

# Parish Newsletter

12th January 2025

## The Baptism of the Lord



No: 1978

Lk 3: 15-16, 21-22

### Diocesan Appointments – January 2025

On Monday last, Bishop Denis made the following announcement:

- \* *Fr. John Heinhold SPS to become PP Baltinglass, assisted by Fr. Laurence Kurgat SPS (Kenyan) and Fr. Vincent Agundiade SPS (Nigerian) – the Kiltegan Fathers are to establish a Mission Parish in the heart of our diocese.*
- \* *Fr. Ger Ahern PP Baltinglass to become PP Tullow*
- \* *Fr. Andy Leahy to become CC Clonegal and Myshall while residing for now in St. Patrick's Missionary Society, Kiltegan*
- \* **Fr. Yohan Fernando** on loan from Badulla Diocese (Sri Lanka) to become CC Naas, Sallins and Two Mile House while also working in the wider Pastoral Area which includes Kill. **We are delighted to welcome Fr. Yohan to the Parish Team in Naas, Sallins and Two Mile House and we wish him well as he settles in.**



Fr. Yohan



**Naas Tidy Towns** and its very many volunteers, along with local political representatives, bring once again huge honour and national recognition to our beautiful, well-kept town. A fitting 'accolade' to be declared Ireland's cleanest town by IBAL, and a well-deserved result for the huge effort and consistent hard work. **'Congratulations to one and all'** from the Parish!

It is our third time to win the National Award since 2021.

If you would like to join our winning team please text Vourneen on 086 8138821.

### 'The Christmas Collection'

A sincere thank you from Michael, Robert, Yohan and Liam. As priests of the parish, we wish to convey our deep gratitude and heartfelt thanks for your very kind and generous response to the above collection.

Your generosity is both affirming and encouraging of our ministry, and for that we are most grateful. As priests, we receive a set monthly stipend (salary) in accordance with a diocesan directive for all clergy ministering in our diocese. Again, our renewed thanks.



## PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION

NAAS PARISH OFFICE: Tel.: 045 879 730

E-mail: [office@naasparish.net](mailto: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](https://www.facebook.com/naasparish)

TWITTER: @naasparish

### SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN PARISH REPRESENTATIVES

**Naas:** Geraldine Faherty & Adrian King  
**Sallins:** Dermot McGilloy & 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

**PRIEST ON DUTY: 085 708 8407**

**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.*

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

Veronica Kinane, Dublin Road

Pat Deery, Oldtown View

Bernard O'Connor, Craddockstown

Moira Maguire, Kilcullen Road

Michael Slattery, Lakelands

Eamonn Keenan, Lakelands

Maurice Byrne, Hillview, Sallins

**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*

### LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTIONS

**Naas:** Development Fund: €3,535 Offertory: €2,595

**Online donations** (2nd - 8th Jan): €295

**Tap&Go** (2nd - 8th Jan): €720

**Sallins:** Envelopes: €445 Baskets: €485

**TMH:** €555

Registration is now open online on the Parish Website for the **Faith Friends** Programme for **Confirmation**.

The programme will start on Friday

17th January and continue on the

following two Fridays in Ballycane

Church from 7.30-8.30pm.

Please register if you wish to take part.



### No Evening Mass - Wednesday 15th January

No Mass in Ballycane Church at 7pm on Wednesday

due to a Ceremony of Light for Confirmation

Candidates taking place at that time.

For the full list of Ceremonies of Light, please see the Parish Website.

### Recent Baptisms

Grace Eustace, Newbridge

Julia Cusak, Bellingsfield

Amelia Smyth, London

Sophia Feeney, Athgarvan

Ailbhe Kelly, Oak Glade

Micheál Óg Mullan, Athgarvan

Faró Mullan, Athgarvan

Oliver Keenan, Oldbridge Station

Grace Gainey, Castlefarm

Ailbhe Robson, Arconagh

Chloe Nazambi, Sunday's Well

Daniel Nazambi, Sunday's Well

Jonathan Nazambi, Sunday's Well

Evan O'Brien, Bellingsfield

Sadie MacSweeney, Elsmore

Jenson Murphy, Virginia, USA

Anna Grealish, Longstone

Ben Curran, Morell Drive

### Naas and Sallins - Boxes of Envelopes for 2025

Thank you very much to everyone who has already collected a Box of Donation Envelopes for 2025, there are still some available from the Church Porches, Parish Offices and Sacristies.

If you contribute by envelope each week, we ask you to kindly write your name and address on the first few envelopes that you use. Even if you have picked up the same envelope number as last year, we would ask you to do this. This is essential for identifying donations for the Tax Back Scheme which is so beneficial to our parishes. For further information on participating in the Tax Back Scheme, please call into the Parish Office on the Sallins Road.

Thank you for the many ways in which you support our parishes.

# Parish Pilgrimage to Medjugorje: 11<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> June 2025

Direct flights to Mostar - Medjugorje

**€805pps \***

\* Please note that this price will increase to €855 if booked after 31st Jan.

For more information on joining the group please contact:

John & Catherine Murphy 086 856 3773

### Price includes:

- \* Flights Direct to Mostar, Medjugorje
- \* 7 nights air-conditioned accommodation
- \* Freshly prepared breakfast & dinner
- \* Luxury coach transfers with local guide

Full religious programme  
operated by Marian Pilgrimages  
Medjugorje Team.  
[www.marian.ie](http://www.marian.ie)



## Parish Youth Groups

are back in Ballycane Church, please note the new start time of 6.30pm. You do not need to register in advance.

The following groups are available:

**St. Joseph's** - for children from Junior infants to 2nd class

**St. Mary's** - for 3rd to 6th class

**St. Patrick's** - 1st to 4th years in Secondary School.

All three Youth Clubs meet from 6.30-7.30pm, parents are invited in at 7.15pm to meet for a chat over a cup of tea/coffee. All are welcome.



McAuley  
Place  
Presents:

## Celine Byrne in Concert

A Fundraising Concert in Aid of  
McAuley Place Beaufort Project



Thursday 30th January 2025 at 8pm

Lawlors Hotel Naas

Tickets €30

Available at

[www.mcauleyplace.ie](http://www.mcauleyplace.ie) or  
McAuley Place Reception

## 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](mailto:office@naasparish.net)

This pilgrimage is being operated by Tangney Tours, UK.

# FATIMA PILGRIMAGES

## PILGRIMAGES TO FATIMA

### GUIDED TOUR

3\* HOTEL SANTA AMARO  
FLIGHTS INCLUDED | FULL BOARD

#### VISITING:

Chapel of the Apparitions  
The Church of the Holy Trinity  
Guided tour of the Sanctuary  
Hungarian Stations of the Cross  
Aljustrel  
Partake in the Easter Celebrations

#### FROM

€859pp

5 NTS

#### TRAVEL DATE:

17th APRIL 2025

#### VISITING:

Chapel of the Apparitions  
The Church of the Holy Trinity  
Guided tour of the Sanctuary  
Hungarian Stations of the Cross  
Aljustrel  
\*Optional tour to Lisbon for St. Anthony's Feast Day

#### FROM

€895pp

5 NTS

#### TRAVEL DATE:

9th JUNE 2025

June Pilgrimage accompanied by:

Fr. Robert Petrisor

For further information please contact:

Group Leader James Treacy : Tel 061-921470 or Mob 086-0572216

Barter's Travelnet : 021 485 1700 or kcallaghan@travelnet.ie

## NAAS TOASTMASTERS

DEVELOP YOUR SELF CONFIDENCE &  
LEARN THE SKILL OF PUBLIC SPEAKING:  
2ND AND 4TH WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH STARTING  
ON JANUARY 22ND AT THE LUISNE SUITE,  
MCAULEY PLACE AT 7.45PM.

GUESTS CAN ATTEND FREE (TWICE)  
WITHOUT OBLIGATION.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:  
MAINSPEAKER@GMAIL.COM



www.monasterevinparish.ie

# St Brigid's CAMINO MONASTEREVIN PARISH

MONDAY, 3RD FEBRUARY

JOIN A CAMINO WALK IN HONOUR OF  
ST. BRIGID - STARTING AT HER SHRINE IN  
MOUNTRICE (W34 X529) AT 11AM, CAR  
PARK AVAILABLE - THE WALK WILL BE LED  
BY BISHOP DENIS AND WILL FINISH AT STS  
PETER & PAUL CHURCH, MONASTEREVIN  
WITH A SERVICE OF LIGHT AT 12.30PM.

- ◆ BUS AVAILABLE FROM MONASTEREVIN (PAY ON BUS)
- ◆ PARTICIPANTS WILL RECEIVE A ST. BRIGID CAMINO PASSPORT.
- ◆ ST BRIGID'S CROSSES AND REFRESHMENTS WILL BE PROVIDED ON THE DAY.
- ◆ FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT MONASTEREVIN PARISH OFFICE: 045 525346

## KILDARE & LEIGHLIN DIOCESAN

### PILGRIMAGE TO ROME CANONISATION OF BLESSED CARLOS ACUTIS

*Escorted group Pilgrimage including  
passage through the Holy Door of St. Peter's  
Basilica, Canonisation of Carlos Acutis &  
day trip to Assisi*

- INCLUDED**
- Return direct flights Dublin/Rome
  - Luxury air-conditioned coach throughout
  - 4 nights Hotel Saint John in Rome
  - Day trip to Assisi
  - Full religious programme
  - Services of guide throughout
  - Mass daily & Spiritual activities
  - All airport taxes and Local City Taxes



€1,355pps  
25<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> April 2025  
Single room supplement €600

FURTHER DETAILS CONTACT

Marian Pilgrimages

FULL ITINERARY AVAILABLE AT WWW.MARIAN.IE

Spiritual Director: Fr. David Vard

Naas Musical Society presents:



Join us for a night of fun, games & prizes!

Drinks on arrival at 7pm  
BINGO at 8pm

Tickets available on Eventbrite

**JAN 25TH, 2025**

KILLASHEE HOTEL ⚡ TICKETS €25

## Naas Parish Weekly Lotto Draw

There was no winner of the €4,600 on 8th January  
**Numbers Drawn were: 16-19-11-25**

**Lucky Dip:** G. McCarthy, M. Williams, Anon, N. Kavanagh

You could win the Jackpot of **€4,850** on Weds. 15th January  
Thank you for your support.