTISAN STALLS • CHILDREN'S ENTERTAINMENT

FÉILE NÁS NA RÍOGH

SUNDAY 28TH JUNE 2026

Naas Plaza (Beside Bank of Ireland). Potato Market.
10 am to 8 pm
South Main Street

POST BERRY ABBA GOLD
ROSS D THE FRONTMEN
SONAS AGUS SIAMSA CHORAL GROUP
NAAS HOSPITAL CHOIR THE DRUIDS IRISH FOLK BAND
AFTER DARK SONAS AGUS SIAMSA UKULELE GROUP

MUSIC

Kindly supported by Kildare County Council

Balloon Twisting Féile Nás na Ríogh Hair Braiding

FAMILY FUN DAY

Sunday
28th June 2026
10 am to 8 pm
LOTS OF FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY

Naas Plaza to Potato Market

Children's Art Table Face Painting Children's Disco

FREE ENTERTAINMENT FOR ALL THE FAMILY

Supported by Kildare County Council

Vacancy for Part-time School Secretary

In St Corban's NS

2 Days per Week. (Monday & Friday), 7 Hours each day (14 Hours in total) 8.30am to 3.30pm. Please see educationposts.ie for more information. Send 'Covering letter' + 'CV' to: **Chairperson, The Board of Management, St Corban's NS, Naas, Co Kildare**



'Man and Woman, He Created Them'- Pope John Paul II teachings on 'The Theology of the Body' This one week **online Summer School** will run from 10th August. The course is very flexible as it is delivered entirely online. Find out more and register at: www.prioryinstitute.com

NAAS CARE OF THE AGED ASSOCIATION:

ANNUAL DAY TRIP **WEDNESDAY, 24TH JUNE.**

Japanese Gardens, Tour of the National Stud, Carmelite Order & the Keadeen for Dinner.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT MARY ON 086 81 78790.



Finding God in Nature and Culture Saturday 27th June, Kildare Town

Join us for a day of talks, music, storytelling, prayer, and pilgrimage exploring how we encounter God through nature, culture, and place. Speakers include Paul Vander Klay, Heather Pollington, and Fr. Conor McDonough.

For tickets and further information:

WWW.EVENTBRITE.IE/FINDING-GOD-IN-NATURE

St. Brigid's Lough Derg Pilgrimage 2026

Three Day Pilgrimage to Lough Derg:

• Fri 3rd - Sun 5th July & Thurs 13th - Sat 15th Aug
Bus departs Naas at 7am and Sallins at 7.10am.

Cost: Island €85; Bus €50 return approx.

Contact Joe 087 3815887 or
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