

Parish Newsletter

19th January 2025

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



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Jack and the Beanstalk ... and the Altar Servers....



We are lucky to have very dedicated **Altar Servers** in all of our churches, and they add a lot to our celebration of Mass and other ceremonies across the parishes. As a thank you we brought them as a group to see the Pantomime in the Moat Theatre after Christmas. They enjoyed some pizza and a chat and a little bit of training in the parish centre, before heading up to the theatre for the evening's entertainment. Thank you to the parents who bring them to Mass so faithfully, and to Fr Robert who trains them in this important part of the Liturgy. If you would like to become part of this group, and have made your First Holy Communion, please contact the parish office or one of the priests to arrange training.

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 CONTACT INFORMATION

NAAS PARISH OFFICE: Tel.: 045 879 730

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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

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TWITTER: @naasparish

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN PARISH REPRESENTATIVES

Naas: Geraldine Faherty & Adrian King
Sallins: Dermot McGilloy & Gillian Fitzharris
Two Mile House: Paula Clancy & Suzanne Powell
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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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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"**

Frances Coyle, St. Martin's Ave

Madeline Cunningham,

Cluain Aoibhinn

Christine Kennedy,

Gleann na Riogh Dr.

Donal Power, Monread Road

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE



Confirmation Preparation Mass

Sunday 26th January

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.



Recent Baptisms

Raymond Hanily, Newbridge

Leo Fox, Longstone



The Society of St. Vincent de Paul extends its grateful appreciation and thanks to Celine Byrne for her wonderful Christmas Carols concert. Thanks also to the combined choirs and children for their participation. With your generous support the event raised almost €8,000 of much needed funds.

We also extend our deep gratitude for your kind support to our 2024 Annual Christmas Appeal. We help those in poverty and in need in the Naas, Johnstown, Kill and Two-Mile-House areas. Your kind donations greatly help us to maintain our vital work and makes a genuine difference to the lives of those we support. Thank You. (Charity Reg. No. CHY6892).

EXPLORING OUR SPIRITUAL LIFE

*The New Journey
continues...*

*Prayer - The Lord's
Prayer*

*Tuesday 7.15-8pm,
Day Chapel,
Ballycane Church.
21st January.*

*All welcome.
Teas/Coffee and
biscuits afterwards.*



LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTIONS

Naas: Development Fund: €4,624 Offertory: €3,545

Online donations (9th - 15th Jan): €243

Tap&Go (9th - 15th Jan): €570

Sallins: Envelopes: €360 Baskets: €625

TMH: €620

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.





Catholic Schools Week 2025 – Alive in Christ!

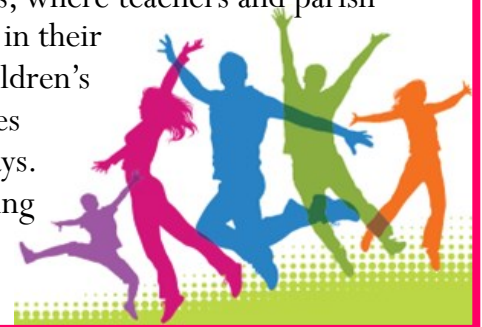
Catholic Schools Week 2025 begins on Sunday 19th January, and we look forward to marking this week in the Catholic Schools in our parishes.

The theme this year, “Alive in Christ!” asks us to reflect on living life to the full, with God at the centre. In our schools we promote the values of our faith, and we build from the idea of each person being important, to the importance of loving others and loving God.

This year, there is a theme for each day in the school week, covering friendship, family life, our faith community and the wider community.

As a parish, we are grateful to the work of our schools in promoting the ethos and values of our faith, and in preparing the children and young people to live a life based on Christian values. We thank God for the many links between the parish and all our schools. The teachers, especially those who prepare children for the Sacraments are playing an invaluable role in supporting parents and the parish at these special times.

The work of the parish and all our schools is closely linked throughout the year, marking the seasons and supporting each other. The school visits by the Chaplains from the parish team, the celebrations of the new year, Christmas, Easter, Sacraments, Confirmation Retreats, Graduations and so many more occasions are times of great joy and energy. Programmes like the Pope John Paul Awards, where teachers and parish leaders work together to encourage teenagers to become actively involved in their faith are filled with hope. The Meitheal teams, the Mercy Leaders, the Children’s Rosary groups, Children’s Adoration Groups and many other faith initiatives in our schools are leading children closer to God in gentle and reverent ways. In this Catholic Schools Week, we give thanks to God for all that is happening in our schools, and for the way they nurture and cherish our children and young people throughout their young lives.



Parish Pilgrimage to Medjugorje: 11th-18th June 2025

Direct flights to Mostar - Medjugorje

€805pps*

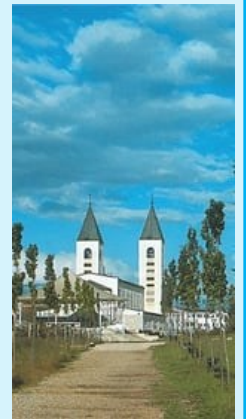
* Please note that this price will increase to €855 if booked after 31st Jan.

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



Lourdes and the Shrines of France

Spiritual Director: Fr. Liam Morgan

21st - 27th September 2025

Total cost: €1,390 pps Single person supl: €225pp Deposit: €350.

Staying in Parish, Lisieux, Nevers, Rocamadour and Lourdes.

For more details, see poster on the parish website or contact the Parish Office.



FUNDRAISER IN AID OF NAAS CBS



Sunday 26th January 2025
Naas GAA Club House at 3pm

PRIZES | JACKPOT | RAFFLE

€10 Bingo Card €2 Jackpot

Tickets available from Naas Parish Office & Parent's Council

Escorted tour to **Knock Shrine and Co. Mayo.**

Please see the poster on our Parish Website:

www.naasparish.ie

A Fundraising Concert in Aid of McAuley Place Beaufort Project



Celine Byrne

Thursday 30th January 2025 at 8pm

Lawlors Hotel Naas

Tickets €30

Available at

www.mcauleyplace.ie or

McAuley Place Reception

Join **Monasterevin Parish** for **St. Brigid's Camino** on Monday 3rd February. Please see the poster on our website: www.naasparish.ie or contact Monasterevin Parish Office on 045 525346.

KILDARE & LEIGHLIN DIOCESAN

PILGRIMAGE TO ROME CANONISATION OF BLESSED CARLOS ACUTIS

Escorted group Pilgrimage including passage through the Holy Door of St. Peters 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

FURTHER DETAILS CONTACT

Marian Pilgrimages

FULL ITINERARY AVAILABLE AT WWW.MARIAN.IE

€1,355pps

25th - 29th April 2025

Single room supplement €600

Spiritual Director: Fr. David Vard

Naas Goal Mile would like to thank, sincerely, all who made our mile a great success once again. We have lodged a total contribution of €9,321 to the Goal account.

Míle Buíochas Arís

Naas Parish Weekly Lotto Draw

Congratulations to the lucky **Winner**

of the €4,850 Jackpot on 15th January.

The winner wishes to remain anonymous.

Ticket sold by the Parish Office.

Numbers Drawn were: 2-12-14-4

You could win the Jackpot of **€1,700** on Weds. 22nd January

Tickets from: the Parish Shops, Whelans Menswear, Barker & Jones, Stationery Store, Harbour Hotel, the Soda Bread Shop and Swans on the Green. Also on the Parish Website or Parish App.

Thank you for your support!