

# Parish Newsletter

1st December 2024

First Sunday of Advent



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## The Jubilee of Hope 2025

The Jubilee Year 2025 opens in Rome on Christmas Eve, 24th December, with the opening of the **Holy Door** in St. Peter's Basilica by Pope Francis.

The theme for the Jubilee Year is '**Pilgrims of Hope**'. This theme invites us to recognise the Christian hope that is at the centre of our faith, a hope we carry with us into every experience of our life. It also encourages each of us to be messengers of hope in our very troubled world. The Jubilee of Hope logo is rich in meaning, please see the Poster below for an explanation. Pope Francis has offered the Prayer below in anticipation of the year.

### The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven,  
may the faith you have given us  
in your son,  
Jesus Christ, our brother,  
and the flame of charity enkindled  
in our hearts  
by the Holy Spirit,  
reawaken in us the blessed hope  
for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us  
into tireless cultivators of the seeds  
of the Gospel.

May those seeds transform from  
within both humanity and the  
whole cosmos  
in the sure expectation  
of a new heaven and a new earth,  
when, with the powers of Evil  
vanquished,  
your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee  
reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope,  
a yearning for the treasures of  
heaven.

May that same grace spread  
the joy and peace of our Redeemer  
throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed,  
be glory and praise for ever.

**Amen**

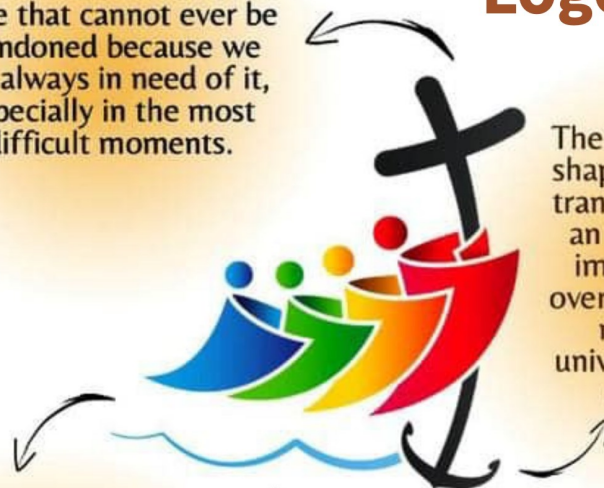
### Jubilee of Hope Logo

The cross of Christ is the hope that cannot ever be abandoned because we are always in need of it, especially in the most difficult moments.

The Cross, in the shape of a sail, is transformed into an anchor that imposes itself over the waves in motion. A universal symbol of Hope.

The figures represent humanity from the four corners of the World. They are embracing each other to illustrate the solidarity between the peoples, as the first holds onto the cross.

The rough sea is a reminder of the difficulties of the pilgrimage of life. Often, personal events as well as those of the world, press on us more intensely, demanding a greater hope.



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REGARDING EVANGELIZATION IN THE WORLD

## PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION

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Opening Hours: Monday to Friday 10am to 1pm

SACRISTY TWO MILE HOUSE: 086 399 1706

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## SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN PARISH REPRESENTATIVES

**Naas:** Geraldine Faherty & Adrian King  
**Sallins:** Dermot McGilloway & Gillian Fitzharris  
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PARISH WEBSITE: [www.naasparish.ie](http://www.naasparish.ie)

Registered Charity No: 20015848

## PARISH TEAM

Fr. Liam Morgan	Sallins Road	087 133 7879
Fr. Michael Flattery	Hazelmere	045 879 730
Fr. Robert Petrisor	Sallins Road	045 879 730
Fr. Yohan Fernando	Lakelands	045 879730
Dn. Laurence Timaru	Parish Deacon	045 879730
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 Policy is displayed in all Church Porches.*

## Recent Baptisms

Éabha Leonard, Osberstown

Páidí Gallahue, The Orchard

Harry Rochford, Rathangan

Gabriela Scanlon, Whitethorn Ave

Kate Geraghty, Killcullen

Alex Ryan, Piper's Hill

Oisín McArdle, Bellingsfield

Kaleb Pawelczyk Kelly, Aylmer Park



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

David Goucher, Morell Avenue  
Christina (Kitty) Stanley, Naas  
**MAY THEY REST IN PEACE**

## LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTIONS

**Naas:** Development Fund: €3,660 Offertory: €3,030  
**Online donations** (21st - 27th Nov): €483  
**Tap&Go** (21st - 27th Nov): €695  
**Sallins:** Envelopes: €300 Baskets: €530  
**TMH:** €460



## FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

MONDAY 9TH DECEMBER

7.30AM, 10AM OUR LADY & ST. DAVID

10AM SALLINS

9.30AM TWO MILE HOUSE

7PM (MON) BALLYCANE

## Eucharistic Adoration in St. Peter's

Two Mile House after 9.30am Mass on  
Monday, 9th December until 7pm.

## EXPLORING OUR SPIRITUAL LIFE



### Fasting

Tuesday 7.15-8pm, Day Chapel,  
Ballycane Church.

3rd December. *All welcome.*

*Teas/Coffee and biscuits afterwards.*

Tuesdays in Advent....

### Prayer Service with Adoration

Sallins Church, 10am.

Starting Tuesday 3rd December.



**First Thursday**  
**Eucharistic Adoration,**  
**Ballycane Day Chapel**  
**9.15pm -10.15pm on Thurs. 5<sup>th</sup> Dec.**  
**All are Welcome.**



## Welcome Fr. Yohan!

*We are delighted to welcome  
Fr. Yohan Fernando, native of  
Sri Lanka.*

We are delighted that Bishop Denis has appointed Yohan to our three Parishes. He is most welcome, and we are very pleased with the additional pastoral assistance, especially as we approach Christmas.

We have felt the absence of Fr. Alex since May, and we have endeavoured to cover many unseen gaps that are not necessarily apparent to the general public. Fr. Yohan is appointed on a temporary basis, until he receives an official diocesan appointment in the New Year 2025.

In the meantime, we hope Fr. Yohan will be happy among us, it is great to have him join the Team.

## Family Masses: 7th & 8th December

**OLSD:** Sat. 6pm & Sun. 11am

**Sallins:** Saturday 7pm

**TMH:** Sunday 10am

**Ballycane:** Sun 10.30am & 12noon

**All families are welcome to attend a family Mass in any Church which suits their schedule.**



The **Advent** Collection for the Priests of the Parish will be taken up at all Masses in Naas & Sallins this weekend. Thank you for your continued support.

# Naas ~ Sallins ~ Two Mile House Parish Pilgrimage

*Spiritual Director: Fr. Liam Morgan*

## Lourdes and the Shrines of France

21st - 27th September 2025



### Information

Full package: €1,390 pp

Single person supplement: €225pp

Deposit: €350 per person.

### Package includes:

- \* All coach journeys from arriving in Paris until departing from Bordeaux Airport
- \* Flight from Dublin to Paris
- \* Return flight from Bordeaux to Dublin  
*(journey time from Lourdes to Bordeaux Airport is approximately 2½ hours)*

**Half-board accommodation** in each of

- \* Paris
- \* Liseux
- \* Nevers
- \* Rocamadour

**2 nights full-board** in

- \* Lourdes
- \* Boat ride on the River Seine
- \* Half day guided tour of Paris
- \* Half day guided tour of Liseux
- \* Little Train Tour in Rocamadour

### Package does not include:

Drinks with dinners, lunches (except in Lourdes) and gratuities to the driver.

For further information and booking, contact:

**Parish Office, Sallins Road, Naas**

**Phone:** 045 879730 **Email:** office@naasparish.net

**This pilgrimage is being operated by Tangney Tours, UK.**

## The Society of St. Vincent de Paul in Naas is holding its Annual Christmas Appeal.

Our church door collections will take place on **the weekend of 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> December**. You may donate at the church door collections, in Naas, Two Mile House and Kill, with your bank card as well as with cash. If you prefer you may donate using the envelope received through your letterbox. **Please do not post cash.** We help those in poverty and in need in the Naas, Johnstown, Kill and Two Mile House areas. The cost-of-living crisis has created many new problems and stress for many people in our area. To receive a receipt please include your name and address. We may contact you in relation to the Revenue Commissioners' taxback scheme, which can increase donations by up to 45% if you donate €250 or more. Please see <https://www.svp.ie/privacy.aspx> for our Privacy Statement. (Charity Reg. No. CHY6892).



### Sallins Lourdes Fundraising Raffle

Sat. 7th December after 7pm Mass in the Parish Centre.

Tickets will be on sale...

- In the **church porch** on Sat 30th of November and Sun 1st of December.

For more information or tickets please contact Rita Fanning on 087 6535112 .



### SCRIPTURE SHARING INVITATION

Study the Sunday Scriptures during Advent in the Upper Room in Our Lady & St. David's Church after the 10am Mass on Tuesdays, **starting on Tuesday 3rd December.**



### Owen C. Lynch Christmas Concert

Suono Ladies & OCL Male Choirs & Special Guest soloists with an 18 piece Orchestra, in CBS Secondary School, Naas, 14th Dec at 7.30pm  
Tickets €25. To book call Veronica 087 794 0850.



**EXTENDED CHRISTMAS OPENING TIMES**  
FOR THE **PARISH SHOP**, SALLINS ROAD  
ON **SATURDAYS 7<sup>TH</sup>, 14<sup>TH</sup> & 21<sup>ST</sup> DEC.**  
**OPENING HOURS ARE 9.30AM -3.30PM**

Benefit Concert in Aid of **McAuley Place Beaufort Project**

## The Baldonnell Singers & Nás Na Rí Singers in Concert

With Special Guest Tenor **Paul Linehan**  
13th Dec. 8pm in

Tickets €25 available from

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**Our Lady & St. David's Church**

## CEREMONY OF LIGHT

Join us after the 6pm mass  
Saturday 14th December

PROCESSION FROM THE CHURCH OF OUR LADY AND ST. DAVID TO NAAS HARBOUR AREA 6:45PM

Candles available from Naas Parish shop €5 ea.

### Sallins Sunshine Club Christmas Party

Sunday 8th of Dec, Westgrove Hotel, Clane.

RSVP: by 1st Dec. to Fran Walsh on 086 792 7770



### Worried about Christmas Expenses?

Sallins St. Vincent de Paul can help those struggling with expenses for Christmas.

If you would like to be included in our Christmas list, register online at [SVP.ie](http://SVP.ie)

Confidentiality assured



### Christmas Concert 19th Dec at 8pm

in aid of the Irish Cancer Society,  
in the Church of Ss Mary & Laurence,  
Crookstown, R14 WD80

Tickets €20 available from [www.eventbrite.ie](http://www.eventbrite.ie)

### Annual Christmas Craft Fair in Caragh

Sunday 1st Dec. 12noon-4.30pm in  
Caragh Community Centre

Full of Christmas spirit, festive fun & food & special gifts! **Admission Free.**

**Visit Santa 12.30-4.30pm** and Mrs Claus' kitchen, taste her special cookies (North Pole recipe), visit the elves and the HoHoHo room. **Tickets €5, limited numbers.**



## Naas Parish Weekly Lotto Draw

There was no winner of the €3,600 on 27th November

**Numbers Drawn were: 9-18-16-21**

**Lucky Dip: A. Begley, P. & M. McCabe, Anon., R. McCabe**

You could win the Jackpot of **€3,850** on Weds. 4th December

Thank you for your support!