

ANNIVERSARIES

Timothy Guidera, Ballyknockan
Billy & Bonnie O'Brien, Paic
Mhuire
Aisling Hennessy, Carrigbeg
Bridie Byrne, Kilcarrig
Richard Ferrissey, 6 Eastwood
Mary & Jim Reddy, Kilcarrig Street
Dan Moore, Donore
Michael & Mary Lillis, 58 St.
Brigids Crescent & their son Paddy
Jack McAssey, Fairgreen
Colette Hutton nee McAssey, Ballon
Larry Ellard, Killenane
Brendan 'China' Ellard,
Bagenalstown
Margaret Fitzgerald, Rathduff
Susan 'Biddy' Hughes, Bohermore

These Anniversaries will be prayed for on Friday 14th & Saturday 15th February 10:00am Mass in Parish Church

St Brigid and Europe

Kildare man and Naas parishioner, Liam Kenny, has researched a presentation "St Brigid and Europe – the diocesan Patron at the heart of the Europe Dream". Liam developed his presentation having made the surprise discovery on a business visit to Strasbourg in eastern France that there was a devotion in the region to St Brigid. Fascinated by this devotion to St Brigid, long distant from her traditional site in Kildare, he researched the Brigidine presence on the banks of the Rhine. The result is an illustrated presentation and informative commentary which is scheduled for the Cathedral Parish Centre, Carlow R93 XV10 on Thursday 13th February at 7.30pm. Everyone is invited and welcome to come to this interesting evening which links the Diocesan patron saint with the heart of Europe.

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

Continues With : Shirley Lee
of www.lilysfield.ie Saturday Feb 8th & 22nd
and 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

"The Carlow Stroke Support Group meet next Friday, February 14th, 2.30-4pm, at St. Dymphna's Hospital, Carlow. Meetings are open to survivors and carers, are informative & social. Guest speaker attends. For further info call/text Lynda 0857331522"

Kilkenny Bereavement Support Service

Kilkenny Bereavement Support invites you to an evening with Fr. Jim Cogley, Thursday 20th February, from 7.00pm to 10.00pm, In Newpark Hotel. Admission is free.

Fr. Jim will present his renowned approach to grief and healing through his use of wooden symbols. Fr. Jim is Parish Priest and Director of Pilgrimage at Our Ladys Island (Wexford) and author of 12 books in the 'Wood You Believe' series and facilitates retreats and seminars on Spirituality, Human Development and Healing in his own unique way. (Website www.jimcogley.com). The Kilkenny Bereavement Support Service provides free one to one listening support to people who are bereaved and can be contacted on 086 0670566 / website: www.kilkennybereavementsupport.com .

Listening to the voices of Women in Scripture

This Conference will be offered in two places: Ballyvaloo Retreat & Conference Centre, Blackwater, Co Wexford on Feb. 14. Cost: €30 (includes lunch) Pembroke Hotel, Kilkenny on Feb. 15. Cost €20 (includes tea/coffee) The speaker: Dr. Grainne Doherty. Times: 10am.– 4.30pm. Booking essential: Sara/Catherina 056 7722870 9am – 5pm Monday to Friday or email regionaloffice@ssjg.ie b4 11thFeb

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.

Divine Mercy Conference 21/23 February 2025

The conference will take place in the RDS this year on the 21st, 22nd and 23rd February. Friday (FREE) 6.00pm - 9.00pm, Saturday 10am - 8pm and Sunday 10am - 5pm. The conference will be broadcast live online through our website www.divinemercyconference.com free of charge and on churchservices.tv. It will also be available (audio only) on www.RadioMaria.ie and on Saorview 210 or dial up listening service 01 4373277. It also is broadcast on www.ShalomWorld.org. Tickets: €40 weekend (Best Value), Saturday €35 and Sunday €25, available online on our website www.divinemercyconference.com or at the RDS door on the day.

St. Conleth's Parish Church Newbridge - Adoration Celebration

Join us at St. Conleth's Parish Church, Newbridge as we celebrate 30+ years of Adoration with a special 40-hour Adoration event from February 14th at 7:00 AM to February 15th at 11:00 PM.

Ballinkillen Lorum Community Centre

Bingo every Monday @ 8pm.
Everyone welcome

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

Jubilee Year 2025 - 'A call to action!'

The celebration of Jubilee 2025 has now begun throughout the universal Catholic Church on the theme: 'Pilgrims of Hope'. Everyone is invited to participate in this special year of faith. Specifically, Pope Francis is encouraging each of us to be messengers of hope in our very troubled world during this holy year. In our Christian tradition, the Jubilee has a strong focus on reconciliation and renewal, including reaching out to people on the margins. It is normally celebrated every 25 years, so that more people can experience it at least once in a lifetime. In dioceses and parishes around Ireland people are celebrating specific jubilee occasions both locally and in Rome. Reflecting the Jubilee Year in the Universal Church, the Irish Synodal Pathway will also focus on hope ahead of the national pre-synodal assembly in Kilkenny on 18 October next. For further information on Jubilee 2025 Year of Hope, see the dedicated page on CatholicBishops.ie for all Jubilee-related updates, including a live calendar featuring events happening across the island. To keep the Jubilee page vibrant, we invite you to contribute by sharing videos and photos from events in your diocese to the Catholic Communications Office in Maynooth on info@catholicbishops.ie. Your contributions will help showcase and amplify the Jubilee celebrations across Ireland. *Hashtags to use on social media: #Jubilee2025 #PilgrimsofHope @Iubilaem_25*

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.

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

Synod News You can capture some of the atmosphere and hear what happened at the recent Synod assembly in Rome in a series of short videos from iCatholic at the following link: <https://www.icatholic.ie/synod/> The synod page of the diocesan website, kandle.ie, also has the English working translation of the final document from the Synod on Synodality. The next step is to deepen our way of being Church together – walking together and with Christ, listening to what God is saying to us through the Word of God that is alive in the scriptures and alive in the experience of people’s lives.

Eucharistic Adoration

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

“The rediscovery of prayer through Eucharistic Adoration is the source of hope for the Church to grow and take root”.

Medjugorje Prayer Group

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

Leighlinbridge Active Retirement

A G. M. Monday 10th Feb at 2pm in the Parish Centre, Leighlinbridge and all members are asked to attend. Membership fees are now due €25. Bowling on Thurs & Fri at 2:30pm. Pickle Ball in Old Leighlin Hall Tues 1:45pm.

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**.*

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

(Office closed Wednesday)

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'CHURCH NOTICES'

5th Sunday of the Year

9th February 2025

MONTHS MIND

Carmel Byrne, Fairgreen. Mass on Sunday 9th February in Ballinkillen Church at 10:00am.

Catherine Matthews, 54 Woodglade, Fenagh. Mass on Sunday 16th February in Newtown Church at 9:00am.

John Irwin, Kilree Street. Mass on Sunday 16th February in Bagenalstown Church at 11:30am.

Doreen Kelly, Paire Mhuire. Mass on Sunday 16th February in Bagenalstown Church at 7:30pm.

1st Anniversary

Michael Heffernan, St. Brigids Crescent. Mass on Saturday 8th February in Bagenalstown Church at 6:00pm.

Brian Williams, An Clós, Gleann na Bearú. Mass on Sunday 9th February in Bagenalstown Church at 8:00am.

Betty McDonald, 3 Barrett Street. Mass on Saturday 15th February in Bagenalstown Church at 6:00pm.

Visit to the Housebound

will be attended NEXT week 17th Feb

'Ceremony of Light' takes place for Confirmation

Candidates and their families on Thursday 13th February at 7:30pm in Parish Church. *All are 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