

ANNIVERSARIES

Mary & Patrick Fitzgerald, Curracruit
Ciss Hayden, Ballymartin, Borris
Bridgie Salter, St. Brigids Crescent
John Fitzgerald, Ballinakill
Maureen Maher, Maple Drive
Bill & Eileen Tobin, Kilcarrig
Street
Frank Comerford, Paire Mhuire
Kathleen Armstrong, Kilree Street
Thomas Walsh, 48 Fr Cummins
Park & 14 Acres

*These Anniversaries will be prayed for
on Friday 4th & Saturday 5th April
10:00am Mass in Parish Church*

**First Friday Anniversary
Mass in Newtown Church
4th April at 7:00pm****First Friday Anniversary
Mass in
Ballinkillen Church 4th
April at 8:00pm**

**A.G.M. for Carlow Water
Safety Ireland** on Friday 11th
April in Community Centre at
Graiguecullen Pool at 7:15pm. Help
us promote *Swimming Prevent
Drowning*. All welcome.

**Do you think that God may
be calling you to the priest-
hood?** Would you like to meet with
others who are exploring a call?
Would you like to discover how to
discover God's will for your life?
Then the Samuel Circle is for you!
The Circle is a group of guys who
meet regularly to try and discern
God's plan for them in life. If you are
interested contact Fr. Ruairi
ruairiodomhnaill@gmail.com

**First Friday Anniversaries
4th April in Newtown Church
at 7:00pm**

Tom Dobbs, Ballywilliamroe
Mick Nolan, Ballyknockan
Paddy-Edward Nolan, Clonegath
John Curran, 70 St. Brigids Crescent
Patrick & Jane Lennon, Mount Pleasant
Liam Lennon, Mount Pleasant
Pakie Curran, Newtown
Billy Gregan, Kildrenagh
Catherine 'Kate' Walsh, Ballytarsna
Kate Whelan, Ballyknockan
Kathleen Whelan, Ballyknockan
Kate Brennan, Newtown, Nurney
Joe Aughney, Boherduff
Joe Nolan, Augha
MaryAnn Aughney, Boherduff
Pakie Aughney, Clonegath

**First Friday Anniversaries 4th
April in Ballinkillen Church at
8:00pm**

Odette Hughes, Ballinkillen
Ciss Hayden, Ballymartin, Borris
Terry Byrne, Ballinkillen
Mai Lennon, Dunroe
Cecil Foley, Killoughternane
Carmel Foley, Killoughternane
Maura Cummins, Skahanrane
Patrick Minchin, Coolnacuppogue
Patrick & Hannah Murphy,
Ballyphenan
Louis Kearney, Heath, Corries
Michael & Mary Egan,
Killoughternane

Ballinkillen Lorum Community Centre Bingo every Monday @ 8pm

Monday 31st March, Jackpot €850 *Everyone welcome*

Preparing for Marriage? Weekend residential courses available. 23-25
May or 19-21 September 2025. www.grasta.org or info@grasta.org

Medjugorje Prayer Group Meeting in Our Lady's Chapel Bagenalstown
Church. **EVERY** Tuesday after 10:00am Mass *All welcome*

Eucharistic Adoration

Every Tuesday 7:00pm-8:00pm in Parish Church. All welcome

Free KCETB Classes at BCG continue each Saturday 1-3pm. New
members are always most welcome. **Venue:** Bagenalstown Community
Garden located at the back of Parochial House R21TD61

Parish Pilgrimage to Medjugorje 2nd -9th Oct 2025

Spiritual Director: Fr Declan. Cost €879 7nights pps. Insurance extra. Single
room supplement €175. Limited places available. *Enquiries Helen Wall 086-8226930*

St. Lazerians House Easter Coffee Morning & Kids

Egghunt *Wednesday 16th April 11am in St. Lazerians House.*

Easter raffle tickets and draw on the morning. Lots of prizes, cakes & treats for
everyone. €5 Ad/€3ch 9721146 for more info

First Holy Communion Dates 2025

Ballinkillen NS on 3rd May 2025 at 11:00am Ballinkillen Church

St. Brigids Boys NS on 10th May 2025 at 11:00am Bagenalstown Church

Newtown Dunleckney NS on 17th May 2025 at 11:00am Newtown Church

Queen of the Universe NS on 24th May 2025 at 11:00am Bagenalstown
Church

GRAVEYARD MASSES 2025

NEWTOWN—Friday 6th June at 7:00pm

BALLINKILLEN—Friday 13th June at 7:00pm

BAGENALSTOWN—Friday 20th June at 7:00pm

DUNLECKNEY—Friday 27th June at 7:00pm

(Please note change of time)

**LIVE
WEBCAM**
from our
**Parish
Church**
which can be
viewed from our
Parish website

FUNERALS
24 HOUR
Notice is
required from
the Family if
they wish to
have Funeral
Mass recorded

Fr Declan Foley:
087-6684299
Fr Shem Furlong :
087-2400582

**Parish Office
Hours:**
Mon/Tues/Thurs
9:30-5pm/
Fri 9:30-12noon
(Office Closed
Wednesday)
Parish Office:
059-9721154

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RADIO**
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Mass go to
106.9fm

SYNOD NEWS: Be Part of the Conversation

What are the priorities for us as members of the Church in Ireland? In 2022 Church members across Ireland identified key themes, In 2023-2024 the Universal Synod addressed these themes. Now in 2025 you are invited to name the priorities for action arising from them for the Irish Church. Watch a series of short videos or the compilation video outlining the themes on www.synod.ie/resources-for-spring-gatherings-2025/ Consider the question: What themes are emerging for you? Come to a meeting to share your feedback and to listen to others Tuesday, 1st April, 7:00 pm Tea/Coffee 7:30-9:30 Listening Session Mount St Anne's Retreat and Conference Centre, Killenard, Co. Laois. Book your place at fds@kandle.ie /0599164084 Hosted by the Kildare and Leighlin Diocesan Synod Team

Association of Catholics Ireland (ACI) Zoom meeting - Irish Synodal Pathway

What should the priorities be? The ACI were actively involved in the preparation for the Universal Synod on [Synodality](#) in Rome in October 2024. The preparations for the Irish [Synodal](#) Pathway, to be held in two stages (October 2025 and October 2026), are now under way. We have again been asked to hold a gathering of our members and submit our proposals for the future of the Church in Ireland: The aim is to refine and prioritise the themes from the Irish National Synthesis of 2022. To reflect on the final document from the XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod on [Synodality](#). (This document is significant as Pope Francis has chosen not to issue a post-[synodal](#) apostolic exhortation, instead embracing the discernment of the entire Church.) *Please join us on Thursday April 10th for a general meeting/ conversation – so that the ACI Steering Committee 'hear you' – and you have the opportunity to contribute to our response document.* We suggest that in preparation for the gathering, (if possible) You familiarise yourself with [the guideline themes for the discussion](#). You review [the Irish National Synthesis of August 2022](#). You review [the Final Document of the 16th Synod on Synodality 2024](#). Join Zoom Meeting – 10th April 8.00 pm <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86540390463?pwd=3pJRr5OJlOAvG3GJ4j3brZDvNOqyQ.1> Meeting ID: 865 4039 0463/Passcode: 107280

Evangelium Ireland Conference 2025

Evangelium Ireland invites young Catholics to its annual Apologetics Conference at St. Patrick's College, Maynooth, on Saturday, 26 April 2025. The event features talks and workshops on topics such as discipleship in the Gospel of St. John, doctrinal development, and the making of modern culture. Holy Mass will be celebrated. Cost: €45, including lunch, refreshments, and an evening social. For the full programme and registration, visit www.evangelium.ie or search 'Evangelium Ireland' on Eventbrite.

CHURCH NOTICES

PRAY FOR

Rose Byrne, Conway Park who was interred in Bagenalstown Cemetery on Wednesday.

John 'Hopper' McGrath, Station Road who was interred in Bagenalstown Cemetery on Friday.

Brigid 'Biddy' Lawlor nee Connors, Essex, England & Timbergap. Funeral Mass on Sunday 6th April at 10am in Ballinkillen Church followed by burial.

Helen David nee Bolger, USA & Royal Oak who was Cremated on Friday.

Months Mind

Martin Lennon, Lumclone. Mass on Sunday 30th March in Newtown Church at 9:00am.

Pat Lee, 51 St. Brigids Crescent. Mass on Sunday 6th April in Bagenalstown Church at 11:30am.

St Andrews Parish Church Country Concert Fundraiser

Many thanks to all who supported our church fundraiser during the week. Thanks to all who donated, bought tickets, those who attended and helped out in any way to make it a success. A great night was had by all. *(We will soon have the final total fundraised.)*

Chrism Mass You are invited to join with Bishop Denis and the priests of the diocese for the annual celebration of the Chrism Mass on **Monday, 14 April at 7:30 pm**. Please come early to ensure a seat. Refreshments afterwards in Carlow College, St Patrick's. Music led by Fr Liam Lawton and the diocesan choir.

First Holy Communion Preparation Mass Sunday 6th April :

9:00am in Newtown Church (Newtown NS)

11:30am in Bagenalstown Church (St. Brigid's Boys NS & Queen of the Universe NS)

CONFIRMATION Congratulations to all students from Queen of the Universe NS that received Confirmation this weekend.

Newtown Dunleckney NS next Saturday 5th April 11:00am
Newtown Church