

Parish Newsletter

12th May 2024

The Ascension of the Lord

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Migration - a Challenge of our Time.

We are in many ways disturbed and challenged by the sight of migrants in increasing numbers taking shelter in tented settlements in our Capital city and in other places even closer to home. We can never fully know the motivation or the reasons why people make long, arduous and perilous journeys in order to reach Europe or elsewhere. Perhaps, we believe, in search of a better life. Given the uncertainty of the conditions they live under - I couldn't even for a second swap places. How blessed I've been to have known only the experience of shelter, of belonging and of feeling settled. Never having to wonder where will I sleep tonight or to know where or when I will get my next meal.

This migrant issue is set to remain with us for many years to come, there seems to be no quick fix or easy solutions.

While it seems we have lived with rain as a constant, in other parts of the world climate is rendering once fertile plains into arid desert areas where farming as a way of life will no longer be sustainable. Therefore, the natural outcome is that areas of the world are becoming uninhabitable resulting in further migration of peoples migrating just to live.

We can see various reactions to the reality of migration into our country, some are becoming more extreme and worrying. Attitudes that are fuelled by fear, suspicion and division. I was saddened when thinking of our country where the vast majority are welcoming, law abiding and tolerant only to see two recent incidents being reported.

A young man being spontaneously asked, as he walked down a Limerick Street, as to where he comes from by a supposed passerby. When he replied he was from Brazil he was viciously attacked: innocent and defenceless.

Or, the other example of the two young Croatian men being followed in Dublin, pursued, cornered and again set upon. One of them lost his life, the other, injured and maimed. As described in the TV Report, two young men working here, paying their taxes, on their way home to chill out, both as innocent as the day is long. These actions don't represent us.

I hope that people who have made their home here over many years: who look after us when we are in hospital, take care of our elderly folk, are the backbone of our hospitality sector and who work professionally in so many disciplines of life, will not be made to feel uneasy, fearful or lacking in confidence that this is their home.

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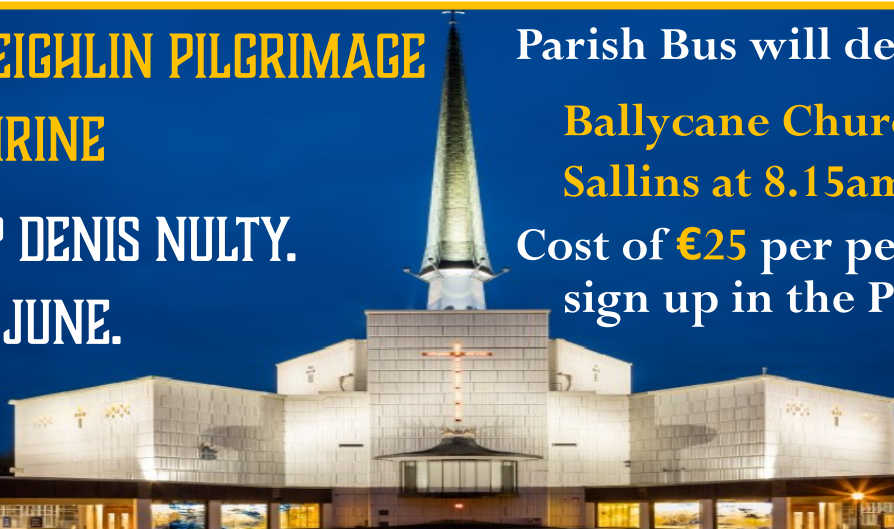
**KILDARE & LEIGHLIN PILGRIMAGE
TO KNOCK SHRINE
WITH BISHOP DENIS NULTY.
SUNDAY 2ND JUNE.**

Parish Bus will depart from:

Ballycane Church at 8am

Sallins at 8.15am

Cost of **€25** per person, please
sign up in the Parish Office.



PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION

NAAS PARISH OFFICE: Tel.: 045 879 730

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Opening Hours: Monday to Friday 10am to 5pm

SACRISTY OUR LADY AND ST DAVID: 045 856 925

BALLYCANE OFFICE AND SACRISTY: 045 895 629

Opening Hours: Monday to Friday 10am to 1pm

SACRISTY TWO MILE HOUSE: 086 399 1706

REGISTERED CHARITY NO: 20015848

FACEBOOK: [facebook.com/naasparish](https://www.facebook.com/naasparish)

TWITTER: @naasparish

PRIEST ON DUTY: 085 708 8407

PARISH WEBSITE: www.naasparish.ie

PARISH TEAM

Fr. Liam Morgan	Sallins Road	087 133 7879
Fr. Alex Kochatt	Lakelands	045 898 684
Fr. Michael Flattery	Hazelmere	045 879 730
Fr. Robert Petrisor	Sallins Road	045 879 730
Dn. Fergal O'Neill	Parish Deacon	086 381 6133
Ms. Trish O'Neill	Youth/Pastoral Minister	045 879 730
Ms. Sarah Farmer	Parish Manager	045 879 730

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN PARISH REPRESENTATIVES

Naas: Geraldine Faherty & Adrian King
Sallins: Dermot McGilloway & Gillian Fitzharris
Two Mile House: Paula Clancy & Suzanne Powell

Diocesan Designated Liaison Person: Ailish Higgins
Deputy Diocesan Liaison Person: Michele Hughes,
c/o Bishop's House, Carlow **Phone:** 085 802 1633

Safeguarding Policy displayed in all Church Porches.

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

WEEKDAYS: Mon. - Fri.: 9.30am
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

Recent Baptisms

Louis Sourke, Sallins
Aoibhinn Waters, Lacken View
Paige O'Sullivan, Bellingsfield
Millie Gilmore, Clane
Isabelle Sheridan, Sallins
Tómas Fitzgibbon, Sallins
Skye Finnegan Dwyer, Sallins Wharf
Sophie Greaney, Finlay Park



**Cemetery Mass in St. Corban's
Cemetery will take place on
5th June 2024 at 7.30pm.**

***Please note that there will be no 7pm
Mass in Ballycane Church that evening.***

THE ROSARY WILL BE RECITED AT THE GROTTA
OUTSIDE OUR LADY & ST. DAVID'S ON
MONDAY 13TH MAY AT 8PM IN HONOUR OF
THE FEAST OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA
ALL ARE WELCOME



**"THOSE WHO DIE IN GRACE GO BUT
TO GOD AND GOD IS VERY NEAR"**
Gerard (Gerry) Murphy, Sallins
Marie Singleton, Larchfield NH
Bernadette Butler, Lacken View
June Phelan, formerly of St. Conleth's Place
Jim Corcoran, Hollywood Park
Nora Cullen, Newbridge
MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

New Oldtown Res. Assoc. Annual Mass:

will be celebrated on the green area of Oldtown
Crescent next **Friday May 17th @ 7.30pm.**

All are welcome to come along.

Directions: Right at Maxol on

Sallins Road leaving Naas, proceed for

200m through the two large red pillars to green.



**THERE WILL BE NO WEDNESDAY EVENING MASS
IN BALLYCANE CHURCH FOR JUNE, JULY & AUGUST**

PARISH FINANCES

Naas: Development Fund: €3,502 Offertory: €3,085

Online donations (2nd - 8th May): €206

Tap & Go (2nd - 8th May): €690

Sallins: Envelopes: €365 Baskets: €547

TMH: €540

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How blessed we are as a parish to have so many nationalities who have enriched our faith expression by their friendship and active participation.

Yes, there are many challenges regarding migration in the world, every country acting independently won't address these issues - it requires a collective approach. Though it's not easy and there are practical implications around housing and services etc. and so many among this young generation of Irish are affected. We strive to look at such human dilemmas through the prism of a Gospel message that speaks of the God-given dignity of every human person: man, woman and child.

Peter in the First Reading stood up and addressed the household of Cornelius,

'The truth I have now come to realise - is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.'

In short, the Gospel maxim: 'Love of God, love of Neighbour'.

This is our faith, this is the faith we profess.

Sometimes the Gospel message may convey an inconvenient truth!

(A homily from last Sunday printed by request.)

First Holy Communion ~ May 2024

Date	Time	School	Church
Saturday 18th May	11am	St. Corban's NS	Ballycane Church
Saturday 18th May	12noon	Mercy Convent	Our Lady & St. David
Saturday 18th May	10.30am	Killashee NS	Two Mile House Church
Saturday 18th May	12noon	Two Mile House NS	Two Mile House Church
Saturday 25th May	11am	Gaelscoil	Ballycane Church
Saturday 25th May	12noon	Naas Community National School	Our Lady & St. David
Saturday 25th May	10am	Sallins NS: M. McCormack/M. Hartnett	Sallins Church
Saturday 25th May	11.30am	Sallins NS: M. Carey	Sallins Church
Saturday 25th May	1pm	Sallins NS: M. Molyneaux/ M. O'Mahony	Sallins Church

On Wednesday 22nd May there will be no evening Mass due to the CBS Graduation Ceremony in the Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane

Sallins Local History Society

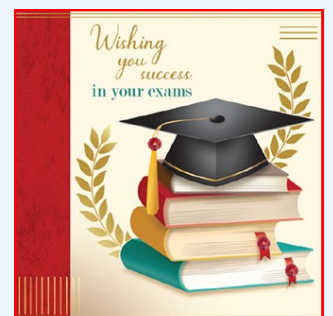
SALLINS IN TROUBLED TIMES 1913 - 1923

**THURSDAY
16TH MAY
8PM
RAILWAY INN**

Highly respected author, historian and historical consultant James Durney invites us all to this most interesting of subjects; the story behind Kildare and specifically Sallins' republican activism during this precarious decade. Given Mr. Durney has published several books on the topic, we are promised an informative and absorbing evening so be sure to join us!

Naas Parish Shops

A selection of Mass Bouquets, cards, prayer cards and candles for anyone about to sit exams available from both Parish shops.



Free car parking available outside the Parish Office and Shop at Ballycane Church

**Tickets now also
on sale at
McAuley Place.**



An Evening of Music & Song

Light opera, songs from the musicals & traditional Irish favourites

Ireland's Leading Soprano

**CELINE
BYRNE**

Internationally Renowned Tenor

**PAUL
LINEHAN**

& Award-Winning Male Voice Choir

**THE
BALDONNEL
SINGERS**

Saturday 18th May at 8.00pm

Our Lady & St. David's Church, Sallin's Road, Naas

Hosted by Naas Lions Club

Main Beneficiary: Beaufort Project, McAuley Place

Tickets €25 - available from Eventbrite.



All Ireland Pollination Plan No Mow May

Reduce mowing to allow native wildflowers like Dandelions, Clover and Birds-foot Trefoil to naturally return over time. **Why?** This action helps to restore species-rich grasslands: a vital habitat providing food and shelter for our Pollinators.

Where? Everywhere! Take part in **#NoMowMay**. For more information see pollinators.ie/top-ten-ways-to-help-pollinators/



Naas Arch Club

20th Anniversary Gala Night

Naas Arch Club is a social club for adults with special needs. The Gala Dinner Dance is in **Lawlors Hotel, 21st June**. Past members and volunteers are very welcome to join us on this special night. **Tickets now only €30** - Thanks to generous donations from Kildare County Council, Life Credit Union, Naas and Naas Lions Club. A big thank you to Bill Clear, Keith O'Brien and Luke Sparrow for enabling our successful applications. Tickets can be purchased from:

Denis O'Sullivan - 085 7274796 or

Martina Murray - 087 2706946.



Join Team

LITTLE WAY

Cancer Support Centre
Sunday 2nd June 2024

Sign up by ringing 045 902996

Bòthar: wish to thank everyone who donated to their Easter Appeal for

humanitarian aid for Palestine and Gaza.

For more information please go to Bòthar.ie

Naas Parish Weekly Lotto Draw

Jackpot now stands at **€10,000**

Numbers Drawn on 8th May: 10-28-27-5

Lucky Dip: P. Dowling, ANON, ANON, P. Fitzgerald

You could win the Jackpot of **€10,000** on Weds 15th May

Tickets from the Parish Shops, Whelans Menswear, Barker & Jones, Stationery Store, Harbour Hotel, the Soda Bread Shop and Swans on the Green.

Also on the Parish Website or Parish App.

Thank you for your support!

