

Parish Newsletter

15th September 2024

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Sallins Parish Pastoral Council

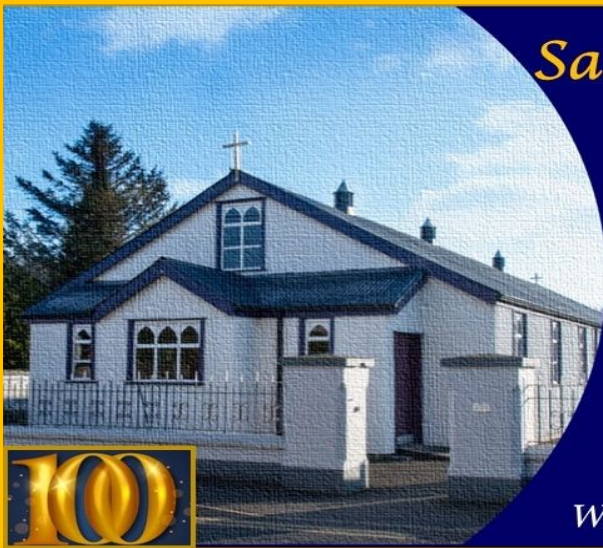
invite you to join them on the occasion of the
Centenary Celebration of our Church

**The Church of
Our Lady and the Guardian Angels**

Mass of Dedication and Blessing
will be celebrated by Bishop Denis Nulty
on Sunday 29th September
at 11.30am.

With refreshments afterwards
in the Parish Community Centre.

We would be delighted if you are free to join us.



Sallins Parish

Special Once Off Collection on
Sat. 21st and Sun. 22nd September.
Envelopes now available in the Church to
return next weekend.
Thank you for your support.

Day of Reflection and Renewal for Ministers of Holy Communion

Ballycane Church, Naas
Sat. 28th Sept. from 9.30am-12.30pm
RSVP to the Parish Office by 24th Sept.
Ministers from Naas, Sallins, TMH and Kill welcome

Parish Novena: Friday 4th - Saturday 12th October

"Trust in God still and trust in Me"

Fri 4th Oct 7.30pm	Fr. Hugh Lagan , a priest with the Society of African Missions (S. M. A.). A frequent leader of retreats and workshops internationally.
Sat 5th Oct 6pm	Dr. Eddie Murphy , a Clinical Psychologist, mental health expert, author and teacher. He has been the psychologist on RTE's Operation Transformation.
Sun 6th Oct 6pm	Julianne Moran , a native of Newbridge Parish. A Graduate from St. Patrick's College, Maynooth. Julianne was appointed in 2022 as the General Secretary of the Synodal Pathway in Ireland. Julianne will offer a personal sharing of her faith journey.
Mon 7th Oct 7.30pm	Fr. PJ Madden , General Secretary of the INO. Ordained to the priesthood in 2004, PJ served as Curate in Naas, Sallins and TMH from 2012-2015.
Tues 8th Oct 7.30pm	Jarlath Burns , Uachtaran CLG...President of the G.A.A. since February 2024. Captained his native Armagh to an Ulster title in 1999.
Wed 9th Oct 7.30pm	Gene Butler , Native of Raheen Parish in Co. Laois. A young mother of two children, presently serves as a member of the Kildare and Leighlin DPC.
Thur 10th Oct 7.30pm	Peadar Tóibín TD , first elected to Dail Eireann for the Meath West constituency in 2011. In 2015, he founded the Irish Political Party, Aontú.
Fri 11th Oct 7.30pm	Geraldine Mullan , will tell her deeply personal story of how faith, hope and love have carried her since her life changed dramatically in 2020. When her husband and two children died tragically.
Sat 12th Oct 6pm	Bishop Donal Roche , native of Drimnagh. He has served in a number of parishes, also as a Chaplain and Teacher. Ordained Auxiliary Bishop of Dublin in May this year and titular Bishop of Cell Ausaille, an ancient monastic site at nearby Killashee.

Naas Parish Church, 1827 - 2027

In three years time, 2027, Naas will celebrate a wonderful milestone both in the life of our parish and of our town. The dawning of 2027 will mark the Bi-Centenary of our Parish Church, 200 years since it first opened as a place of prayer and worship. It is a sacred place that has marked the key moments of life, as well as offering hope and consolation at journey's end, when our loved ones have returned home to God.

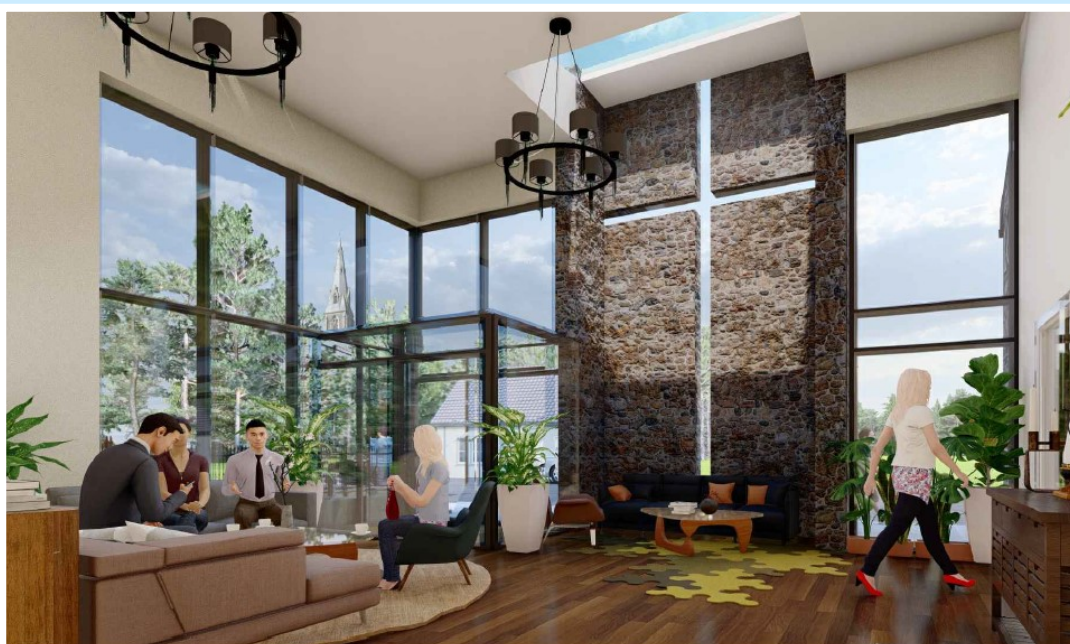
It stands at the heart of our community, very much the heartbeat of a people who have experienced all the highs and lows of life, both personally and collectively. It has been a spiritual place of refuge, an oasis of peace for all who have crossed its threshold. Amid a changing world and an expanding town, now so diverse in culture and tradition, our church remains a sign of constancy, of faithfulness, testament to the endurance of faith. It stands as the House of God, offering welcome to all who seek God. We marvel at its beautiful structure, its stonework, its unique architectural features, the spire that soars heavenwards offering watchful, protective reassurance. A reminder from every vantage point that God dwells lovingly in our midst.

This weekend we are announcing our Bi-Centenary Projects. Presented here in three distinct phases.

Phase One - Parish Office and Shop on the Sallins Road

The work and activity of the Parish Office and Shop on the Sallins road serve very much as the engine of all that happens in our parishes of Naas, Sallins and Two Mile House. From here all parish activities are managed and resourced. While it has served us well, we recognise that the growth of our parishes and the ever-increasing output from the Parish Office demands improvement and development.

In the plans to be submitted to Kildare County council, we are seeking to make our facilities on the Sallins Road more welcoming with a **new entrance/ Lobby area** as depicted here in this draft illustration. The Lobby Area will be **multi-purpose**,



offering space and a sense of welcome.

We will also seek to improve the Parish Office with an extension to **increase space and provide more storage**, as well as carrying out a refurbishment of the Parish Shop (“a **facelift**”).

Parish Bi-Centenary Projects



The provision of a downstairs Meeting Room (**welcome**), accessible toilet facilities (**convenience**), a new kitchen (**hospitality**) and easier access to the upstairs will complete the proposed works.

The images printed here this weekend just give an impression of the overall plan.

The project, is of course subject to the usual **Planning Permission Process** but we hope, if successful, the completed works will bring enormous improvement and benefit to our three Parishes.

Phase Two - The Area Outside of the Church

Enhancement of Church Grounds, at Our Lady and St. David's.

Improvement works will include re-surfacing of Car Park, landscaping and planting and giving attention to the tired look of the Grotto to Our Lady.

A more detailed examination of works to be carried out to the exterior of the church grounds will not be finalised until 2025.



Phase Three - Inside the Church

Celebrating our Bi-Centenary year of 2027, we hope to paint the Interior of the Church dedicated to Our Lady and St. David.

The Financing of these Bi-Centenary Projects

The Diocese of Kildare & Leighlin stipulates that any parish embarking upon a Capital Project (Building & Refurbishment) are obliged to submit their plans for expenditure to the Diocese. The parish making the submission must demonstrate that they have 50% of the projected cost before commencement of works. This requirement is designed to safeguard against any parish overstressing themselves financially.

In recent years as a parish, we have been saving and allocating finances towards our Bi-Centenary Year. This is primarily due to the steadfast support of you, the parishioners who have donated so generously to the parish, Sunday after Sunday. We feel confident that we can fulfil the diocesan requirement of 50% of the final cost of planned projects.

At a later date, some fundraising may be necessary to meet any shortfall and, in the meantime, we thank you for your ongoing support of **Sunday Collections, the Parish Lotto and the Shop.**



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

Brid Dermody, Ashgrove Park
Samuel (Sammy) Waldron, Naas
John (Sean) Dunne, Ashgrove Crescent
Dominic McGrath, Mylerstown
MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Sallins Centenary Mass Choir Practice

Thursday 19th September at 8pm in
Sallins Church. **All are welcome to join.**



**Legion of Mary Knock Pilgrimage
Sunday 29th September**

The bus will depart from outside
Our Lady & St. David's at 8am. Fare €20.
Please call into Parish Office, Sallins Road
to reserve your place and purchase tickets.

**Annual Féile Liam O'Flynn
Festival Naas & Kill
October 3rd - 6th 2024**



Among those who are performing are **Cormac Begley, The Friel Sisters, Cherish the Ladies, Jackie Daly, Matt Cranitch & Altan** to name but a few.

For more information on tickets & the weekend programme, see: Facebook page at www.facebook.com/feileliamoflynn or phone The Moat Theatre on 045 883 030.

"TOUCH Charity" Supporting Vulnerable children in "Our World" are holding a **Church Gate/Street Collection** in Naas on **Saturday 21st and Sunday 22nd September**. All the money raised will go to build a new nursery school block and teacher's house in Zambia. Your support would be greatly appreciated.



Banquet Dinner in aid of McAuley Place Beaufort Project

Sat. 19th October @ 7pm Lawlor's Hotel, Naas
Tickets €90: from Eventbrite.ie & McAuley Place Reception
Complimentary Prosecco Reception
3 Course meal
Music by 52nd Street
Auction & Raffle on the night.



Lough Derg One Day Retreat, Saturday 21st September.
(€45 including lunch). Return bus available (€35).
For further details: deirdregleeson@medwise.ie or
0872467594 after 6pm. www.loughderg.org



St. Mary' College, Naas



- The **1st Year Open Evening** will be held on **Thursday September 19th** in St. Marys College from 5-7pm. We invite all 6th class Parents/Guardians and students to attend.
- Our **Enrolment application** process for September 2025 will start on Tuesday the 1st of October 2024.
- The 1st Year Enrolment Application Form, St. Mary's College Admissions Policy, and Annual Admissions Notice will be available from Monday September 23rd on the school website www.stmaryscollegenaas.ie
- Completed Application Forms will only be accepted from Tuesday October 1st to Tuesday October 22nd (Enrolment Period). Applications received outside this period will be marked as late.

Naas Athletic Club 100 years:



Past Members of Naas Athletic Club
Centenary Commemoration Dinner: 28th Sept. in Lawlors Hotel at 8pm. Tickets (€55 each) available from Lawlors Hotel or Richie Whelans-Menswear

Junior Choir: We are delighted to have this choir starting again in Our Lady and St. David's Church. This is for 5th and 6th Class, and 1st and 2nd Year students who enjoy singing. They meet on Thursdays in the Church from 4pm to 5pm. **New members welcome!**



PARISH FINANCES

Naas: Development Fund: €4,164
Online donations (5th - 11th Sept.): €360
Tap&Go (5th - 11th Sept.): €770
Sallins: Envelopes: €410 Baskets: €600
TMH: €640

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Allen Area Community Employment Project:
Maintenance Workers, Sports Grounds Workers, Cleaners, Day Care Assistants, Kitchen Assistants, Environmental Workers, Caretakers & Admin Assistants.

Positions are available in Two Mile House, Milltown, Coill Dubh, Newbridge & Ballyteague. To qualify you must be over 21 years old and be in receipt of a social welfare payment for at least 12 months.

For more information and to apply: Phone: 045 870268 or Email: allenareacep@gmail.com

Naas Parish Weekly Lotto Draw

There was no winner of the €8,550 on 11th Sept.

Numbers Drawn were: 12-26-17-22

Lucky Dip: Anne & Niamh & Roisin, A. O'Neill, Anon., A. O'Neill

You could win the Jackpot of €8,550 on Weds 18th September

Thank you for your support!