

Parish Newsletter

26th May 2024

The Most Holy Trinity



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Farewell... to Fr. Alex.

This weekend we bid a fond farewell to Fr. Alex as he returns to his native Diocese in India. It is a homecoming that will be welcomed first and foremost by his family and by his home diocese. In his eight years of ministry in our parishes of Naas, Sallins and Two Mile House, Alex has endeared himself to so many parishioners.

Gifted with a great personality, mischievous sense of fun, a natural warmth, and an innate kindness. Little wonder that Alex naturally occupies a place of deep affection in the hearts of so many. Since news of Alex's return to India emerged after Easter, there has been a genuine outpouring of goodwill, regret and deep gratitude. During these past eight years, Alex has made a huge contribution to our cluster of parishes and in particular to Sallins Parish. He leaves behind him a deep and lasting impression from his time with us.

Alex immersed himself fully into the life and work of being a priest: working closely with parish groups and organisations, school chaplaincy to St. Laurence's in Sallins, while accompanying with care and sensitivity those who experienced illness and bereavement. Celebrating with so many all the milestones of life.

As a colleague on the Parish Team, Alex was always supportive and obliging, a support that I felt personally and deeply appreciated. By nature, Alex is direct, a no-nonsense kind of guy, leaving no space for doubt, ambiguity or indecision. It is a temperament that many people working alongside Alex appreciated.

Alex has many gifts: a keen intellect, a fine homilist and communicator, possessing a 'get the job done' approach to life. As we look back upon Alex's time in our Cluster and in the Diocese we are inspired by how he adapted to our Irish ways. Our culture and traditions. We marvel at his ability to integrate himself so fully into our way of life. Indeed many have commented, that Alex was 'more Irish' than we ourselves! Evidence of his generous spirit in truly making his home among us.

The old adage 'Bloom where you are planted' comes to mind and little doubt Alex made that wise adage his own.

To Alex, we wish you every blessing and happiness in your return home. You take with you our heartfelt gratitude, our prayer-filled good wishes and our deep affection.

We commend your faithfulness and commitment to your chosen vocation and we trust that your deep faith, your understated holiness and spirituality will sustain you in the next chapter of your priestly life.

All we can simply say is 'thank you' Alex.

Go n-éirí an bóthar leat!

PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION

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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

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PARISH TEAM

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| 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

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

PARISH FINANCES

Naas: Development Fund: €3,675 Offertory: €2,580
Online donations (16th -22nd May): €92
Tap & Go (16th - 22nd May): € 620
Sallins: Envelopes: €410 Baskets: €525
TMH: €475



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

John Ward, Woodlands
Dáire Plunkett, Oldbridge Station
David Traynor, Sallins Park
MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

**The Diocesan Collection for
Retired Priests will take place at
all Masses this weekend.
Your support is greatly appreciated.**

Pray for Life Novena.

Thurs 23rd May - Fri 31st May
**Rosary will be prayed at the Grotto
outside Our Lady and St. David's
Church each evening at 8pm.**
All welcome.



Annual Cemetery Masses

St. Corban's Cemetery - 5th June 2024 at 7.30pm.

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

Bodenstown Cemetery, Sallins - Sunday 30th June at 11.30am

This Mass will replace the usual Sunday 11.30am Mass

Two Mile House - Sunday 21st July at 10am

First Holy Communion ~ 2024



Last Saturday, the children from the Mercy Convent, St. Corban's, Killashee and Two Mile House Schools celebrated their First Holy Communions. Congratulations to all the boys and girls and thank you to everyone who helped make the ceremonies such prayerful and happy occasions.



Divine Mercy Prayers
At 6.00pm in the Adoration Chapel,
Ballycane, Wednesday, 29th May.
Followed by Rosary at 6.30pm
All are Welcome.



**Eucharistic Adoration in
Ballycane Church**
Monday to Friday 10am to 6pm
*Please note Adoration will continue
through until 6pm on Tuesdays
during the Summer Months.*



Oldtown Resident's Outdoor Mass 17th May 2024



Our grateful thanks to Vincent, to all who helped organise and to those who attended the outdoor Mass in Oldtown last Friday, it was a beautiful evening for it and a lovely occasion.

An Invitation:

from Naas Care of the Aged Association -
"You are invited to the official opening of
the **Day Care Centre at Naas Care of the Aged**
Association facility on the Limerick Road
Saturday **1st June at 11.30am.**
Light refreshments and music until 1.30pm



Padre Pio's Glove

In Fitzpatrick's House Kilberry, Athy
on Saturday 1st June 2024 11am - 5pm
for more information
call Anne 085 169 6189.

Everyone is welcome

my future my choice **WIDER OPTIONS** - enrolling for a one-year, mature adult education programme, for people who have been out of the workplace and wish to upskill. **No tuition fees.** Information Meeting on Wednesday 29th May @ 10am in St. Conleth's Community College, Station Road, Newbridge. More information available by emailing MCurley@stconlethcc365.ie or calling (045) 431417.

All are welcome

Carlow Choral Society with the RTE Concert
Orchestra presents **Verdi Requiem** in
The Cathedral of the Assumption, Carlow

FRIDAY 31ST MAY
2024
8PM

Sylvia O'Brien, Soprano
Raphaella Mangan, Mezzo Soprano
Lawrence Thackery, Tenor
John Molloy, Bass



Conductor Blánaid Murphy

SUGGESTED PATRONAGE FOR PEOPLE OVER 16 IS €25
SEE CHOIR MEMBERS, SCAN THE
QR CODE OR GO TO EVENTBRITE.IE

Naas Parish Weekly Lotto Draw Jackpot now stands at **€10,000** Numbers Drawn on 22nd May: 4-16-14-15

Lucky Dip: T. O'Halloran, Anon., Anon., L. Kane

You could win the Jackpot of **€10,000** on Weds 29th 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!

