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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](http://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*

**VIEW OUR LIVE WEB  
CAM which we have installed Parish**

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

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BAGENALSTOWN - NEWTOWN - BALLINKILLEN

**'CHURCH NOTICES'**  
**Third Sunday of Advent**  
13th December, 2020

**WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

## **Christmas Masses**

Thanks to all those who have volunteered as Readers, Eucharistic Ministers & Stewards so far. Delighted to say we have enough readers, we just need a few more Eucharistic Ministers AND we really need people to volunteer as stewards. If you could help us please call into the Sacristy after Mass or contact the parish office with your name & contact number. *Thank you.*

Our **Christmas** will be a little different this year due to COVID19. The Sunday obligation remains suspended and no one should feel forced to attend Mass if they feel unsure of the risk involved for them or for others. There are **Extra Masses on Christmas Eve** to try accommodate all wishing to attend Mass this Christmas.

### **CHRISTMAS EVE**

**Bagenalstown** – 10:00am, 12noon, 2:00pm, 4:00pm, 6:00pm & 8:00pm

**Newtown** - 7:00pm

**Ballinkillen** - 7:00pm

### **CHRISTMAS DAY**

**Bagenalstown** - 8:00am, 11:30am (No evening Mass)

**Newtown** - 10:00am

**Ballinkillen** - 10:00am

**ST.STEPHEN'S DAY** : Bagenalstown - 10.00am

*Saturday & Sunday Masses as usual*



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## **PRAY FOR**

**Michael O'Hanlon**, Pollerton Road, Carlow who was interred here on Monday.

**Declan Roberts**, Knockmoyle, Kilree. Funeral Mass on Monday at 11:00am in Parish Church followed by burial in Cemetery of the Assumption.

**Mary Drea**, Graiguecullen & Fenagh who was interred in Newtown on Wednesday.

**Elizabeth Farrell**, Heath, Corries who was interred in Ballinkillen on Saturday.

**Catherine Murphy**, Dublin (*daughter of Jennie Jacob, Newtown*)

## **MONTHS MIND**

**Pat Armstrong**, Kilree. Mass on Saturday 12th December at 6:00pm in Parish Church.

**Margaret Sykes**, Ballyloughan. Mass on Sunday 13th December at 10:00am in Ballinkillen Church.

**Sr. Ita Egan**, Presentation Convent, Long Range. Mass on Sunday 20th December at 11:30am in Parish Church.

## **FIRST ANNIVERSARY**

**Denis Hynes**, 6 Conway Park. Mass on Saturday 19th December at 6:00pm in Parish Church.

## **SPECIAL INVITATION**

This year the Cathedral parish invites parishioners from across the whole diocese to join in a **livestreamed service of carols, readings and prayers**. It will take place at **8:30pm on Sunday, December 20** and will be led by Bishop Denis from Carlow Cathedral. While many of us will miss our traditional carol services, this promises to be a very special moment of shared hope, joy and song as we approach Christmas. Livestream will be available on [www.iCatholic.ie](http://www.iCatholic.ie)

## **ANNIVERSARIES**

Michael Rudkins, Kilree Street

Jean Kane, 56 Fr Cummins Park

Mary & Patrick Nolan

Michael Nolan, England & Kildrenagh

Noel Farrell, Donore

John & Margaret Farrell, Donore

Lily Kenny, Coill Dubh, Naas, Kildare

Eddie Mitchell, Dublin & Kilcarrig

Judy O'Brien, 34 Conway Park

Terrie Kavanagh, 58 Pairc Mhuire

Paul Lyons, Oldtown

Ned Lyons, Oldtown

William 'Bill' Foster, 9 Conway Park

Tony Grey, Kilree

James McDonald, Barrett Street

John McDonald, Barrett Street

Noel McDonald, Fr Cummins Park

Mary Bolger, Fr Cummins Park

Lily Walsh, Fairgreen

Elizabeth Monaghan, 24 Kilcarrig Street

Jim Murphy, Fairgreen

Bill & Josie Power, St. Brigids Crescent

James 'Jim' & Peg Jordan, Church Road

Margaret Tobin, Ballyloughan

Brendan Flynn, Dublin

Kathleen & Gerry Aughney, Kilcarrig

Joseph Walsh, Kildrenagh

*These Anniversaries will be prayed for on Friday 18th & Saturday 19th December at 10:00am Mass Parish Church.*

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

**Fed up of Covid-19? Take a break and read the splendid**

**Parish Yearbook 2020**

Just €6 at all the usual outlets.

## **An Advent Tradition**

### ***The Nativity Scene***

In about 1223 AD St Francis wanted to celebrate the feast of Christmas in a new way, helping people to recall the humble surroundings in which Jesus was born (his nativity). In the town of Greccio, near Assisi, with the help of a local landowner he set up a live crib with stable, hay and animals. The local people came at night with torches and candles to celebrate Mass and, on seeing the scene, to be reminded of God's love for us in sending his only son to be born in the poverty of a manger. St. Francis' initiative at Greccio popularized the making of a Christmas crib in our homes, churches, hospitals, schools and other places.

### **Lockdown Level 3**

Our churches are open again.

Mass from Parish Church may be viewed via Live Webcam

Mass on Parish Radio 106.9

Mass each morning **Weekday** 10:00am

**Saturday** at 10:00am, 6:00pm &

**7:30pm, Sunday** 8:00am, 10:00am,

11:30am & 7:30pm .

Newtown Church 9:00am

Ballinkillen Church 10:00am

FUNERALS 25 PEOPLE MAX

WEDDINGS 25 PEOPLE MAX

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

## **28th Annual Christmas Day Swim and Walk**

in aid of Carlow/Kilkenny Homecare Team in memory of Vera Power at 12 noon Christmas Day. **Come Swim Ready.** No sponsor cards are being issued this year due to Covid-19.

There will be a donation box on the day or you can go to [www.gofundme.com/f/28th-christmas-day-swim](http://www.gofundme.com/f/28th-christmas-day-swim) to donate.

I ask anyone wishing to complete the walk to do it in your own time over Christmas Day to avoid crowds congregating and everyone to adhere to Covid-19 guidelines. **All money raised goes towards supporting our local Homecare Team.**

**Turkey Trot** going ahead as normal on St Stephen's day at 12 noon from The Lower Stream in aid of Carlow/Kilkenny Homecare.

All restrictions will be in place.

## **Christmas Concert**

Get into the festive cheer with the Portarlinton Christmas Carollers broadcast of their 2019 Christmas Concert. Premiering on YouTube at 4:00pm on Dec 20th. Though we can't be physically together, we can share in the experience, live comment during the broadcast, and sing along to all our Christmas Favourites. Type in the following to view online:

<https://youtu.be/avwCwjBm8Dk>

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