

# Church of Our Lady and the Guardian Angels



SUMMER 2005

## Welcome to Sallins Parish

### A Brief History of Sallins Parish

Everyone living in Sallins is very conscious that it is growing rapidly: so rapidly that it is hard to keep pace with the changes. Often, it seems, we do not have the time or opportunity to say welcome to people as they move in.

Accordingly I am delighted to introduce this welcome and information newsletter on Sallins parish. It has been produced by a group of parishioners as part of the diocesan initiative **Reach Out** which was launched by Bishop Moriarty last Christmas. On behalf of the parish, this group feels that it is important that we say hello to one another and welcome those who have recently moved into the parish.

I hope you have successfully set up home in Sallins and that you will be happy here. You are very welcome. Hopefully we can, together, build up a living vibrant community in this place. If you are a Catholic I hope you will join us on Sundays and enrich the life of our parish.

*Tom McDonnell P.P.*

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Previous to 1972 the canal formed the boundary between Naas and Kill parishes. This left Sallins Church and school in Naas parish while all of the houses north of the canal and in the surrounding area were in Kill parish. In response to the wishes of many people in Sallins and in order to rationalise the situation, Bishop Lennon established the new parish of Sallins in December 1972. The townlands of Osberstown and Monread North were taken from Naas parish, the townland of Waterstown from Caragh and the townlands of Sallins, Castlesize, Bodenstown, Lady Hill, Little Rath, Daars North, Shortwood, Daars South, Prospect, Sherlockstown, Sherlockstown Common to the west of the Morell River, and Kerdiffstown were taken from Kill parish. Territorially it was a small parish and the population was also relatively small at around one thousand people. The pastoral care of the parish was assigned to Fr. Larry Newman. In 1982 he was transferred to Newbridge parish while Fr. Colm Swan took up the post of parish priest in Sallins where he served until his retirement in 2004.

Within a very short time the new parish established its own identity and became a cohesive self-supporting unit. The conference of the St. Vincent DePaul Society established in the early seventies is still very active while the annual parish pilgrimage to Lourdes is now in its thirtieth year. New housing was provided in St Brigid's Terrace and Hillview during the sixties and seventies and it was necessary to build a new eight room school in the mid seventies. A meat processing factory in the centre of the village along with Odlum's mills provided steady employment. The parish remained very happily attached to its humble church which was erected in 1923. In the seventies the altar was moved to the centre of the building and the domestic feel of their building strengthened. From time to time there seems to have been talk of a new church, some land was acquired in the 1960's but a new building did not materialise. Since 2000 the 'temporary' pre-fab has been listed by the local authority as a protected structure.

When change came to the parish in the mid 1990's it came in a dramatic way. New housing estates suddenly sprung up, the railway station re-opened after over thirty years closure and suddenly Sallins was no longer a village. In 1993 ten children were baptised in Sallins, in 2004 the number was eighty nine. The sudden surge in population put pressure on the school. An extension of seven rooms was approved in 1999 but by the time building began in 2004 it was no longer sufficient. Approval has now been given for a further eight classrooms. The parish will eventually have a twenty four classroom school with 720 pupils. The population of the parish is now probably around five thousand.

Such a radically changing Sallins presents many challenges for the people of the parish. *How do we reach out to newcomers and make them welcome? What new parish structures do we need to put in place? What do we do with our church which now seems to be too small? What sort of facilities do we need to serve the needs of the parish? What do we do with the deteriorating community/parish centre?* Together parishioners will have to find the best way forward and provide support.

Meanwhile we continue to gather at Sunday Mass and other celebrations at the Church of Our Lady and the Guardian Angels. We need Readers and Ministers of the Eucharist, the choir, which sings at the 11am Sunday Mass welcomes new members, there are tentative plans to form another group to lead singing at another week-end Mass, we need to build up active participation in our liturgical celebrations. On-going financial support is also necessary. We do not, as yet, have a parish office. The provision of such an office is a project for the future. In the meantime the parochial house is the contact place for the parish, **Telephone 045-897150**. If you would like to become more involved please do not hesitate to make contact.

## SALLINS PARISH CHURCH

The church in Sallins is such a humble structure that many people have been passing through the town for years without realising there is a church here, indeed some have lived here for a year or two before they become aware of its existence. When discovered and visited all are struck by its intimate prayerful interior which has a special charm despite the humble nature of the structure.

Before the First World War the people of Sallins petitioned Fr. Michael Norris, the parish priest of Naas, to build a chapel in Sallins to save them the journey to Naas for Sunday Mass. A committee raised £400 and Fr. Norris arranged to make a site available. The troubled period of the

World War and the War of Independence delayed the project and when it was resumed in 1923 it was decided to erect an economical building. Harrison & Co. of Camberwell in London had supplied the British army camps during the war and it was decided to buy one of their buildings. The building in kit form and some employees of Harrison's arrived at Sallins station and the structure was erected by early 1924. One of the employees, Edward Laxton, settled in Sallins where he raised a family. Local men also worked on the project and the building was completed and fitted out as a chapel ready for dedication on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> October 1924. Fr. Norris carried out

the dedication and celebrated the first Mass in the chapel. He gave it the dual dedication of Our Lady of the Rosary and the Guardian Angels and announced the dedication was taking place free of debt at a total cost of £870.

The interior remained unchanged until Sallins became a parish in 1972 when the altar was moved to one side half way down the building in order to gather the people around the altar as recommended by the Second Vatican Council. In 1990 a replacement floor was fitted. Otherwise the building which is effectively a pre-fabricated structure has survived very well. In 2000 it was listed as a protected structure by Kildare County Council.

## THE TUESDAY CLUB

The Tuesday Club has been meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every month for the past eighteen years. It started with forty five to fifty members, with membership decreasing over the years. Entertaining consists of special outings including weekends away, bingo, card playing, tea/coffee and chat every second Tuesday of the month from 2.00pm to 4.30pm approx.

**New members and new ideas always welcome.**

Contact: Mary O'Farrell 045-876676

A meeting of **Alcoholics**

**Anonymous** is held every Sunday night in the Community Centre in Sallins commencing at 8.30pm.

Alcoholics Anonymous is a fellowship of men and women who share their experience, strength and hope with each other so that they can solve their common problem and help others to recover from Alcoholism.

The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop drinking. There are no dues or fees for A.A. membership. We are self supporting through our own contributions. A.A. is not allied with any sect, denomination, political organisation or institution; does not wish to engage in any controversy; neither endorses nor opposes any causes.

Our primary purpose is to stay sober and help other Alcoholics to achieve sobriety.



### BRIDGEWATER INN Ladies Golf Society

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Formed in 2000 and now in our fifth year of existence, the BW Ladies Golf Society goes from strength to strength.

**Our Ethos: "to promote friendship through the medium of golf"**

We have 130 members from Sallins and surrounding areas. Our outings are once monthly throughout the 12 months of the year. A very vibrant golf society and the emphasis on FUN particularly after the round.....

Each year we have our "week-end away" which is proving to be enormously successful, and our annual "mixed outing" in July with the Sallins Golf Society is a date not to be missed!

Enquiries regarding membership to Hon-Secretary at 087 2284871

## Badminton Club

Sallins Badminton club was founded in 1984 and once boasted a membership of 70 members - an astounding figure when one considers that there is only one court. That was at a time when badminton enjoyed a huge surge of popularity in the Country. We meet on Thursdays at 9.00pm in the community centre. We only have one court but we try to make sure that all members get at least three games per night. Membership fee for the year is €15 and the nightly fee is €2. If anybody would like to join us just come along to the club any Thursday night and you will be made most welcome.

Contact Sheila Swan PRO

1975 - 2005  
Celebrating 30 years

## Sallins Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes

*Sallins Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes* was formed by Rita Fanning and Fr. Larry Newman in 1975. They have successfully succeeded in increasing the numbers of sick people they bring on pilgrimage with the help of the The Sallins Lourdes Fund which was formed as a fund raising committee. This year they hope to bring 30 sick people to Lourdes.

**Contact:**

**Rita Fanning 045 816070**

## Tidy Towns

Sallins Tidy Towns reformed in February 2005. Developing a 5 year tidy town plan, our aim is to win best new entrant in 2005. Contact us care of the Community Centre, or come down to the centre any Saturday between 10am and 12pm and join in. It's a great way to get to know your neighbours and your village.

Mary Mooney Secretary



## St. Vincent de Paul Society

St. Vincent de Paul Society are represented in Sallins by a Conference of the Guardian Angels. The Sallins Conference is a visitation Conference. The work of the Conference is concerned with families in need. Much of the work extends to the important supply of fuel during the severe weather, and also to aid people with Education Projects. The Area President has made funds available to aid in this work and the conference keeps education as a special priority. Some funds have been used to provide families with holidays at Vincent de Paul Venues - eg Carne Holiday House Rosslare Co. Waterford. The Conference meets at 7.30pm every Monday night for the entire year in the annex to the Community Centre.

### Conference Members:-

President: Paddy O'Connor  
Secretary: Phil Coonan  
Treasurer: Donal Buckley  
Peggy Hasset  
Marie Weldon  
Claire McDonald  
Audeon Shanley

Waterstown

Osberstown

## Sallins Meals-on-Wheels

A voluntary organisation set up approximately 10 years ago to deliver meals three days a week to the elderly and housebound.

Contact: 045 - 876623

## church choir

Sallins Church Choir meet in the Church of the Guardian Angels at 8pm on Wednesday evenings for rehearsal. The choir takes a break during July and August. If you have an hour to spare please come alone. New members are welcome. This year we celebrate 15 years.

**CONTACT**  
Mary Humphreys  
087 2913499  
Anne Behan  
045 879457

## ICA

Sallins Guild of ICA meet in the Community Centre at 8.15pm on the second Wednesday of the month (excluding July & August). Sallins Guild was founded in 1968 new members are always welcome.

### CONTACT

Anne Behan (*Tres.*) Phone: 045 879457  
Bridie Hannigan (*Sec.*) Phone: 045 876096  
Mary Humphreys (*Pres.*) Phone: 087 2913499

## Festival Committee

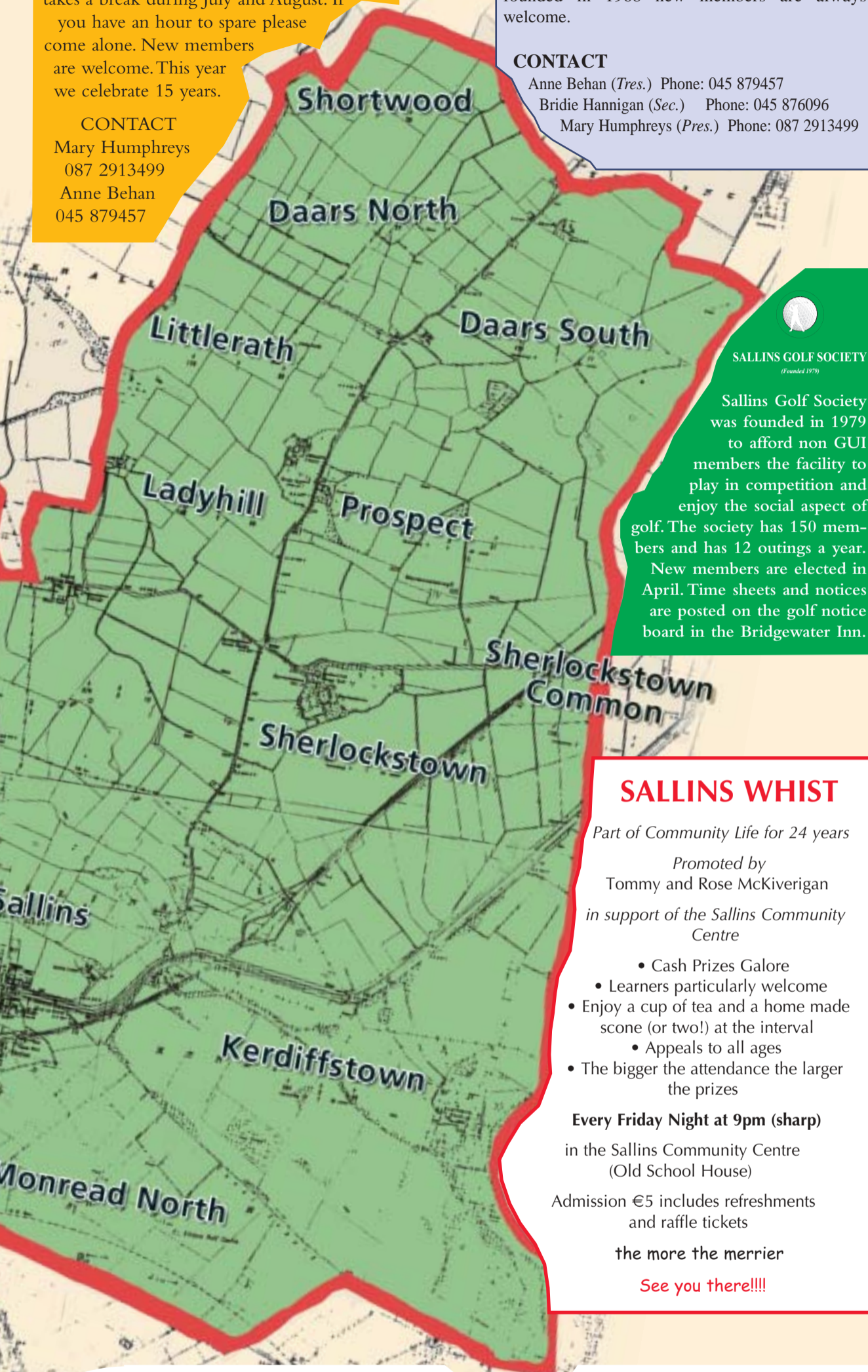
Sallins Festival Committee started in 2004 to promote Community awareness and to be used as a platform for meeting new neighbours. This Years Festival is on Fri. 5<sup>th</sup> August – Sun. the 7<sup>th</sup> August.

On Fri. the 5<sup>th</sup> we kick off with the Queen of the Waterways Festival.

Sat. is a full programme including a Picnic Walk along the Canal, Childrens Art Competition, Fancy dress parade throughout the village and lots more. Culminating with a Race Night in the Bridgewater Inn.

Sunday the 7<sup>th</sup> is Family Sunday in the GAA Grounds, we start this final day by having coffee and refreshments in the Community Centre after each Mass. Our festival concludes with a Traditional Music Seccession in Carrolls.

**Contact: Carmel Kelly**  
**086 8268884**



### SALLINS GOLF SOCIETY

(founded 1979)

Sallins Golf Society was founded in 1979 to afford non GUI members the facility to play in competition and enjoy the social aspect of golf. The society has 150 members and has 12 outings a year. New members are elected in April. Time sheets and notices are posted on the golf notice board in the Bridgewater Inn.

## SALLINS WHIST

Part of Community Life for 24 years

Promoted by

Tommy and Rose McKiverigan

in support of the Sallins Community Centre

- Cash Prizes Galore
- Learners particularly welcome
- Enjoy a cup of tea and a home made scone (or two!) at the interval
- Appeals to all ages
- The bigger the attendance the larger the prizes

**Every Friday Night at 9pm (sharp)**

in the Sallins Community Centre  
(Old School House)

Admission €5 includes refreshments  
and raffle tickets

the more the merrier

**See you there!!!!**

## SALLINS YOUTH CLUB

Sallins Youth Club started on January 28<sup>th</sup> 2004 We meet on Wednesday nights from 7.30 to 9pm We have pool/snooker table a stereo system and table tennis We try to reach out to 2<sup>nd</sup> year student age group. Most nights they are happy to play games, talk, play music etc. we also have a tuck shop. Board Games nights are very popular, we have games such as Chess, Taboo, Trivial Pursuit, Monopoly, and Connect 4. If Ireland are playing on a night we bring down a TV for anyone who wants to watch it. We have video nights, quiz competitions, jewellery making, we have also gone on outings to the cinema, Quasar in Tallaght Bowling. And lots lots more. We would welcome new applications. Just call up to the Community Centre any Wednesday Night.

## COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Sallins Community Council was set up three years ago with the aim of maintaining and improving the quality of life of the people of Sallins Our village has grown enormously in the past few years, from a village of about 800 residents 10 years ago to something close to 5000. We believe that it is vital to maintain a community spirit, we don't want to become just a dormer village, we want to continue to be a vibrant "Big" village.

Contact: Carmel Kelly @ 086 8268884

## SALLINS G.A.A.

Chairman Tom Cross Ph. 045 876977  
Secretary Alicia Kirwan. Ph. 045 875403  
Juvenile Chairman Anthony Herbert Ph. 0851430112

Sallins G.A.A. have returned to Senior Football status after a long period of years. We are now in our 3rd competitive season on the hurling front and getting stronger all the time. We have up to 10 underage teams aged between under 9 and up to and including under 16 between football, hurling and one under 16 ladies team. Anybody interested in joining either our football and hurling adult teams can contact Alicia Kirwan and our underage contact is Anthony Herbert. All are very welcome.

yours in sport, **Tom Cross**





## St. Laurence's Primary School

Primary education in Sallins Parish is provided at St. Laurence's. The school is currently undergoing extensive renovation and extension to help cope with the rapidly increasing demand for primary education. Seven classrooms, a general purpose room and a library are being added while the process has begun for the provision of further eight classrooms. When completed the school will have twenty four classrooms catering for 720 pupils. Enrolment takes place during the December and January preceding the September of entry to the school.

The school principal is Mr. Noel Lanigan.  
Tel: 045 879119.

## Church of Ireland

In the Church of Ireland arrangement, Sallins is divided between the Clane and Naas Group of parishes with the canal forming the boundary. North of the Canal is in the Clane Group with the nearest Church in Millicent. The Rev. John Marsden is currently the priest in charge of this union, he can be contacted at 045 438158. Sunday service is at 11.30am each Sunday at the Church of St. Michael and All Angels, Millicent. Gillian Ryan co-ordinates scouts, cubs and beavers in the parish; she can be contacted at 045 879464.

South of the Canal is in the Naas Group of Parishes which are under the care of the Rev. Michael Wooderson (045 879206). Service is at 11.00am each Sunday in St. David's Church, Naas.

## CHURCH OF OUR LADY AND THE GUARDIAN ANGELS

045 897150

**MASSES** Vigil Mass of Sunday - 6.30pm Saturday  
Sunday: 9.00 am, 11.00am and 12.30pm  
Tuesday - Friday 10.00 am

**BAPTISM** Saturdays 5.00pm

**MARRIAGE** By arrangement.  
More than 3 months notice necessary.  
For premarriage courses contact  
Naas parish office at 045 879730



## BODENSTOWN GRAVEYARD

For people all over Ireland Bodenstown is associated with Wolfe Tone. For the people of Sallins, Bodenstown is their parish graveyard and the resting place of loved ones. While Kildare County Council has overall responsibility for the graveyard, the actual care of the cemetery falls to a local committee and volunteers; contact person is Anne Bagnall at 045 894923. Each year on the second Sunday of July the 12.30 Mass is celebrated in the graveyard.



## SALLINS CELTIC SOCCER CLUB

Chairman: Pat Hand - 086 2365614

Juvenile Liaison Person: Mary Jordan 085 1409512

*New comers always welcome!*

## USEFUL NUMBERS

CONTACT	NUMBER
Parish Priest .....	045 - 897150
Sacristan .....	045 - 866904
Garda Siochána .....	045 - 897333 / 897334
Ambulance Centre .....	045 - 866666
Fire Brigade .....	045 - 879964
Clane Hospital .....	045 - 868004
Naas Hospital .....	045 - 897221
Primary School.....	045 - 879119
Alcoholics Anonymous.....	045 - 876720
<b>Secondary Schools</b>	
St Marys College (Naas) .....	045 - 879634
CBS Secondary (Naas) .....	045 - 879587
St Patricks Community (Naas).....	045 - 897885
K-DOC .....	1890 - 599 362
Citizens Information Centre (Naas).....	045 - 879489
South Western Area Health Board.....	045 - 876001
South Western Area Health Board.....	1850 - 520 520
ESB.....	Office .....045 - 897386
	Emergency .....1850 - 372 999
Bord Gais	Office .....1850 - 200 694
	Emergency.....1850 - 205 050
Kildare County Council	Office .....045 - 879071
	Emergency.....1890 - 500 333
Church of Ireland (Naas) .....	045 - 879206
Samaritans (Newbridge) .....	045 - 435299
Samaritans (Newbridge).....	1850 - 609 090
Taxi .....	Contact owners
Sallins Medical Centre.....	045 - 0896950