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St. Vincent De Paul **Annual Appeal**

The Annual ChurchGate Collection our sole fundraising event will be negatively affected due to Covid 19 Restrictions this year.

Your donations make a real difference in the lives of people and if you wish to contribute, you can donate directly through the bank.

Bank name and address: Bank of Ireland, Bagenalstown, Co. Carlow

Name of Account ; St. Vincent De Paul, Bagenalstown Branch.

BIC: BOFIE2D

IBAN: IE21BOFI90649410979187
Sincere thanks for your support.



Trocaire Gifts of Love Buy a Trocaire Gift of Love and send your love around the world

How to buy- Our face to face channels to buy gifts are closed at the moment but you can still buy gifts by calling **1850 408 408** or visit **www.trocaire.org/gifts**
This year has been a very challenging year for Trocaire but as ever our network of supporters has risen to this challenge and we have no doubt that we will have a successful Christmas with your help. ***Wishing you all God's blessing for the season of Advent as we prepare for Christmas.***

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

Diocesan Advent page

The diocesan website **www.kandle.ie** has a dedicated Advent page that will be added to throughout the season of Advent. Parishioners are invited to access this page for a weekly Advent bulletin, Scripture Sharing reflections from Fr Liam Lawton, videos on making and blessing an Advent wreath and on creating an Advent prayer space in the home and more!

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www.kandle.ie



Hope BAGENALSTOWN - NEWTOWN - BALLINKILLEN

'CHURCH NOTICES'
First Sunday of Advent
29th November, 2020

Mass are each weekday morning at 10am. *Weekend Masses at 10am & Saturday at 6:00pm and can be seen*

VIEW OUR LIVE WEB CAM

We have just installed Parish Church



Webcam which can be viewed on our
Parish website—Bagenalstown Parish
Facebook—Bagenalstown Parish Church
Youtube—Bagenalstown Parish Church



An Advent Tradition for Church and Home:

THE ADVENT WREATH

The advent wreath has a rich meaning. The **circle** of the wreath, with no beginning or end, symbolises the eternity of God.

The **evergreen** reminds us of the everlasting life we have in Christ while any pine cones or pods in the wreath represent new life and resurrection.

The **four candles** represent the four Sundays of Advent.

Purple is traditionally a colour of penance and prayer while the **rose pink** candle that is lit on the Third Sunday (Gaudete/Rejoice Sunday) marks our joy as we move ever closer to **Christmas.**

A Blessing Prayer

Loving God,
let your blessing come upon us as we light this wreath.
May it be a sign of hope for us as we prepare for your coming and may it turn our hearts to you in the days ahead.

Give us your peace and love as we wait in joyful hope.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

See kandle.ie for a short video on making a wreath for your home

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PRAY FOR

Sr. Ita Egan, Kilcock & Presentation Convent, Long Range.
Aine Barrett, Kilfenora & Oak Grove who was interred here on Wednesday.

MONTHS MIND

Philip O'Brien, Rathercan. Mass on Saturday 5th December at 10:00am in Parish Church.

FIRST ANNIVERSARY

Mary Kinsella, Ballyellen. Mass on Sunday 29th November at 10:00am in Parish Church.

ANNIVERSARIES

Declan Nolan, Eastwood
Paddy Lennon, 10 St. Brigids Crescent
Seamus Coogan, Ballymoon
Ann & Richard Sinnott, Ballywilliamroe
Teresa O'Neill, Moneenroe
Jane O'Brien, Rathercan
Deceased members of O'Neill family, Moneenroe
Deceased members of O'Brien family, Rathercan
Ned Tobin, Ballycormack
Tommy Reilly, 73 St. Brigids Crescent
Bob Williams, Curranree
Mary Kane, Railway Road
Brigid Cummins, Kilree & her daughters, Mary Cummins, Eastwood, Lily Kenny, Coill Dubh, Naas & Jean Kane, Fr Cummins Park

These Anniversaries will be prayed for on Friday 4th & Saturday 5th December at 10:00am Mass Parish Church.

First Friday Anniversaries Newtown

Liam Nolan, Powerstown
Declan Nolan, Eastwood
Mary & Patrick Nolan
Michael Nolan, England & Kildrenagh
Frank O'Hara, Lower Upton, Fenagh

First Friday Anniversaries Ballinkillen

Breda O'Neill, Ballinkillen
Dora Huff, Borris
Joseph Pender, Ballinkillen
Baby David Brooks, Ballymartin
Dermot Hughes, Ballinkillen
Elizabeth O'Neill, Ballinkillen
(These anniversaries will be celebrated in Bagenalstown Parish Church on Friday 4th December at 10am)

Samaritans Light Up Campaign

Samaritans provide a 24-hour helpline service for people who are in distress, struggling to cope and who are in need of emotional support, including those who are feeling suicidal. Every Christmas we mark the Winter Solstice on December 21st with an event called the Longest Night. Through this we let our callers know that we're there for them during their darkest hours, especially over the festive period. This year we are appealing to local authorities, businesses and church leaders to light up their buildings in green or where colour change is not possible, a light or lantern on to support us. Samaritans can be contacted 24 hours a day, seven days a week, of freephone 116 123 or email jo@samaritans.ie



Waiting in Hope Liturgy:

Bishop Denis and the Diocesan Commission Liturgical Formation are inviting people across the diocese to begin the Advent journey with him in a moment of prayer and a spirit of hope. The Bishop will lead a livestreamed service of music, prayer, scripture and reflections at 7:30 pm on Sunday November 29 from the Cathedral of the Assumption, Carlow. You can access this livestream on the **iCatholic Facebook page** <https://facebook.com/iCatholic>, the **KANDLE Facebook page**, <https://www.facebook.com/KANDLEi/>. as well as on the **YouTube channel** <https://youtube.com/c/icatholicplayer> Please have an individual candle ready to light and to hold during this service. In the words of Bishop Denis, *'together let us wait in hope, let us turn down the dial and be gentle with one another and ourselves as we prepare in the strangest of times to welcome Jesus, Emmanuel, among us.'*

Lockdown Level 5

Our churches are CLOSED for the time being.

Masses on Parish Radio 106.9 each morning at 10am.

Weekend Masses at 10am & Saturday at 6:00pm

**FUNERALS 25 PEOPLE MAX
WEDDINGS 25 PEOPLE MAX**

A.A. Meeting Wednesdays at 8:30pm in Our Lady's Chapel in St. Andrews Church.

A huge THANK YOU to all parishioners who continue to contribute to the parish via Envelope Donations—we are extremely grateful especially during this unprecedented time. Mini Advent Retreat on Zoom

For three sessions, during Advent, you are invited to take part in a mini-retreat that will explore the themes of Faith, Hope and Love. The retreat will be led by Fr Billy Swan, St Aidan's Cathedral, Enniscorthy and will take place from Tuesday 1st to Thursday 3rd December beginning at 8pm. To take part, all you need to do is send an email to thehookoffaith@gmail.com to receive the Zoom link. Come and join us to prepare for Christmas.

Fed up of Covid-19? Take a break and read the splendid Parish Yearbook 2020
Just €6 at all the usual outlets.

Turkey Trot going ahead as normal on St Stephenson's day at 12 noon from The Lower Stream in aid of Carlow/Kilkenny homecare.
All restrictions will be in place.



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