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As restrictions ease, we are now able to return to celebrating Mass in public. As you will understand, this will not be a straightforward return to normal service and there will have to be certain restrictions regarding numbers attending and socially distant seating.

A few other points to note:

- **Follow directions** from stewards
- Do not come to the Mass if you have a **cough/cold or feel unwell.**
- **Hand sanitisers** will be provided: please sanitise before entering
- Try to make minimum contact with door handles or other surfaces
- **Newsletters**, please bring them home after use.
- **Do not** shake hands or hug anyone
- For Holy Communion, **maintain social distancing** & receive by hand only.
- **Collection bags** will not be passed around; there will be a box at each door where envelopes/ donations for collections can be left.
- **Please do not congregate** to chat after Mass; exit in an orderly fashion, observing social distancing at all times.

Although this all sounds very complicated, I am hopeful that with your cooperation, everything will run very smoothly and we will soon be back to 'some kind of normal' very soon.

Fr Declan

MASS TIMES

(INCL. EXTRA MASSES)

St. Andrew's Church, Bagenalstown Saturday at 6:00pm & **7:30pm**

Sunday at 8:00am, **10:00am**, 11:30am & 7:30pm (extra Masses for the time being)

St. Patrick's Church, Newtown Sunday at 9:00am First Friday of the Month at 7:00pm

St. Lazerian's Church, Ballinkillen Sunday at 10:00am First Friday of the Month at 8:00pm

Sunday Obligation

Your Mass Obligation can be fulfilled on **ANY** day of the week.

Are you grieving for a loved one?

The Parish have a team of people who have been professionally trained to support all parishioners who have been bereaved. A letter offering this confidential support will be sent out to one member of the Bereaved family where the funeral has taken place in Bagenalstown Parish. This support is also available to all members of the family and to bereaved parishioners where the funeral has not taken place in Bagenalstown. If you would like to avail of this support please phone Rita O'Quigley 9131323 or Eleanor in the Parish Office 9721154 who will make the arrangements for someone to call you.

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'CHURCH NOTICES'

17th Sunday of Year

26th July, 2020

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- **Signage** – Look out for signs and take time to read
- **Sanitisation**- Sanitisers are in appointed places in church and please use
- **Stewards**- Follow their guidance, they are there to help you
- **Support**– Support your church and maybe select a day to spread the Sunday congregation during the week, Make a contribution to your church as you enter the church or as you leave it.
- **Social Distance**-2metres apart, no shaking hands, no sign of peace. Respect those in front of you and behind you particularly when you are approaching the sanctuary at Holy Communion. Be mindful of your place in the queue.
- **Seating**-We all have our favourite seat but we all have to sacrifice it now as seats will be clearly designated with signs.
- **Symptoms**-If you have any symptoms at all, Stay At Home, the obligation to attend Mass has been removed for everyone for the time being.

Church Collections Huge Thanks to the many parishioners who have dropped in donations. We are extremely grateful. In response to the many queries we have received about Church collections we are listing the parish account details below. If you are making a donation directly to the parish through the Bank please put your name and address in the reference box. While Mass attendance has partly resumed we won't be having an Offertory Collection. If you wish you may leave a donation as you leave the church in the baskets dotted around the church.

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.

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PRAY FOR

Mick Kelly, Green Road who was interred here on Thursday.

MONTHS MIND

Patricia Byrne, Seskinryan. Mass on Saturday 25th July at 7:30pm in Parish Church.

Jane Cleere nee Kehoe, Garryhendon. Mass on Friday 7th August at 7:00pm in Newtown Church.

FIRST ANNIVERSARY

Mick Jones, Augha. Mass on Sunday 26th July at 9:00am in Newtown Church.

Annie Nolan, Church Street. Mass on Sunday 2nd August at 9:00am in Newtown Church.

FUNDRAISER

Newtown Churchyard Project

We are currently in the process of organizing laying tarmac on Newtown Churchyard.

Donations may be left into the parish office or Mr Pat Nolan, Caretaker.

Please give your support.

TRÓCAIRE BOXES CAN STILL BE LEFT IN THE CHURCH AT MASS TIME OR PARISH OFFICE

HAVE YOU A BABY FOR BAPTISM?

If you have a baby for Baptism, please Contact Eleanor in the Parish Office 9721154

ANNIVERSARIES

William Jordan, Glenaharry
Denis O'Brien, Dunleckney
Noel Clarke, Dunleckney
James & Catherine Ryan, Slyguff
Catherine Meaney, Ballyloughan
Teresa O'Kane, Maple Drive
Michael 'Mikey' Dermody, Oldtown
Michael & Brigid Johnson, 69 St. Brigids Crescent
John & Mary Darcy, 85 St. Brigids Crescent

Jack O'Leary, Dunmore East, Waterford
Pat Byrne, Dunroo

Jim Hickey, Monemore
Tom & Margaret-Rose Hogan, Paulstown

Elizabeth Agars, Ballyloughan
Brigid & Joseph Barry, Mullaghcreelan

These Anniversaries will be prayed for on Friday 31st July & Saturday 1st August at 10:00am Mass in Parish Church.

Yearbook 2020

Preparation for this year's edition is already underway. If you would like to have your story, article, club, association or school news considered for inclusion, please email to bagenalstownyearbook@gmail.com no later than 1 October 2020.

Photographs should be sent as jpegs. The yearbook committee would welcome new members on to the committee. Just drop them a line on the above email. **Any queries should be directed to Ann 9722042 or Michael 087-2675661.** We look forward to reading and publishing your stories, articles and news in our 2020 issue.

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First Holy Communion

Dates 2020

Ballinkillen N.S. on Saturday 8th August at 11:00am in St. Andrews Parish Church

Newtown/Dunleckney N.S. on Saturday 15th August at 11:00am in St. Patricks Newtown Church

St. Brigid Boys N.S. on Saturday 22nd August at 11:00am in St. Andrews Parish Church

Queen of the Universe Girls N.S. on Saturday 22nd August at 1:00pm in St. Andrews Parish Church

Nurney N.S. on Sunday 23rd August at 11:00am in St. Patricks Newtown Church

Garryhill N.S. on Sunday 13th September at 11:30am in St. Andrews Parish Church

Online Donations

The Diocesan website kandle.ie now offers a donate facility that allows parishioners to donate to individual parishes such as our own as well as diocesan collections such as Trócaire and Retired Priests. The process is secure and straightforward and a number of donations have already been made. If you would like to make a donation to the parish online then please go to www.kandle.ie and choose Muinebheag/Bagenalstown Parish.

SOME HINTS ON GETTING MARRIED

At the time you enquire about the hotel etc. Check the Church to avoid disappointment. At least 3 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 for an appointment. For more info go to 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. 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 Certificates 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 Sat. Please feel free to call to Eleanor at Parish Office or any of the Priests who will be most willing to help you make a happy and Blessed Day.

Fr. Declan

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