

Bagenalstown Parish

Bingo Every Wednesday at 8:00pm in the McGrath Hall. Please come and give your support and have a great night.



Vocation Views

The light of Christ shines upon you. Share that light with others. Consider the gift of a Church vocation. Fr. Ruairí Ó Domhnaill, Vocations Director, vocations@kandle.ie

Parish Office re-opens Monday 4th January.

Readers: 10th January

Sat 9th January 6:00pm

Helen Wall

Sun 10th January 8:00am

No Reader

Sun 10th January 11:30am

Pauline Jordan

Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday 9th January

6:00pm Team A

Sunday 10th January

8:00am Team A, 11:30am Team C

7:30pm Team A

Annual Pilgrimage to

Medjugorje

8th—15th June 2016 €669

Please contact Eleanor Parish

Office—97-21154 for more info.

Ballinkillen Lorum

Community Centre

Patchwork and Sewing classes starting in January, we are taking names now contact Eimear @ 059 9775175.

We have an up and coming **Breakfast Morning** in January, All welcome. Full Irish Breakfast. Price to be confirmed closer to date. **Parent & Toddler group** are on break for Christmas but will be back on the 5th January.

We would like to take this opportunity in wishing all our members and customers a Happy New Year. We thank you all for your continued support.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

In the Convent every Wednesday

11:00am—6:00pm

ALL WELCOME

Have you been a victim of crime?

If so Carlow Branch of Victim Assistance is here to help you, on 059 -9130909 for emotional and practical support. Contact us, in confidence!

Parish of Bagenalstown-Newtown-Ballinkillen

Church Notices

2nd Sunday after Christmas

3rd January, 2016

FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

Bagenalstown 5th Jan - 6:00pm

Bagenalstown 6th Jan - 8:00am, 11:30am

(No evening Mass)

Newtown 5th Jan - 7:00pm

Ballinkillen 5th Jan - 8:00pm



Thought for the day

Would you know who is the greatest saint in the world? It is not he who prays most or fasts most, it is not he who lives most, but it is he who is always thankful to God, who receives everything as an instance of God's goodness and has a heart always ready to praise God for it.

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 is 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 Dunphy in the Parish Office 9721154 who will make the arrangements for someone to call to you.

Parish Office -Eleanor: 059 9721154

Fr Declan Foley: 087 6684299 Fr Declan Thompson: 087 0610473 /059 97 23886

Pamela Whelan (Parish Pastoral Minister): 085 8230207

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PRAY FOR

Joe O'Brien, Fenagh who was interred in Drumpeha.

Declan Nolan, Eastwood who was interred during the week.

James Keegan, Slyguff who was interred in Goresbridge.

MONTHS MIND

Don O'Rourke, Augha. Mass on Sunday 3rd January at 9:00am in Newtown Church.

FIRST ANNIVERSARIES

Lily Walsh, Ballinakill, Garryhill. Mass on Saturday 9th January at 6:00pm in Parish Church.

Mary Bolger, Kilcarrig. Mass on Sunday 10th January at 11:30am in Parish Church.

ANNIVERSARIES

Mary-Ann & Edmond Corr, Paulstown
Susan Lillis, 2 Fairgreen

Frank & Michael Byrne, Rathellan Lane

Ann Maher, Slyguff

Mary Maher, Slyguff

Joe & Josie Monaghan, 24 Kilcarrig Street

Pat McDonnell, Rathduff

James Doyle, 18 Barrett Street

Sean Casey, Pairc Mhuire

Richard Sinnott, Ballywilliamroe

Tom & Katie Duffy & their son Tommy

Paddy Curran, Fairgreen

These Anniversaries will be prayed for on Friday 8th & Saturday 9th January at 10:00am Mass in Parish Church.

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). Minimum age for marriage is 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

HAVE YOU A BABY FOR BAPTISM??

If you have a baby for Baptism, you are asked to book in and attend Baptismal Preparation Meeting in the Parochial House—the meeting is on the **second Monday of every month at 8:00pm.** You will be given the registration form for baptism and the date of Baptism will be confirmed for you at this meeting. At the Baptism Preparation Meeting the Sacrament and Ceremony of Baptism is discussed and explained and the details for the Baptismal Register will be recorded. *You are asked to bring a copy of your Baby's Birth Certificate.* This meeting is conducted by the Parish Baptismal Team and lasts approx. 1 hour. Please try to find a minder for the children as the information for these classes need the full attention of those attending. Please be on time for the meeting so that they may begin at 8:00pm. **For booking a place at the Baptismal Preparation meeting contact Eleanor in Parish Office 9721154**

St. Vincent de Paul Shop

On Church Road Open Monday to Friday from 10:30am-12:30pm, and Friday afternoon 2:00pm-4:00pm. *St. Vincent De Paul Local Help Line—0864042631*

Please think of *SVDP Shop* when you go to clear out those presses of unwanted clothing etc. Bag them up and drop them in to our shop. We would be very grateful for your support. Many thanks in advance.

First Holy Communion Dates 2016

- ♦ **Ballinkillen N.S.** on Saturday 7th May 2016 at 11am in Ballinkillen Church
- ♦ **Garyhill N.S.** on Sunday 8th May 2016 at 11:30am in St. Andrews Parish Church
- ♦ **Newtown/Dunleckney N.S.** on Saturday 14th May 2016 at 11am in Newtown Church
- ♦ **Nurney N.S.** on Sunday 22nd May 2016 at 11am in Newtown Church
- ♦ **St. Brigid Boys N.S. and Queen of the Universe Girls N.S.** on Saturday 21st May 2016 at 11am in St. Andrews Parish Church

Confirmation Day **Saturday 5th March 2016 at 11:00am**

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