

ANNIVERSARIES

Kathleen Brophy, 53 St. Brigids Crescent
 Patricia Dermody McGrath, Eastwood
 Thomas O'Neill, Dunleckney
 Pat & Margaret Maye, Pairc Mhuire
 Johnny Williams, 22 Conway Park
 Esther Power, Bennettsbridge
 Tom & Peg Hickey, 2 St. Brigids Crescent
 Ellen & Myles Quirke, Monemore
 John & Helen Devine, Royal Oak Road
 Frank Devine, Rathellan
 Kevin Devine, Ballyknockan
 Peggy Geoghegan, Pairc Mhuire
 Anne Agars, Ballyloughan
 John Condren, Ratheadon
These Anniversaries will be prayed for on Friday 28th February & Saturday 1st March 10:00am Mass in Parish Church
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 . €210 Single Room Supplement. Contact Geraldine Monahan 087-4166803

Free KCETB Classes at BCG- Creating a Cut Flower Patch & Community Gardening

Continues With : Shirley Lee of www.lilysfield.ie March 15th & 29th at 1pm. Venue: Bagenalstown Community Garden located at the back of the Parochial House-R21 TD61 For more details contact Tommy Cox, HSCL on 0892153018 or tommy.cox@queenoftheuniversens.com

Grants available to Childminders

The Childminding Development Grant of up to €1,000 is currently available to registered and unregistered Childminders caring for children in the Childminder's home, including those planning to open a childminding business in 2025. It aims to assist Childminders to enhance the safety and quality of their childminding service through the purchase of toys, safety equipment, childcare equipment and IT equipment. For further information or to receive an application form, please contact Eilish/Jean at Carlow CCC on 059 9140244 or email eilish@carlowccc.ie. Grant applications close on Friday, 4th April.

Eucharistic Adoration

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

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

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

Samaritans Information Night

Ever wondered about volunteering with the Samaritans, or exactly what is expected of a listening volunteer? Then why not come along to *Lamberts Coffee House in Dublin Street on Wednesday 26th February between 6 and 8pm* and meet some existing volunteers to find out what we do in Carlow to contribute to answering the 1500 calls for help received every day. We are actively looking for people who wish to help others and have 3 hours to spare per week, full training will be provided.

Congratulations to the Winning Showjumping team of **Denis Lynch, Trevor Breen, Jason Foley & Mikey Pender** on winning the 5 Star Nations Cup in Abu Dhabi also Well Done to **Max Foley** returning from his young rider bursary in Florida which he won in the R.D.S.

Diocesan Pilgrimage for the Canonisation of Blessed

Carlo Acutis Coinciding with the Jubilee for Teenagers, during the Jubilee Year of Hope, the Diocese is travelling for the Canonisation of Blessed Carlow Carlo Acutis **25th - 29th April**. This pilgrimage includes a day trip to Assisi, trips to the pilgrims' sites of Rome and of course the Mass on Sunday in St. Peter's Square when Blessed Carlo will be declared the first 'Millennial Saint.' Bishop Denis will join us for the pilgrimage as well as Fr. David Vard. Places are limited and can be booked through Marian Pilgrimages or forms and itinerary can be collected in Portlaoise Parish Centre.

Marriage Encounter Weekend 28-30 March 2025 Restore, Renew, Rekindle. We welcome you to our next Marriage Enrichment Weekend Friday 28th-30th March 2025 Venue: Knock, Co. Mayo www.marriageencounter.ie

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Carlow Flower Club will be holding a Teaching Demonstration by Margaret Collins (AOIFA Demonstrator and Teacher) on Tuesday February 25th in the Woodford Dolmen Hotel at 8.00pm. Margaret will be doing three arrangements which she will do step by step for the audience. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn, and Margaret is a gifted teacher. Non members welcome to attend, Fee for non-members €10. Competition on the night for all classes "An Asymmetrical Triangle to include a figurine"

IMPORTANT: FOR THIS YEAR 2025**Changes to Graveyard Mass time**

Annual Graveyard Masses in the parish will change to the earlier time of **7:00pm** from 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

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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Mass go to
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ST. ANDREWS CHURCH
BAGENALSTOWN

Fundraiser

**COUNTRY
CONCERT**

WED 26TH MARCH
AT 8PM

ALISTAIR FINGLETON **OLIVIA DOUGLAS** **DES WILLOUGHBY** **BRENDAN & EMILY SHINE** **JAMES LAKES MC**

TICKETS €20

TERESA & THE STARS AS BACKING BAND

CHURCH NOTICES

PRAY FOR

Maura Sheppard, Tullow (*sister of Patsy Murphy, Ballinkillen*)

MONTHS MIND

Annie Wall, Donore. Mass on Sunday 23rd February in Bagenalstown Church at 11:30am.

1st Anniversary

Siobhán Byrne, Church Road. Mass on Saturday 22nd February in Bagenalstown Church at 6:00pm.

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

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Luxembourg honouring Carlow Trained St Willibrord

Join Fr Thomas O'Byrne and our ecumenical friends from the Diocese of Leighlin as the Diocese and the Cathedral Parish travel to Luxembourg to partake in the Annual Hopping Procession in honour of Carlow trained St Willibrord, Patron Saint of the Netherlands and the First Apostle of the Netherlands, from Sunday June 8th to Wednesday June 11th, 2025. St Willibrord spent twelve years in Co Carlow at Rath Melsigi, in the Parish of Tinryland, before leaving for the continent in 690AD. He is highly regarded in Belgium, Germany, Luxembourg and the Netherlands. Every year the town of Echternach, where he is buried, holds a centuries old UNESCO World Heritage Status Hopping Procession in his honour. The procession is known as the *People Who Pray With Their Feet*. In 2017 the people of Echternach presented Carlow Cathedral with his Relic. Bookings for this unique pilgrimage through Tully's Travel, Tullow Street, Carlow Town, Tel: 059 9136100, €685.00pp sharing.