Parish Newsletter

15th November 2026

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

No: 2070 **Mt 25:14-30**

A New Years Day .... with a difference!

An invitation from the Naas Parish Pastoral Council.

On Friday, 1st January, World Day of Peace, Bishop Denis will celebrate Mass at 11am to mark the beginning of our bicentenary year. It is a milestone moment for all of us, thankfully alive to see this special time dawn upon us. Surely a time of grace and blessing for our parish and its parishioners. A New Years Day Mass of hope, gratitude and celebration to honour 200 years of faith and community, we invite you to take part in two wonderful ways:





- **Share your memories** – please bring along old or recent photographs that evoke cherished memories of our beloved Parish Church – family memories of special days: Baptisms, First Holy Communions/Confirmation Days, your Wedding Day etc. Please place your name and contact number on the back of the photos so that we can return them to you.
- **Celebrate our Diversity** – we warmly encourage parishioners to wear the traditional dress of their native country, celebrating the rich cultural diversity that make up our vibrant parish family today.

So, please join us as we give thanks for our past, celebrate our present and look forward to the future together.
Refreshments will be served after Mass. All are welcome!

Naas Parish Pastoral Council.

Notes on the 2025 Accounts

Income

Income from all sources remained strong in 2025, particularly from the shrines. The income from the car park which is included in the Rental income category has increased significantly since the teachers from the Mercy Convent started to park in their own grounds, freeing up more space in the car park. Also, the shop income continues to go from strength to strength, thank you to all our customers.
The First (Development) Collection goes to the upkeep of the Churches and other parish buildings and will be used to cover the upcoming building work on the Parish Office and new Parish Centre.
The Second (Offertory) Collection covers the day-to-day costs of running the parish, e.g. energy costs, staff wages, running costs for the parish offices and shops, etc.

Fundraising

This figure is the net income for NaasPoint, which is our parish 'outreach' that seeks to look after those who are vulnerable and struggling to make ends meet.

Expenditure

Tight control of spending in spite of increased prices has resulted in the total expenditure for the year coming in slightly less than in 2024. An increase in the total for the Repairs and Maintenance category was due to the improvements to the lighting both inside and outside Ballycane Church and some initial expenditure relating to the building work for the new Parish Centre on the Sallins Road. The spend on Computer Software etc has returned to normal levels after the purchase of the large screens for Ballycane Church and some extra screens for the Parish Church in 2024.

Payments to Priests

The priests of the parish are paid from the seven specific collections spread throughout the year including the ones at Christmas and Easter. They are not paid from the Development or Offertory Collections. Their wages are fixed by the diocese at €25,200 for Parish Priests and €24,000 for Curates.

Parish Lotto

Thank you very much to everyone who takes part in the parish lotto and particularly to the promotors and the Lotto Committee, led tirelessly by Jo Coy. It is an important element of the parish finances and we encourage you to take part whether online, with an annual ticket, standing order or by purchasing a ticket for €2 in one of the participating outlets around Naas.

Tap & Go

This year saw new Tap & Go machines in the two Naas Churches. These machines have the added benefit that you may input your details after making a donation and that makes your donation traceable to you. Although it may take you a minute to fill out your details, you do only have to do it once and the machine will remember your card and when you return to that machine, it will not ask you to input your details again and we will automatically know that it was you making another donation. Please note that this will only work if you return to the same machine each time.

Tax Refund on your Donations to Naas Parish

Once you have made a donation to the parish in a way that we can trace, whether it is the Tap & Go machine as described above, an online donation, a weekly envelope where you have written your name and address on the first few which you use, you can allow us to claim an additional 45% of your donation by filling out a form and returning it to the Parish Office. This money is returned to us by Revenue and there is no cost to yourself. This facility is available if your total donations for the year add up to over €250 which includes donations to the priests, special collections, NaasPoint as well as the regular weekly collections. Please do call into the Parish Office to find out more. It makes a significant difference to Parish Finances and we can only do it with your help.

And finally, ... thank you very much to everyone, our finances are healthy because of your generosity and that of all the parishioners here in Naas, thank you for your continued support of our parish.

Trevor Macnamara (Chairperson), November 2026

Finance Committee: Trevor Macnamara (Chairperson), Alex Keane (Secretary), Ciaran Murray, Ann McManus, Gerry Martin, Renu Thomas, Jason Harney, Sarah Farmer (Parish Manager) and Fr. Liam Morgan.

Summary of Naas Parish Accounts for 2024 and 2025

Accounts for Naas Parish have been submitted to and examined by the Diocesan Accountant and audited by the Diocesan external auditors. They form part of the Diocesan consolidated accounts submitted to the Charities regulator and have been approved by the Parish Finance Committee for publication in this format

Income Received	2025	2024
Basket Collection	170,685.84	181,910.73
Envelope Collection	221,510.41	226,784.36
Shrine Income	62,327.05	57,186.17
Rental Income	111,957.72	96,109.71
Fundraising	8,431.66	17,481.89
Donations & Bequests	45,769.68	45,770.18
Tax Refund	69,052.63	48,124.53
Church Bookings	19,330.00	16,800.00
Deposit Interest Received	1,299.45	1,088.84
Shop Margin	89,185.86	81,799.53
Lotto Income	34,148.30	44,467.19
Other Income	-1,373.25	13,334.27
	€832,325.35	**€830,857.40**

Expenditure Incurred		
Wages and salaries	160,836.90	156,650.77
Employers NIC (UK) PRSI (Ireland)	36,070.37	46,427.92
Pastoral Programme Expenses	4,013.15	-363.01
Insurance	22,094.30	20,566.54
Security	7,757.63	6,293.33
Light and heat	57,165.64	59,908.78
Cleaning	5,333.84	6,858.19
Rates, Water, LPT & Waste Collection	4,260.30	3,727.84
Repairs and maintenance	91,280.14	80,514.18
Diocesan Levy	72,601.80	72,601.80
Diocesan Retirement Fund	4,000.00	4,000.00
Missalettes, Printing & Stationary	22,366.63	19,994.12
Altar & Shrine Requisites	18,902.87	20,351.08
Telephone, Broadband and Internet related expenses	7,027.63	6,612.78
Computer software, hardware and servicing costs	12,975.65	27,436.93
Choir Expenses	6,034.39	5,266.59
Legal and professional	-	6,150.00
Accountancy Fees	1,290.08	2,994.14
Youth & Community Expenses	9,178.73	17,239.66
Bank charges	8,337.21	5,263.11
General expenses	6,349.29	5,100.00
	€557,876.55	**€573,594.75**

Please note that the accounts for Sallins and Two Mile House will be published in the newsletter next weekend.

NaasPoint Christmas Food Appeal

Last few slots available for volunteers on **Thurs 3rd, Fri 4th and Sat 5th December**.

To volunteer please contact Naas Parish Office, Sallins Road, Naas, in person, or call 045 879 730 or email office@naasparish.net.

Thank you to everyone who gives their time or donates food. Your kindness will help support local families this Christmas.

NAASPOINT

CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR

ARTS ★ CRAFTS ★ GIFTS
+ MUCH MORE

McAuley Place

SATURDAY 28TH NOVEMBER
10AM – 4PM
FREE ADMISSION

The enshrinement of the Relic of St. Carlo Acutis



In the Church of Our Lady & St. Joseph, Caragh. Solemn Mass celebrated by Bishop Denis Nulty at 6.30pm - 19th Nov. All are welcome to this joyous occasion.

Ballycane Choir Concert

Sun. 22nd Nov. 6.30pm – 8pm in Ballycane Church. Admission Free
Donations to charity welcome



The Rosary will be prayed at the grotto outside Our Lady and St. David's Church at 8pm on Saturday 21st November to mark Presentation Day and the founder of the Presentation Sisters, Nano Nagle.



Naas Care of the Aged Association

Christmas Party at the Centre
Saturday 5th December 6.30pm to 10.00pm.
Contact Mary Burke Spratt 086 8178790
Limited Availability



The Holy Mass

Continue our journey into the Mass, exploring the First & Second Readings and the Psalm.
Come and find out more, join us on Tuesday 17th Nov. in Ballycane at 7.15pm.
Stay for biscuits and a cup of tea/coffee.

Confirmation Preparation Mass Sunday 22nd November

Ballycane 12noon & TMH 10am
Please join whichever Mass suits your family
All are Welcome

LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTIONS

Naas: Development Fund: €3,595 Offertory: €2,520
Online Donations (5th – 11th Nov): €252
Tap & Go (5th – 11th Nov): €675
Sallins: Envelopes: €300 Baskets: €655
TMH: €592



"Those who die in grace, go but to God, and God is very near"
Bobby Sheridan, Kingsfurze Avenue
May he Rest in Peace

Naas Flower & Garden Club

Thurs. 19th Nov. at 7.45pm, St. Mary's College.
"All things bright and beautiful"
Gala Floral Evening with Betty Holden.
Supporting Breast Cancer Ireland. Visitors €20



Recent Baptisms

Ayla O'Toole
Ailbhe Smyth
James Nolan

Naas Parish Weekly Lotto Draw

There was no winner of the €7,650 Jackpot on 11th November 2026

Numbers Drawn were: 7-11-3-27

Lucky Dip winners were: N. Mahon Murray, M. Brennan, C. Quinn, M. Eustace

You could win the Jackpot of €7,900 on Wednesday 18th November

Thank you for your support.