

Parish Newsletter

30th March 2025

Fourth Sunday in Lent



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Lk 15:1, 11-32

Persecution of Christians met by Silence!

In our troubled world so many innocent people experience unbearable suffering, the constant attacks bring relentless loss of human life and the destruction of homes. The temporary ceasefire in Gaza so fervently prayed for by people of all faiths lies in tatters. While today the people of the Ukraine are less confident whether the United States, their previously strong ally, is now a friend or a foe?

Meanwhile, after the fall of Bashar al-Assad, a new regime in Syria now targets the fragile Christian Community who live there. While the Assad regime was certainly repressive, with many well-documented violations of human rights, even under such totalitarian control, the Christian people of Syria did feel a certain protection. Perhaps a benign attitude towards them as a people. However, all this has changed, today Christians in Syria are hugely suffering under the new regime. As fellow Christians, we need to speak of their plight.

In war, there are really no sides, just 'one side' and that is to be on the side of peace. A peace for all people of every race, language and creed.

This weekend, we invite you to consider the following invitation:

to attend a Holy Hour for Christians in Syria, please see below.

Sunday the 6th of April 2025, Ballycane Church

2 –3 pm	Holy Hour for Peace (Syria, the Holy Land, Ukraine, Yemen, South Sudan)
3-3.30pm	Cup of Tea/Coffee
3.30 - 4pm	Rosary
4 - 5pm	Holy Mass with Anointing

Or, if time is tight, consider just attending the Holy Hour for Peace.

Arranged by the Vocations Society of St. Joseph (formerly St. Joseph's Young Priests' Society) and the Parish Team.

While Trócaire is so well supported, there will be an additional **Collection on Good Friday** to support the struggling Christian Community in the Holy Land.

In the words of Pope Francis in a letter to the Catholics of the Middle East (7th Oct 2024)

“you, brothers and sisters in Christ who dwell in the lands of which scriptures speak most often, are a small, defenceless flock, thirsting for peace. Thank you for what you are, thank you for wanting to remain in your lands, thank you for being able to pray and love despite everything.”

PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION

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PARISH TEAM

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Safeguarding Policy is displayed in all Church Porches.

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



Brendan Kenny, Arconagh
Mary (Peggy) Waters,
Willouise, Sallins
Frances Murtagh, Tullow
MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Recent Baptisms

- Darragh McCoy, Bellingsfield
- Sophie Murray, Cork
- Saffiyah Monteiro, Oak Glade
- Emilia Guirey-Carbo, Bellingsfield
- Orlagh Draper, Texas, USA
- Ollie Crowe, Kilcullen
- Ailbhe Brennan, Bellingsfield

Eucharistic Adoration Timetable, Ballycane Day Chapel

Monday 10am - 6pm
Tuesday 10am - 5pm
Wednesday 10am - 6pm
Thursday 10am - 9pm
until 10pm on the First Thursday
of the month
Friday 10am - 6pm

MASS TIMES for the Pastoral Area of Naas, Sallins, TMH & Kill

OUR LADY AND ST. DAVID, NAAS

WEEKDAYS: Mon. - Fri: 7.30am & 10am
Sat: 10am
Sat Vigil: 6pm

SUNDAYS: 9am, 11am & 6pm

CHURCH OF THE IRISH MARTYRS, BALLYCANE

WEDNESDAYS: 7pm
SUNDAYS: 10.30am & 12noon

OUR LADY & THE GUARDIAN ANGELS, SALLINS

WEEKDAYS: Fri: 10am
Sat Vigil: 7pm
SUNDAYS: 11.30am

CHURCH OF ST PETER, TWO MILE HOUSE

SUNDAYS: 10am

CHURCH OF ST BRIGID, KILL

WEEKDAYS: Mon. - Fri.: 10am
SATURDAYS: 6.30pm
SUNDAYS: 11am

CHURCH OF ST ANNE, ARDCLOUGH

SUNDAYS: 9.30am
FIRST FRIDAYS: 8pm

LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTIONS

Naas: Development Fund: €4,010 Offertory: €3,635
Online donations (20th - 26th Mar): €263
Tap&Go (20th - 26th Mar): €810
Sallins: Envelopes: €390 Baskets: €558
TMH: €480

Ballycane Church will be closed this week coming, from Monday through until Friday, while essential repairs are carried out to the lighting in the Church.

The 7pm Mass on Wednesday 2nd April will take place in Our Lady & St. David's Church.

The Centre and Day Chapel will remain open and Masses next weekend will be as normal.



SEASON OF LENT 2025

For Six Tuesdays during Lent, **Scripture Sharing** with Fr. Michael in the Upper Room after the 10am Mass, continuing on Tuesday 1st April.

Tuesday Evenings during Lent, 'Exploring Our Spiritual Life' with Fr. Robert 7.15pm in the Day Chapel of Ballycane Church. The journey will continue on Tuesday 1st April, focusing on the topic of 'Gluttony vs Temperance'.

Prayer Service with Adoration, Sallins Church, Tuesdays at 10am.

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

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

Palm Sunday 13th April: 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.



Monday 14th April at 7.30pm:

An invitation to the Chrism Mass in Carlow Cathedral.

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** to the Cathedral will be leaving Sallins at 5.10pm, OLSD at 5.20pm and Ballycane Church at 5.45pm. Please contact the parish office to register for the bus.

N.B. if you are participating in the Mass and need to be there early, you should make your own travel arrangements.

Trócaire Boxes are still available to collect from the Church Porches and Parish Offices.

By placing money in your Trócaire box this Easter you can help families cope with the effects of climate change and help them to feed and educate their families.

Please return boxes to one of the Churches from Holy Thursday.

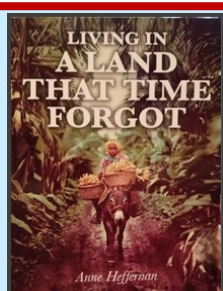
Thank you.



Tree of Charity

During Lent, you are invited to take a label from the Tree of Charity in each Church and return the following week with the item detailed on it which can then be placed in the basket at the base of the tree during Mass Times.

These items will be distributed by NaasPoint to people in need in the parishes.



Available now in the Parish Shops, priced at **€15.**

Former journalist, Anne Heffernan's new book,

Living in a Land That Time Forgot (being launched in Clane Library at 7 pm on 3rd April – all welcome).

All monies raised will go to projects in N.W. Haiti.



A wide range of **Easter Greeting Cards, Easter Mass Bouquets and gifts for all occasions now in stock in the Parish Shops on the Sallins Road and in Ballycane Church.**



Naas Local History Group

"Ladies Day at Punchestown through the years"



Tues 1st April, 8pm, Town House Hotel
Illustrated presentation by Dr Emma Lyons.
All welcome.

If anyone has a suggestion of a person who is sick & would be able to travel to Lourdes

28th of June to the 5th of July

can you please contact Rita Fanning:

Sallins Lourdes Committee 087 6535112



'Sing for Joy!'

A Day of Music and Ministry

Saturday 26 April 2025
on Lough Derg. Boat 9:30am.

Open to Young People aged
18-35. Free to attend.
Register via QR Code.

A WALK IN THE PARK FOR PARKINSON'S

Support Parkinson's Ireland by joining us on **Saturday 5th April at 1.30pm in Moorefield GAA Club**

Visit www.parkinson.ie to register in advance or register on the day.

P.T.A. Holy Child School Ballycane

QUIZ NIGHT

SPEED QUIZZING
No Pens... No Paper... No Cheating

FRI, 4TH APRIL
NAAS GAA CLUBHOUSE @8PM
DOORS OPEN @7.30PM

1st Prize €200 (sponsored by Ailíniú)
2nd Prize €100 (sponsored by Griffiths Quality Services)

Tables of 4
€15 per person

No team? No problem!

Naas Book Club

First in-person meeting:
The Moat Theatre
Wednesday 2nd April
10am - 12noon

St. Corban's Boys School are supporting Daffodil Day.

If you would like to help them support the work of the Irish Cancer Society, you may donate using this QR code.

Reminder: the clocks go forward this weekend on Saturday night.

Naas Parish Weekly Lotto Draw

There was no winner of the €3,950 Jackpot on 26th March.

Lucky Dip winners were
A. Dowling, J. Higgins, J. O'Reilly, B. & C. O'Dowd

Numbers Drawn were: 2-13-15-27

You could win the Jackpot of **€4,200** on Weds. 2nd April

Thank you for your support!