

Parish Newsletter

15th December 2024

Third Sunday of Advent



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An invitation to join us for our **Parish Penitential Service**

Wednesday 18th of December at 7.30pm

The Church of Our Lady and St. David (Parish Church)

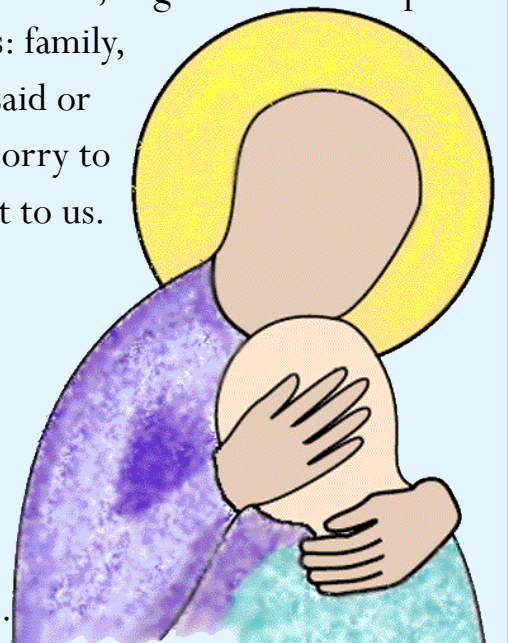
In our preparations for Christmas we often like to give the house a deep clean, to perhaps declutter. To have it spick and span for the Christmas Season. Often in readiness for family and visitors who will call. When it's done we feel a sense of personal satisfaction, the thought of a job well done!

When it comes to the Spiritual Life we similarly when reflecting upon our lives want to do a deep 'cleanse'. To acknowledge those areas of our lives that are sinful, negative or not helpful to our overall wellbeing. Mindful that we share life with others: family, work colleagues, neighbours and friends. Sometimes if we've said or done something hurtful we want to say, 'we are sorry'. To say sorry to God, is to say how we love and appreciate those who are closest to us.

When we come to Jesus in confession, we encounter there the heart that loves, forgives and offers mercy.

At Christmas, we are reminded that our God has a heart, a heart that knows and feels our struggle, our human weakness. His, is a heart filled with infinite mercy and love for each of us.

Why not join us for our Parish Penance Service and experience that love and mercy of God revealed in Christ Jesus.



We would like to invite you to join us for our **Special Christmas Preparation Masses** starting on Tuesday 17th December and finishing on Tuesday 24th December, in preparation for the celebration of Christmas.

The 7.30am Masses for this period will be moved to 7am and will finish at the usual time. There will additionally be a 7am Mass on Saturday 21st December and the Christmas Preparation Mass for Sunday will be at 9am.



PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION

NAAS PARISH OFFICE: Tel.: 045 879 730

E-mail: office@naasparish.net

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

FACEBOOK: facebook.com/naasparish

TWITTER: @naasparish

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
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PARISH WEBSITE: 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
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Dn. Laurence Timaru	Parish Deacon	045 879730
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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

Ailbhe Kelly, Oak Glade



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

Josie Finn, Rathasker Court

Anne Marie Fitzsimons, Dublin Road

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

EXPLORING OUR SPIRITUAL LIFE



Is now taking a break over the Christmas period, it will return on

Tuesday 21st January 2025

Tuesdays in Advent....

Prayer Service with Adoration

**Sallins Church, 10am.
Concluding on Tuesday
17th December.**



LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTIONS

Naas: Development Fund: €3,420 Offertory: €2,725

Online donations (5th - 11th Dec): €245

Tap&Go (5th - 11th Dec): €700

Sallins: Envelopes: €340 Baskets: €625

TMH: €501

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,



continuing on Tues. 17th December.

Naas and Sallins Boxes of Envelopes for 2025

Are now available from the Church porches. Please could you write your name and address on the first few envelopes which you use, this would allow us to keep a track of your donations during the year. If you donate more than €250 in any one year the parish can claim back the tax from revenue on this amount.

In recent years the parishes have claimed back over €250,000 from revenue under this scheme.

For further information on participating in the tax back scheme, please call into the Parish Office on the Sallins Road.

Improvement works at Ballycane Church

Work will commence next week to replace our car park lighting in Ballycane with more energy and cost efficient LED lights. The new lights will greatly improve the lighting of walkways and church entrances, which will be a big benefit to all in these dark winter evenings.

The work is expected to start on Tuesday next week and continue until Friday. During that time some parking restrictions will need to be applied, particularly at parking spaces adjoining lamp posts, to accommodate the hoist equipment needed. **We ask anyone using the car park on these days to be alert to these restrictions and to give them your full cooperation.**



**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.

Christmas Carols

with

**CELINE
BYRNE**

& Combined Choirs

Church of Our Lady and
St. David, Naas, Kildare
Sunday 22nd December 2024
at 7.30pm



FREE EVENT

*Donations on the night to St. Vincent de Paul
Organised by NaasPoint*



Sallins Local History Society have an informal evening at 7.30pm Mon., 16th December in the Railway Inn, Sallins with our photo exhibition on display and complimentary mulled wine & mince pies.

All welcome.



Confirmation Preparation Mass

Sunday 22nd December

4th Sunday of the month

12noon in Ballycane Church

Candidates for Confirmation and their families are invited to attend this special

Mass as part of their Confirmation Preparation.



Please see the Parish Shops on the Sallins Road and at Ballycane Church...

for Crib Sets, Christmas Gifts, Candles, Ornaments, Christmas Mass Bouquets and Boxes of Christmas Cards. Diaries and Calendars for 2025 including Liturgical Calendars, Naas Tidy Towns Christmas Cards and Hanging Decorations .

And, **don't forget your books of Christmas Stamps ...and your raffle tickets**

to win a beautiful Christmas Hamper - draw will take place on Wednesday 18th December at 11am in the Parish Shop on the Sallins Road.



After Christmas we will begin the **Faith Friends**

Programme for Confirmation.

Registration is now open on the parish website.

Please make sure that you are registered if you would like to take part in this.



The Parish Office and Shop will close early on Monday 16th December. It will close at 2.30pm.

Open as usual on Tuesday 17th December all the way through until Tuesday 24th December!

seniorline

National Confidential Listening Service for Older People

Would you like someone to talk to over Christmas?

SeniorLine is Ireland's national telephone service for older people open every day of the year 10am-10pm, **Freephone 1800 80 45 91.**

You may feel isolated, alone, bereaved or far from family. SeniorLine's older volunteers are trained to listen, to support and refer to other helpful services if necessary.

So don't be alone and lift the phone.

No problem too big or too small.



Naas, Sallins and Two Mile House Parishes

Christmas Timetable 2024

PENITENTIAL SERVICES

Saturday 14th Dec	Family Penitential Service	Ballycane Church	11am
Tuesday 17th Dec	Kill Penitential Service	Kill Church	7.30pm
Wednesday 18th Dec	Parish Penitential Service	Our Lady & St David's	7.30pm

Please note, no 7pm Mass in Ballycane Church on Wednesday 18th December

CONFESSION TIMES: Tuesday 24th December

Our Lady & St David's Church: 10.30am – 12.30pm

Please note, no confessions in Our Lady and St. David's Church on Saturday 21st December

CHRISTMAS EVE MASS TIMES, Tuesday 24th December

Our Lady & St David's Church:	5pm, 7pm, 9pm and 11pm
Church of the Irish Martyrs:	4pm, 6pm and 8pm
Our Lady & the Guardian Angels, Sallins:	5.30pm and 7pm
St Peter's Church, Two Mile House:	7.30pm

CHRISTMAS DAY MASS TIMES, Wednesday 25th December

Our Lady & St David's Church:	9am, 11am and 12.30pm
Church of the Irish Martyrs:	10.30am and 12noon
Our Lady & the Guardian Angels, Sallins:	10am and 11.30am
St Peter's Church, Two Mile House:	10am

THURSDAY 26th December – FRIDAY 3rd January

Weekdays:	Our Lady & St David's Church: 10am
Weekends:	Normal Mass Schedule

No other weekday Masses in Ballycane and Sallins.

Normal Mass Schedule resumes from Saturday 4th January

FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY MASS TIMES, Monday 6th January

Our Lady & St David's Church:	7.30am, 10am
Our Lady & the Guardian Angels, Sallins:	10am
St Peter's Church, Two Mile House:	9.30am
Church of the Irish Martyrs:	7pm

Please note: Ballycane Centre and Day Chapel will be closed from Mon 23rd Dec. until Mon 6th Jan.
No adoration in OLSD on 28th/29th December or on 4th/5th January.



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



Naas Parish Weekly Lotto Draw

There was no winner of the €4,100 on 11th December

Numbers Drawn were: 9-19-12-5

Lucky Dip: V. Keogh, O. & B. Hennessy, M. Trant, M. Taafe

You could win the Jackpot of €4,350 on Weds. 18th December

Thank you for your support!