

Parish Newsletter

24th November 2024

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

No: 1973



Jn 18:33-37

Confirmation Retreats 2024

Most of the Confirmation Candidates from our Parish Schools participated in their Confirmation Retreats recently as school groups. These retreats were led by members of the Parish Youth Ministry Team and the chaplain from each of the schools. They took place in Solas Bhríde, the Brigidine Sisters' Centre in Kildare Town, a beautiful setting to reflect and pray.

Each group began the day with Mass, and the Retreats then focused on the Holy Spirit in our lives, and introduced the young people to the gifts of the Holy Spirit, and how those gifts help each of us to become the person God wants us to be. They also considered the fruits of the Holy Spirit, (Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Goodness, Kindness, Gentleness, Faithfulness and Self Control) and how they can enrich our lives.

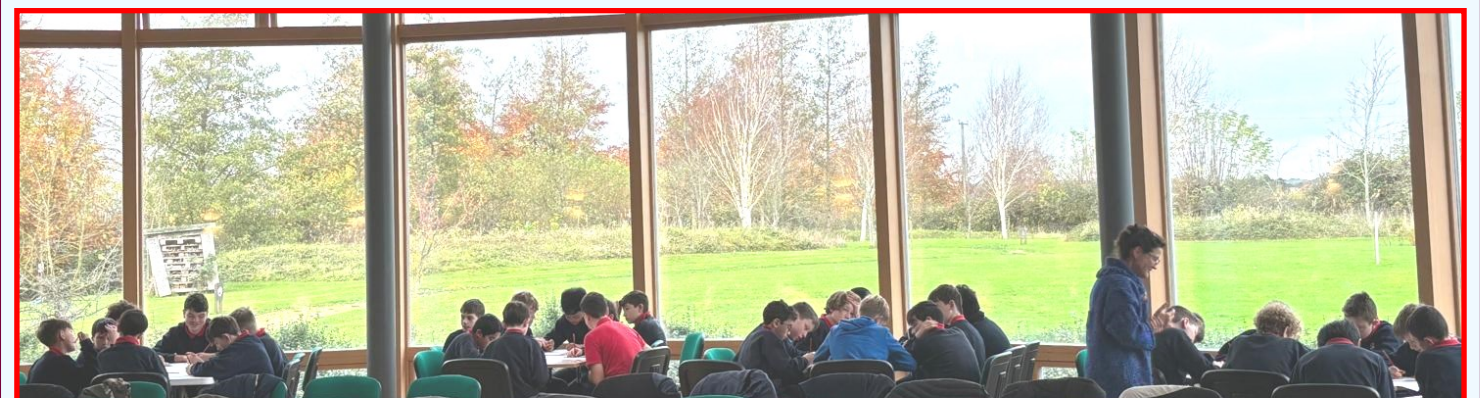
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We were very lucky with the weather, and each group enjoyed a walk to St Brigid's Well, to pray, and to learn a little more about our Patron Saint, and the history of our Faith in this county.

Thanks are due to the leaders and to Deacon Laurence for their dedication and commitment to the young people of Sixth Class and to the teachers who accompanied the children to Solas Bhríde.



Summary of Sallins Accounts for 2023

	2023	2022
<u>Income Received</u>		
Basket Collection	28,227	25,046
Envelope Collection	23,250	22,123
Shrine Income	8,266	6,720
Car Park Income	10,088	1,800
Tax Refunds/Rebate	9,391	6,935
Weddings/Funerals	1,810	1,050
Deposit Interest Received	5	5
Other Income	4,989	204
	€86,025	€63,882
<u>Expenditure Incurred</u>		
Office Admin, Newsletters	8,000	9,883
Pastoral Programme Expenses	547	337
Insurance	3,114	2,885
Light and heat	1,213	1,109
Rates, Water, LPT, Waste Collection	186	177
Repairs and maintenance	3,082	13,912
Diocesan Levy	17,196	17,196
Printing & Stationery	888	946
Altar Shrine Requisites	5,179	3,525
Telephone, Broadband and Internet related expenses	1,813	535
Computer software, hardware and servicing costs	264	1,033
Music/Choir Expenses	4,950	3,100
Legal and Professional	1,876	-
Accountancy Fees/Bank charges	268	263
General expenses	2,480	1,000
	€51,055	€55,900
Surplus of Income over Expenditure	€34,969	€7,982

To the Parishioners of Sallins,

The members of the Parish Finance Committee wish to sincerely thank all those who contributed to the Finances of the Parish over the past year. Your generosity has helped maintain and support the upkeep of our Parish and Church Buildings. As you can see, our finances at the end of 2023 were very healthy.

Not reflected in the above, is the expenditure this year including the refurbishment of the Church which came to approximately €125,000. Additionally, thanks to all, including some from outside of Sallins Parish, who contributed to the 'once-off collection' to help with these works, this collection came to €14,440. These figures will appear in the accounts next year. Thank you for your tremendous support in 2023 and also in this calendar year

We also wish to thank those who have participated in the Tax Donation Scheme which increases your contribution by an additional 45%. If you are interested in participation in this scheme please contact the Parish Office in Naas.

In addition to our envelope and basket collections, we benefited from car park rental income and a covid insurance claim for 2020 which increased our 'Other Income' category.

Once again, many thanks.

Kieran O'Keeffe (Chairperson), November 2024

Finance Committee: Kieran O'Keeffe (Chairperson), Mary McConnon (Secretary), Geraldine Sexton, Tom Cross, Brian Kenny, Garrett Prendiville, Fr. Liam Morgan

Summary of Two Mile House Accounts for 2023

	2023	2022
<u>Income Received</u>		
Basket Collection	22,446	17,075
Envelope Collection	17,621	18,717
Shrine Income	3,310	2,882
Tax Refunds/Rebate	9,578	8,252
Weddings/Graves/Church Bookings	7,350	2,440
Income from Parish Investment Fund	910	837
Other Income	2,635	735
	€63,850	€50,938
<u>Expenditure Incurred</u>		
Office Support, Newsletters	7,000	7,000
Pastoral Programme Expenses	-	173
Insurance	2,889	2,636
Security	2,521	964
Light and heat	3,776	4,778
Cleaning	195	1,556
Repairs and maintenance	60,947	11,751
Diocesan Levy	4,310	4,310
Printing & Stationery	243	437
Altar Shrine Requisites	1,334	1,696
Computer software, hardware and servicing costs	4,242	-
Youth and Community Expenses	141	773
Accountancy Fees/Bank charges	2,016	1,190
General expenses	2,600	355
	€92,214	€37,618
Surplus of Income over Expenditure	-€28,364	€13,320

To the Parishioners of Two Mile House,

The members of the Parish Finance Committee thank you for your contributions to the finances of the Parish in 2023 as reflected in the statement above.

The summary of income reflects that the parish finances are sufficient to provide for the Church, Graveyard and Parish House to be maintained to a safe and sustainable standard.

In 2023, a number of once-off capital improvement works were carried out to the Parish House which included insulation wrapping, replacing all of the windows, new security, painting, paving and related works. These works have resulted in the property being more efficient to maintain and being more comfortable.

The expenses incurred on computer services reflect a 3-year service period for streaming the web camera.

We are grateful for your participation in the Charitable Donation Scheme which contributes a significant amount to the Parish finances each year; and €9,600 was received in 2023. Parishioners contributing either by the envelopes or by an identifiable online contribution, and who have signed the consent form, increase the value of their contribution by up to 45%. If anyone wishes to join the scheme, please contact any of the Committee members listed below. Our renewed thanks for your consistent and faithful support to the Parish.

Maura Conneely (Chairperson), November 2024

Finance Committee: Maura Conneely (Chairperson), Fr. Liam Morgan, Fr. Michael Flattery, Art Shirran, Cathal O'Boyle, John Quinn, Marie Casey.



"THOSE WHO DIE IN GRACE GO BUT TO GOD AND GOD IS VERY NEAR"
John McMahon, The Paddocks
MAY HE REST IN PEACE

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EXPLORING OUR SPIRITUAL LIFE



Fasting

Tuesday 7.15-8pm, Day Chapel,
Ballycane Church.
26th November. *All welcome.*
Teas/Coffee and biscuits afterwards.

Sallins Sunshine Club Christmas Party

Sunday 8th of December,
Westgrove Hotel, Clane.
RSVP: before Sunday 1st December to
Fran Walsh on 086 792 7770

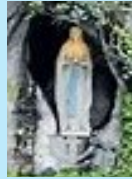


Divine Mercy Prayers
6pm Adoration Chapel, Ballycane,
Wed. 27th November,
Followed by Rosary.
All are Welcome.

Sallins Lourdes Fundraising Raffle

Sat. 7th December after 7pm Mass in the Parish Centre.
Tickets will be on sale...

- **outside Supervalu** on Friday & Saturday 22nd/23rd & 29th/30th of November.
- **In the church porch** on Sat 30th of November and Sun 1st of December.



Volunteer Bingo caller required

Care of the Aged Centre at 8pm each
Tuesday. To start immediately.
Contact: Mary Hart 0863754566



Recent Baptisms

Caleb Conroy Brien, Rathaskar Ct.
Chloe Darcy, Craddockstown Rise
Caeláin McCormack, Lacken View
Luka Jurkovic, Piper's Hill



Concert in Ballycane Church

Ballycane Church Choir Annual Concert
Sunday 24th November
6.30pm to 8pm.

TODAY

Admission free.



Coffee Morning and Bake Sale in aid of Dogs
for the Disabled.
TMH GAA on December 1st at 11am.



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
Confidentiality assured



Little Way Cancer Support Centre, Clane
Christmas Craft Fair - Sunday, 1st December
11am-4pm (Eircode: W91 C309).

Contact : Clane@little-way.org or call 045 902996

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's New Grotto and
Mrs Claus kitchen, taste her special
cookies and colour a picture for
Santa to present to him on your
visit, (tickets €5 limited numbers).



LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTIONS

Naas: Development Fund: €3,395 Offertory: €2,640
Online donations (14th - 20th Nov): €243
Tap&Go (14th - 20th Nov): €715
Sallins: Envelopes: €440 Baskets: €555
TMH: €445

Naas Parish Weekly Lotto Draw

There was no winner of the €3,350 on 20th November

Numbers Drawn were: 15-1-25-12

Lucky Dip: Anon., M. Cully, P. Kilfeather, E. Lalor

You could win the Jackpot of €3,600 on Weds. 27th November

Thank you for your support!