

## **ANNIVERSARIES**

John Murphy, Ballywilliamroe  
William Kavanagh, 13 Conway Park  
Joseph McGrath, 14 Acres, Kilcarrig  
Alfred & Betty Pryor, London  
Denis & Kitty Kavanagh, 58 Pairc Mhuire  
Noel Hughes, Maple Drive  
Mai Flynn, Tinnehealy & Dublin

*These Anniversaries will be prayed for on Friday 9th & Saturday 10th August 10:00am Mass in Parish Church*

## **Monastic Experience**

Poor Clare's, Carlow are holding a Monastic Experience on Saturday 17th August from 2:30pm to 4pm. Any ladies interested please contact [poorclaresvoc@gmail.com](mailto:poorclaresvoc@gmail.com) before 17th August.

**Can you explain your Catholic Faith?** *Have you an adult understanding of the reasons for belief?* Come to Prosperous parish

centre next September where we study and discuss the Catechism in easy stages week by week. Study sessions are on – Monday evenings 8.00pm – 9.30 pm/ Thursday mornings 10.30 am – 12.30 am. For Mondays, Alice: 087 6505803/For Thursdays, Brid: 045 860170

**'You Are Not Alone Family Support Group'** support for family members impacted by a relative's drug or alcohol use. Meetings take place in the Askea Parish Centre every Wednesday for further information contact 085-7872730.

## **Keep up to date with happenings in the Church in Ireland:**

Catholic News is the news service of the Irish Catholic Bishop's Conference. You can follow their articles on [www.catholicnews.ie](http://www.catholicnews.ie) where you can also subscribe to a weekly ezine straight to your email inbox. To keep up to date with what's happening on the Irish Synodal Pathway follow its Facebook page and X account – just type into the search box of each - 'synodal pathway'. This will keep you in touch with what is happening in the Universal Synod also. And don't forget to check out the diocesan website, [kandle.ie](http://kandle.ie), as well as our Facebook and X account to stay in touch locally!

## **Church Collections**

If you are making a donation directly to the parish through the Bank (please contact the parish office to let us know you are doing this) **Bank Name and Address:**

Bank Of Ireland, Main Street, Bagenalstown, Carlow  
**Name of Account:** Bagenalstown Parish. **BIC:** BOFIE2D  
**IBAN:** IE35BOFI90649410971660  
*Your support for the Parish is greatly appreciated*

## **Friday and Saturday Anniversary Masses:**

**Anniversaries**  
Please put date of which Friday & Saturday you wish your loved ones to be remembered when dropping in Anniversary. **Church Newsletter**  
Names to be included on newsletter must be in at least **10days** before the Anniversary Mass

## **Parish Pilgrimage to Medjugorje**

3rd —10th

October 2024 €849pps.

*Spiritual Director:* Fr Declan Foley.



**If interested please contact Helen Wall 086-8226930**

## **ACCORD now seeking marriage preparation facilitators** Might this be you ... ?

Accord Catholic Marriage Care Service CLG is currently recruiting volunteers to train as marriage preparation programme facilitators. If you are supportive of marriage in the Catholic Church; and, have the enthusiasm to be part of the Accord team that supports couples preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage ... then Accord wishes to hear from you! An Accord marriage preparation facilitator is a personally fulfilling leadership role, blending life experience and faith. Successful applicants will receive professional training and be part of a team delivering marriage preparation programmes locally. Contact Aisling on 01 505 3112 email

[marriagepreparation@accord.ie](mailto:marriagepreparation@accord.ie) for further information [www.accord.ie](http://www.accord.ie)

## **CONGRATULATIONS** to

Ruben Foley and his teammates who were on the Irish Pony Team that won Bronze Medals at the European Pony Showjumping in Belgium. Best of Luck to Ruben and his brothers Jason, Max & Harvey in the R.D.S.

## **SOME INFO RE: GETTING MARRIED**

At the time you enquire about the hotel etc. Check the Church to avoid disappointment. At least 3-6 months Notice is now required by Church and the State, so call to the Priests earlier rather than later. We suggest that as soon as you finalise plans, to contact the Registrars Office on [www.crsappointments.ie](http://www.crsappointments.ie) for an appointment. For more info go to [www.groireland.ie](http://www.groireland.ie). (Failure to give 3 months notice will necessitate going to the court for permission). Marriage is a very serious step and good preparation is advised. Both Church and State recommend some Pre-Marriage preparation. The Church offers Pre-Marriage Courses. They are available in Carlow. [www.accord.ie](http://www.accord.ie) Many people have booked their marriage well in advance. We suggest you make an appointment to meet the priest that you wish to do your wedding about 3-6 months before your wedding date to sign Church forms and arrange the Ceremony. If one of the partners is getting married outside their parish they need to call to see the priest of their parish to sign Marriage Form, get current Baptism & Confirmation Certificate and Letter of Freedom.

If couple coming home from outside Ireland they should see Priest in the country they live in who will send papers to the respective Bishops who will send them to the Priest in Bagenalstown. In Bagenalstown parish Weddings may be at times & dates requested. No weddings on Sundays, Holy Days, or Holy Thursday, Good Friday, or Easter Saturday. Please feel free to call to Parish Office or any of the Priests who will be most willing to help you make a happy and Blessed Day.

*Fr. Declan*

**LIVE WEBCAM from our Parish Church** which can be viewed from our Parish website—[www.bagenalstownparish.ie](http://www.bagenalstownparish.ie)

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

**Providing compassionate care at the end of life**

To address the sensitive issue of compassionate care at the end of life, and in response to the need to inform the faithful of Catholic teaching on this important life issue that affects so many families, the Bishops of Ireland have published the pastoral letter: *Freedom to Live Fully, Until Death Comes*. You are invited to read this letter and view the accompanying video *Through the Valley*, which offers personal testimonies by carers and people with terminal illness. The key message of both letter and video asserts that every person possesses inherent, infinite dignity that remains intact regardless of their circumstances. In this context, bishops strongly oppose the Oireachtas Committee's proposal to Government to legislate for assisted suicide, and call on support for healthcare workers who uphold the sanctity of life. To read *Freedom to Live Fully, Until Death Comes* and to watch *Through the Valley*, visit <https://www.catholicbishops.ie/2024/06/24/bishops-statement-on-end-of-life-care-freedom-to-live-fully-until-death-comes/>

**St. Vincent De Paul**  
**Helpline 086-4042631**



**PARISH RADIO** tune in for Mass go to **106.9fm**

**Accord Carlow**

Marriage Preparation Programme  
Places available on the following dates 6th & 7th September 2024, 11th & 2nd October, 8th & 9th November Book your place today on [www.accord.ie](http://www.accord.ie)

**Ballinkillen Lorum**  
**Community Centre Club**  
**Bingo every Monday @ 8pm.**  
Everyone welcome.

**PARISH WEBSITE—**

[www.bagenalstownparish.ie](http://www.bagenalstownparish.ie)  
Reminder that our website is still very active and updated on a weekly basis. We encourage all to **visit the site and to pass on our address to relatives and friends abroad so they can keep up to date with local news.** You can also download **Baptismal Registration Form, Marriage Booking Form & if you need a Baptismal/Confirmation/Marriage Cert you can download the Request form.** If you have any info that you would like to put on the site you can drop it into the office or email:  
[bagenalstownparish@gmail.com](mailto:bagenalstownparish@gmail.com)

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**'CHURCH NOTICES'**

18th Sunday of the Year

4th August 2024



**Eucharistic Adoration** Every Tuesday  
7:00pm-8:00pm in Parish Church.

All welcome

*"We need to recover a sense of awe and adoration before the Eucharist knowing it is the real and loving presence of the Lord".*

**PRAY FOR**

**Esther Dowling**, Nurney who was interred in Newtown Cemetery on Friday.  
**John 'Johnnie' Mullins**, Harrow Cross who was interred in Bagenalstown Cemetery on Saturday.

**1st Anniversary**

**Jim Cummins**, Eastwood. Mass on Saturday 3rd August in Bagenalstown Church at 6:00pm.

**Margaret Hickey**, Rathercan. Mass on Sunday 11th August in Newtown Church at 9:00am.



**Medjugorje Prayer Group**

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

**Visit to the Housebound will be attended this week**

***Tuesday 6th August***

Tuesday morning—Town Area

Tuesday afternoon –Ballinkillen Area & Newtown Area

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Fr Declan Foley: 087 -6684299

Fr Shem Furlong 087-2400582

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Parish Office Hours: Mon/Tues/Thurs 9:30-5pm / Fri 9:30-12noon

(Office closed Wednesday)

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