

ANNIVERSARIES

Kathleen Bermingham, Nurney
Joan Doyle, 12 Eastwood
Áine Somers, Royal Oak Road
Seán Pender, 73 Pairc Mhuire
Tony Jeaney, Garryhundon, Milford
Eileen Nolan, Pairc Mhuire
Gerry Canavan, St. Brigids Crescent
Terrie Kavanagh, 58 Pairc Mhuire
Eilish Monaghan, Kilree Cottages
Julie Fenelon, Knockdrumagh, Myshall
William 'Bill' Foster, 9 Conway Park
John & Ellen Doyle, Corries
Bridie Cody, 52 Conway Park
These Anniversaries will be prayed for on Friday 13th & Saturday 14th December 10:00am Mass in Parish Church

Newtown Fenagh Nurney Senior Citizens

Association will host their annual Christmas party on 15th December in the Lord Bagenal Hotel at 1.30pm. *Anyone in need of a Personal Panic Alarm please contact Maria Nolan 0872369031.*

Turkey Trot 12noon

St. Stephen's Day (26th Dec) from the Lower Stream in Aid of Carlow/ Kilkenny Homecare

St. Vincent De Paul Annual Church Gate Collection

this Saturday 7th & Sunday 8th December at all Masses in the Parish. Please give your support to those that need our help.
Thank you St. Vincent De Paul Helpline 086-4042631

Bagenalstown Senior Citizens Social Club

will have our Christmas Party on **Thurs 12th December in Doyle's Railway House at 4pm.** Its been a while since we had a party because of Covid19. We hope to see all our members and hopefully new people that we have not yet met. Anyone interested in being there please contact Kay 087-6230951 or Breda 087-288401 as soon as possible please to get numbers for meal. Hope to see you all there.

Carlow County Development with Carlow Older Persons

Forum extend a warm invitation to older people to attend our annual Free Christmas Celebration. On Tuesday, 10th December 10am-1pm in the Woodford Dolmen Hotel, Carlow. Carol singing, entertainment, refreshments and information stands from local agencies. Raffle, goodie bags and KCLR will broadcast from the event. Contact Cecilia on 0860679306.

Irish Catholic Bishop's Conference Digital Advent Calendar

The Irish catholic Bishops' Conference are delighted to be bringing you our digital Advent Calendar again this year.

Advent marks the beginning of the new calendar year for Christians. The digital Advent calendar offers a distinctive and spiritually enriching way to journey through this holy season. Based on the Jubilee Year's theme of #Hope, the 2024 calendar offers prayers and resources designed to guide individuals, families and faith communities to reflect on the hope that Christ brings to the world, while also preparing for the upcoming Holy Jubilee Year in 2025. To access the calendar please visit: <https://www.catholicbishops.ie/adventcalendar/>

A Daily Prayer for Advent Blessing of the Family Christmas Crib
A family member can light a candle or the family advent wreath to begin this prayer
Loving God,
as your light grows in the dark of winter, bring its strength and its hope to all people who suffer through war and conflict, poverty and injustice. Just as you sent the star of Bethlehem to lead the way to your Son, guide all people - leaders and citizens - to follow your ways of peace and justice. As we remember the difficult journey of Mary and Joseph, may the Holy Family be a source of courage for each of us, helping us to reach out in friendship to all in need in this world and in our community. Help us to see in the Christ-child we come this Christmas, the one who came to bring an end to all divisions and injustice. Through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*
And may the Lord bless us, keep us safe, and fill us with hope this Advent day and always. *Amen.*
Come, Lord Jesus

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

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

Bagenalstown Parish Yearbook 2024 now on sale in the usual shops.

Excellent value for €8. *When it's gone it's gone*

Leighlinbridge & District Active Retired

Monday 9th December Ecumenical Service in Parish Centre at 2:30pm in Refreshments will follow. This will be our last meeting of 2024 returning on Monday 13th Januray 2025. Holiday to Westport, Castle Court Hotel on Sunday 24th April 3nights/4days. €435pps, B&B and evening meal. Single supplement €40 p.n. limited rooms available. Please contact Madeline 086-4080286 for more info.

IMPORTANT: FOR NEXT YEAR 2025

Changes to Graveyard Mass time

Annual Graveyard Masses in the parish will

change to the earlier time of 7:00pm from next year June 2025 and continue going forward.

Please share this with everyone to help spread the word of the earlier time of all Graveyard Masses in the Parish next year at 7:00pm.

LIVE WEBCAM from our Parish Church which can be viewed from our Parish website—www.bagenalstownparish.ie

FUNERALS

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

Ballinkillen PA is holding their Annual Christmas Market on **Sunday 8th December** from 10am to 1pm in Ballinkillen Lorum Community Centre. Various stalls, cake sale, raffle, bottle stall and much more. *A great morning for all the family.*

Accord Invitation

You are cordially invited to **A Mass of Celebration for Engaged & Married Couples on January 6th 2025** in The Cathedral of the Assumption, Carlow at 7:00pm. *Celebrant: Bishop Denis Nulty. Refreshments afterwards in the Cathedral Parish Centre*

Ballinkillen/Lorum Community Centre

Bingo every Monday @ 8pm. *Everyone welcome*

Medjugorje Prayer Group

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

Confirmation

Dates 2025

Nurney NS on 1st March 2025 11:00am Newtown
St. Brigids Boys NS on 8th March 2025 at 11:00am
Bagenalstown Church
Ballinkillen NS on 22nd March 2025 11:00am Ballinkillen Church
Queen of the Universe NS on 29th March 2025 11:00am
Bagenalstown Church
Newtown Dunleckney NS on 5th April 2025 11:00am Newtown Church

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

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

(Office closed Wednesday)

Registered Charity No. 20015848

BAGENALSTOWN-NEWTOWN-BALLINKILLEN

'CHURCH NOTICES'

2nd Sunday of Advent

8th December 2024

MONTHS MIND

Josephine Lyons, St Brigids Crescent. Mass on Sunday 15th December in Parish Church at 11:30am.

1st Anniversary

Phil Coburn, Dunleckney. Mass on Saturday 7th December in Parish Church at 6:00pm.

Chrissie Sexton nee Boyle, London & St. Brigids Crescent. Mass on Sunday 8th December in Parish Church at 11:30am.

John Murphy, Galway & Regent Street. Mass on Saturday 14th December in Bagenalstown Church at 6:00pm.

Visit to the Housebound will be attended next week

Carol Service with the Men's Choir on Saturday December 14th after 6 pm Mass. All are welcome to celebrate Christmas in song.

St Andrews Parish Church Country Concert Fundraiser
€7,346 was raised. **Many thanks to all who came and made it a great night!!**

First Holy Communion Preparation Mass will be on Sunday 15th December :

9:00am in Newtown Church, (Newtown NS)

10:00am in Ballinkillen Church (Ballinkillen NS)

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

Bagenalstown Parish Pilgrimage to LOURDES 2025

5nights 21st June 2025 €899 Price is on Full Board basis (*Breakfast, Lunch & Evening Meal incl.*) *4* Hotel Solitude* Early deposit of €350 secures your place. €210 Single Room Supplement. *Contact Geraldine Monahan 087-4166803*