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THE 7 S's

- **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

COVID-19 Support Line for Older

People ALONE manage a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the outbreak of COVID-19 Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open seven days a week, 8am - 8pm, by calling 0818 222 024.

BAGENALSTOWN - NEWTOWN-BALLINKILLEN

'CHURCH NOTICES'

28th Sunday of Year 11th October, 2020

PRAY FOR **John Dargan**, Tullow and Bagenalstown, Funeral took place on Saturday in Bagenalstown

Bridie Scully, Sleaty Graiguecullen, sister of Frank Comerford, Pairc Mhuire.

Claire McHugh, Regents St., and Spring Hill, Carlow

Both Bridie and Claire's funerals took place in Graiguecullen

MONTHS MIND

Peggy Browne, 50 Conway Park. Mass on Saturday 10th October at 10:00am in Parish Church.

FIRST ANNIVERSARY

Máiréad Curran, 15 Fairgreen. Mass on Saturday 17th October at 6:00pm in Parish Church.

Congratulations!

St. Andrew's Church
Bagenalstown



CONGRATULATIONS to 31 Pope John Paul II Students who received their awards last week. Our students received Bronze, Silver, Gold and Papal Cross Awards and put in a huge amount of work during this current pandemic, in order to achieve this. Well done to all, we are very proud of them as a group.

Lockdown Level 3

Our churches are closed for the time being.

Masses on Parish Radio 106.9 each morning at 10am

FUNERALS 25 PEOPLE MAX

WEDDINGS 25 PEOPLE MAX

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ANNIVERSARIES

Nan Farrell, 50 St Brigids Crescent
Michael McDarby, Carlow
Helen Halligan, 25 Eastwood
Catherine Carton, Barrett Street

These Anniversaries will be prayed for on Friday 16th & Saturday 17th October at 10:00am Mass Parish Church.

Yo ur life was a blessing, your memory a treasure. You are loved beyond words and missed beyond measure

Online Donations

The Diocesan website kandle.ie now offers a donate facility that allows parishioners to donate to individual parishes such as our own. If you would like to make a donation to the parish online then please go to www.kandle.ie and choose Muinebheag/Bagenalstown Parish.

HAVE YOU A BABY FOR BAPTISM?

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

Bagenalstown 'A

Step Back in Time' is a new book by Myles Kavanagh that will be on sale in all the local outlets from the 13th of October. The book contains the story of the town and churches of St. Andrew and St. Mary's along with other stories and history of the town and surrounding areas.

The Hook of Faith Zoom Conference

The team at 'The Hook of Faith'

(www.thehookoffaith.com) are pleased to announce a Zoom Conference for the month of October that focuses on '**EVANGELISING IRISH CULTURE TODAY**'. Each session will be led by an expert speaker followed by 10 mins of Q and A. Each session will begin at 8pm. We hope that as many as possible participate in this event for the missionary month of October.

Confidential Bereavement

Support offered. If you have been bereaved and would like someone to call. You may contact Rita O' Quigley 9131323 or Eleanor in Parish Office 9721154

Bagenalstown Bereavement Support Group

Nancy Stewart Turns 107 - An invite to lift the country together while celebrating a real life miracle

"My name is Nancy Stewart and I was born on the 16th of October 1913. This weekend I turn 107 years of age. Imagining turning 107 in a world pandemic. This definitely is something very unusual even for me and all I have been through. I live in Clonard in county Meath and have lived in my home for over 83 years. I lost my husband in a car crash in 1989, and lost my twin daughters Margaret in 2007 to motor neurone and Anne in 2010 to utter heartbreak of losing her sister. I've lost all my friends throughout the years which comes with living so long on this earth. I'm very lucky to still have three daughters Kathleen, Mary and Olive and one son Finian and I have 84 grandchildren, great grandchildren and great great grandchildren. I have faced many heartbreaking moments and also have seen many hard times in our country witnessing world war's, division in our people and numerous sad times for our nation. I write to you today to send you my love and to offer you my prayers. I miss attending mass but I know you are here today representing me in your seat. I'm very lucky to have been given a great faith by my parents many years ago and I have kept it all these years. I believe in God above, Mary and Joseph and little baby Jesus. I also have a great faith in St. Anthony, Padre Pio and of course my little flower St. Theresa. It's not easy to keep your faith these days. We are in a very hard time where we no longer can stretch out to a friend and embrace them nor can we call to each other's houses. But I'm here to share my story. I have been in lockdown in my house since March, alongside my granddaughter Louise and even though it has been a tough time, we have got through it together. We drink tea. We say prayers. We bake. We laugh. We make phone calls. I can even video call lots of my family and friends and am making new friends everyday that God gives me on this earth. And that's a very important thing to say. If you are feeling low, make sure to try call someone or even go for a walk. I also ask God to help me if I'm feeling low. This is a hard time for everyone but please make sure you keep yourself well and wear your mask. If you keep healthy, your mind will stay healthy too. Keep talking to one another. Keep talking to God. He's always there. All my life I have always believed in chatting and drinking tea and saying a prayer or a decade of the rosary and it has got me through. This is our moment to keep our faith and to keep believing that God above is looking out for us. And not to forget if he can't help us in the moment, we can try our best to help each other and know that he will help us through when the moment is right. I just want to thank you today for keeping your faith and never forget that no good deed goes unnoticed. We must always try help each other as best we can. We are not here to live for ourselves but to live for each other. I can't believe I've made it to this age, I only feel like i'm fifty but now that I'm here, all I can say is please god I'll be here for my next birthday. We must always look forward. I can't believe I'm the oldest person in Ireland living in my own home, I don't feel that old. When God wants me, he will come take me but for now I will keep enjoying my life, I'll keep loving my family and I'll keep saying my prayers day by day.....oh and not to forget eating lots of good wholesome food is my tip. Good food and lots of tea is my secret to a long life as well as keeping positive as best we can. We must always look forward and make sure we don't leave anyone behind. Hard times will come but we must try help each other. Thank you for thinking of me today in your prayers and I promise I will think of you in my many rosaries I say everyday. Thank you Fr. and all the priests who keep all the parishes going. Your work will be rewarded in Heaven and please God, down here too, you will feel our appreciation for your life's work. To all who are listening to me today, keep believing and keep being good. This hard time will indeed pass like all the rest and all that matters is that we helped each other through. Many blessings and much love, Granny Nancy x"

You can find out more about Nancy online by googling **Nancy Stewart EWTN**

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