## Parish Newsletter

23rd February 2025 Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time



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# Bishop Denis with us next week for Confirmations

This coming week we celebrate the Confirmation Ceremonies for the ten schools within our three parishes. There will be nine Ceremonies involving 396 children.

We thank the teachers, and all who will participate in the Ceremonies, the volunteers who will help, the youth ministry team, the young people who acted as leaders in the Faith Friends programme, and all the parents and most importantly the young people themselves.

We look forward to welcoming Bishop Denis who will be celebrating four of the nine Ceremonies on Wednesday and Thursday. Please see page 3 for the full list of Confirmation Ceremonies.



# A prayer for **POPE FRANCIS**

by James Martin, S

Loving God,

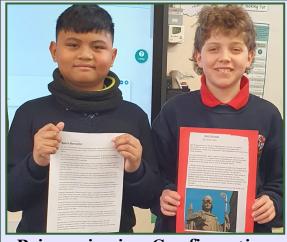
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We ask you to look with favour on your servant Francis, who has served you as a Jesuit, a priest, an archbishop, a cardinal and now as a pope.

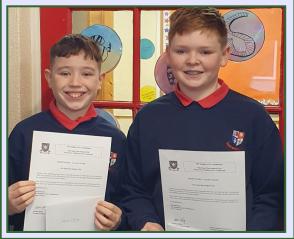
Most of all, he has served you as a faithful Christian, sharing the love, mercy and compassion that your Son showed to all he encountered, especially those who were poor or struggling.

As Francis faces this new illness, help the doctors and nurses who care for him, help him to bear any pain with grace, and help him to heal quickly.

We ask this in your Holy Name. **Amen** 



Prize-winning Confirmation Candidates, see page 3...



#### PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION

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Naas: Geraldine Faherty & Adrian King Sallins: Dermot McGilloway & 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

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Safeguarding Policy is displayed in all Church Porches.

Parish Manager

Youth/Pastoral Minister

045 879 730

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#### "THOSE WHO DIE IN GRACE GO BUT to God and God is very near"

TJ King, Corbally Ann Kelly, Pacelli Road Eithne Loughran, Artisan Cottages Jerome Higgins, Cleevaun MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Divine Mercy Prayers: 6pm, Day Chapel, Ballycane, Wed. 26th Feb. - with Rosary.

#### LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTIONS

Naas: Development Fund: €3,940 Offertory: €3,590

**Online donations** (6th - 12th Feb): €364

**Tap&Go** (6th - 12th Feb): €690

Sallins: Envelopes: €525 Baskets: €510

TMH:





### MASS TIMES for the Pastoral Area of Naas, Sallins, TMH & Kill

#### OUR LADY AND ST. DAVID, NAAS

**WEEKDAYS:** Mon. - Fri: 7.30am & 10am

> 10am Sat: Sat Vigil: 6pm

**SUNDAYS:** 9am, 11am & 6pm

#### **CHURCH OF THE IRISH MARTYRS, BALLYCANE**

**WEDNESDAYS:** 7<sub>pm</sub>

Ms. Trish O'Neill

Ms. Sarah Farmer

**SUNDAYS:** 10.30am & 12noon

#### OUR LADY & THE GUARDIAN ANGELS, SALLINS

**WEEKDAYS:** Fri: 10am Sat Vigil: 7pm

**SUNDAYS:** 11.30am

#### **CHURCH OF ST PETER, TWO MILE HOUSE**

**SUNDAYS:** 10am

#### **CHURCH OF ST BRIGID, KILL**

**WEEKDAYS:** Mon. - Fri.: 10am **SATURDAYS:** 6.30pm SUNDAYS: 11am

#### CHURCH OF ST ANNE, ARDCLOUGH

**SUNDAYS:** 9.30am FIRST FRIDAYS: 8<sub>pm</sub>

#### **Prayer Service with Adoration**

Sallins Church, Tuesday mornings at 10am. Continuing on Tuesday 25th February.

### **Eucharistic Adoration - Ballycane Church**

Eucharistic Adoration will be extended until 9pm on Thursday Evenings in the Day Chapel, Ballycane Church. This will be initially for a trial period until the end of May.

Can you commit to just one hour a week in adoration of the Holy Eucharist? Please contact John 086 856 3773, Rosanna 085 727 8013 or Maureen 087 207 7044.

Thank you.

### Eucharistic Adoration Timetable, **Ballycane Day Chapel**

Monday 10am - 6pm Tuesday 10am - 5pm Wednesday 10am - 6pm 10am - 9pm Thursday

> until 10pm on the First Thursday of the month

Friday 10am - 6pm

Courage Reverence

## Confirmation 2025

Reverence				
Wonder &	Awe of God			

Daт <del>e</del>	Time	School	Church
Wednesday, 26 <sup>th</sup> Feb.	11am	Ballycane NS	Ballycane
Wednesday, 26 <sup>th</sup> Feb.	2pm	Sallins NS	Our Lady & St. David
Thursday, 27 <sup>th</sup> Feb.	11am	St. Corban's NS	Ballycane
Thursday, 27 <sup>th</sup> Feb.	2pm	Mercy Convent	Our Lady & St. David
Friday, 28 <sup>th</sup> Feb.	11am	Gaelscoil	Ballycane
Friday, 28 <sup>th</sup> Feb.	12noon	Scoil Bhride	Our Lady & St. David
Friday, 28 <sup>th</sup> Feb.	5pm	CNS/ St. David's NS	Our Lady & St. David
Saturday, 1st March	10.30am	Killashee NS	Two Mile House
Saturday, 1 <sup>st</sup> March	12.30pm	Two Mile House NS	Two Mile House

\*In order to comply with the Safeguarding policies of the schools and the parish we ask that no photographs are taken during the ceremonies. There will be opportunities for photos afterwards.

**Recent Baptisms** 

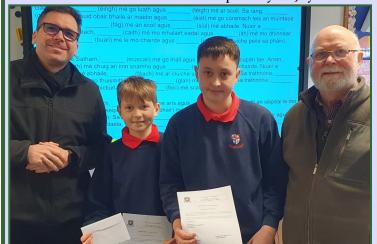
Cían Dunne Brady, Johnstown Fionn Dowling, St Gabriel's Place Luke Barrett, Oak Park Square

St. Corban's Cemetery Mass Wednesday 4th June 2025 at 7.30pm Pre-Lenten Novena in honour of the Holy Face. Sunday, 23rd Feb. before 9am and 11am Masses in Our Lady & St. David's Church. The Novena will continue before 7.30am and 10am Masses, concluding on 3rd March.

All are welcome to join.

During the Novena, the Prayers of the Rosary will commence 5 minutes earlier than usual.

Sincere thanks to the Knights of St Columbanus who ran a pilot programme for Confirmation Candidates in two schools in Naas over recent months. The local Council presented each of the young people preparing for Confirmation in the school with a book on the lives of the saints, and asked them to spend some time researching and reflecting on the name they had chosen as their Confirmation name. The young people then submitted an essay on their chosen name, the saint concerned, and their reasons for choosing that name. It was lovely to see tradition, family, and discernment coming together as they made their decision. The Knights of St Columbanus then awarded prizes to a number of young people from each class whose presentation was particularly good. Congratulations to all of the young people, and especially to those who received book vouchers — we hope they enjoy their awards!





# Naas Pythons Special Olympics ???? Table Quiz ????

Friday 28th February at 8pm in Naas GAA. This is a vital club fundraiser. €50 per table of 4.



Your support is appreciated.





### Poor Clare Monastery Carlow

Did it ever cross your mind that God might be calling you to the Poor Clare way of life? If so you are welcome to our Monastic Experience on March 1st from 2pm to 4pm.

If interested please contact us by email: poorclaresvoc@gmail.com

#### Kildare Dementia Cafe

The Dementia Cafe gathers on the last Thursday of every month from 2.30pm to 4.30pm at Kildare Community Development Centre (old Presentation convent). It is a welcoming space for people living with dementia and their families and friends to have a cup of tea and a chat. Each month there is a short talk given by a guest speaker. This month's Café will take place on Thursday 27th February.

For any queries please contact Anne 086 4411255.

## JUNIOF CHOIL

Would you like to join our Junior Choir in Our Lady and St. David's Church? This is for 4th Class upwards. We sing at the 6pm family Mass on the 2nd Saturday of each month and we meet for practice on Thursdays in the Church from 4pm to 5pm.

Please contact Helen 085 7137701 for more information or come along on Thursday.



### Naas Tidy Towns Volunteers Needed

Could you spare an hour or two a week to help keep Naas clean and tidy?

Perhaps:

- Adopt a small area to litter pick in your own time?
- Join our Saturday morning team or our midweek morning team?
- Join our spring summer Monday evening team?

  We are interested to hear from you!

  Please text or call Vourneen 086 813 8821.



## **Parish Shops**

Confirmation and First Holy Communion



Baldonnel Singers Male Voice Choir will sing the 11am Mass in the Church of Our Lady and St. David, Naas on Sun. 2nd March, in remembrance of all deceased members, family & friends of the choir. We thank the parish for facilitating us in this annual commemoration.

Naas Flower & Garden Club
Thursday 27th February at 7.30pm in
Care of the Aged Centre, Newbridge Road,
Naas. Demonstration by Brenda Joyce AOIFA
"Spring is in the Air"



Visitors welcome €8, with refreshments.



There was no winner of the €2,700 Jackpot on 19th February.

Lucky Dip winners were

B. Brett, O. & F. MacDonnacha, R. Hayden, B. Whelan Numbers Drawn were: 24-21-3-16

You could win the Jackpot of €2,950 on Weds. 26th February

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!