

Croagh Patrick Pilgrimage

Bagenalstown Parish Pilgrimage to Croagh Patrick will take place on **Saturday 3rd and Sunday 4th September 2011**. The buses will leave outside the parish church on Saturday at 5:00am. Later on Saturday we climb Croagh Patrick with Mass celebrated on top. We will stay in the Park Hotel, Kiltimagh. On Sunday, after breakfast, we will visit Knock Shrine for Mass and return home in the afternoon. Total cost is €105. For booking or further information contact the parish office 9721154 or Kathleen Cox 97277303/0874140747.

Follow Fr Paddy on Twitter for daily reflections @frpaddybyrne (Twitter name)

Bus to Knock on Thursday 20th May 2011, leaving from the Fire Station at 7:20am. Adults €18 Child €10. Contact Maura Hanlon 059 9721239 for more info.

Novena to our Lady of Perpetual Help in St. Clare's Church, Graiguecullen Mon. 9th May. Second Speaker is: **Jonathan Irwin** (Former Chairman of Bloodstock Ireland and Founder of Jack and Jill Foundation)

PHOENIX PROJECT

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ENVELOPE COLLECTION

Total Collection was **€1,655:40**

This weeks prize winner is:

Tommy Dillon, 13 Pairc Mhuire

The Carlow Volunteer Centre will hold an **Information Stand in Bagenalstown** On Friday 13th May 2011

In Bagenalstown Credit Union 10.00 – 12noon. Information is available on many different volunteering opportunities around the south of the county.

It's a chance to find out how to share your skills, interests and hobbies - without having to give any commitment.

Contact: natasha@volunteercarlow.ie
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BAGENALSTOWN - NEWTOWN - BALLINKILLEN

'CHURCH NOTICES'

3rd Sunday of Easter

8th May, 2011

BLESSED JOHN PAUL II Over 1.5 million people recently lined the streets of Rome, attending the Beatification of the late Pope John Paul II 1978-2005. John Paul has been acclaimed as one of the most influential leaders of the 20th Century. It is widely held that he was instrumental in ending communism in his native Poland and throughout Eastern Europe. He significantly improved the Catholic Church's relations with Judaism, the Eastern Orthodox Church, and the Anglican Communion. He is criticised by some commentators for his opposition to contraception and the ordination of women. His conservative perspective perhaps can be understood, from the fierce coercion he endured as a young Pole, denied the right to practice his faith. Religious freedom became a major theme of his Pontificate. John Paul was one of the most travelled world leaders in history, visiting 129 countries during his Pontificate. He was fluent in many languages: Italian, French, German, English, Spanish, Portuguese, Ukrainian, Ancient Greek and Latin as well as his native language Polish. One of his outstanding legacies was promoting humanities "call to holiness". Pope John Paul, believed that holiness was grounded in wholesomeness. Honouring men and women whose lives were heroic and inspirational, the late Pope offered many role models for the Christian way of life. John Paul II Beatified 1,340 people and Canonised 483 saints, more than the combined tally of his predecessors during the last five centuries. On the 14th October, 1978 Karol Wojtyla became the 264th Pope. His leadership and charisma certainly has made him one of the greatest iconic figures of modern history. "The future starts today, not tomorrow". His mission carried an urgency and hectic pace. As Pope John Paul II teachings focused on the gift of human life from the cradle to the grave, at all times he held the Gospel against the culture of death. The Gospel of life "evangelium vitae" he explicitly reasserted catholic moral teachings against, murder, abortion and euthanasia. One of the key principles of John Paul II ministry was solidarity, particularly empowering those who lacked freedom to find their voice. Perhaps that is why young people found his message so attractive. John Paul also understood the reality of suffering. His bruised and broken body offered empathy and encouragement to those who were sick and destitute in the final years of his public life. The frail pontiff, living with Parkinson's disease, Colon Cancer and Arthritis, became a champion of endurance and resilience. In a culture that promoted life's meaning in terms of health and energy John Paul was in stark contrast. When visiting Ireland in 1979 Pope John Paul II declared, "Every generation is a new continent for Christ". John Paul II embraced the modern era with enthusiasm and relish. His charming personality and charismatic spirit, certainly allowed him to be 'media friendly'. He opened up the church from the walls of the Vatican to the streets of Calcutta and the valleys of Central America. He made the Good News of Jesus Christ, deeply relevant to all people, especially to those who were poor and marginalised; struggling to find meaning and purpose of life. I have no doubt that John Paul will soon be called Saint. I suggest that this holy and wholesome man will be a great intercessor for the young and the old, the sick and especially to all who carry the cross of suffering.

Blessed John Paul II, pray for us.

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Pray For:

Richard Maher, Monemore. (brother of Mick Maher, Maple Drive) who was interred in Leighlinbridge on Saturday.

1st Anniversary:

Frances Maguire, Railway House. Mass in Parish Church on Sunday 8th May

Martin Delaney, London. Mass in Parish Church on Tuesday 10th May at 10:00am.

Bridie Monks, Carlow Road & Kilcarrig Street. Mass in Parish Church on Saturday 14th May at 6:00pm.

Jim Walsh, 61 St. Brigids Crescent. Mass in Parish Church on Sunday 15th May at 11:30am.

Patrick Kinsella, Currane, Borris.

First Friday Anniversaries in NEWTOWN

Mary O'Brien, Clonegath
Dora Lynch, Middleton
Joseph O'Brien, Rathercan
Donal Corcoran, Ballybromhill
Lil Cox, Borris Road, Fenagh
John Murphy, Nurney
Jack Aughney, Lumclone
Mary O'Brien, 3 Fenagh

First Friday Anniversaries in BALLINKILLEN

Sean Whelan, Clowater
Mylie Quirke, Ballyloughan
Martin Kavanagh, Kilcumney
James Walsh, Aughabeg, Corries
James O'Neill, Lower Ballinkillen
Matty Egars, Killoughternane
Mary Quirke, Killoughternane
Nicholas Cody, Corries
Thomas Walsh, Ballyloughan

ANNIVERSARIES

Pat Byrne, Dunroe
Florence O'Brien, Pairc Mhuire
Mary Darcy, 85 Pairc Mhuire
Ellen & Timothy O'Neill, Kilree Street
Fr John Kennedy, Bridge House
Tom & Katie Duffy & their son Michael
Marie Jones (nee Doyle) 42 St. Brigids Crescent
Teresa Barron, 67 St. Brigids Crescent
Paddy Murphy, Hurley's Lane
Tony McGrath, 21 Pairc Mhuire
James & Anastasia Reddy, Loretto, Kilree Street

Brigid Kelly, Philip Street
Annie O'Connell, St. Brigids Crescent
Mary Lyons, Oldtown
Jim Galway, Oldtown
Deceased members of the Galway family

Sr. Mary Paula O'Shea, Presentation Convent, Georges Hill, Dublin
Jack Doyle, 27 St. Brigids Crescent
Catherine Tuite, 1 Station Road
John Lillis, (snr), 2 Fairgreen
Ellen Doyle, Pairc Mhuire

These anniversaries will be prayed for on Friday 13th Saturday 14th May at 10:00am Mass.



Grotto Mass

Mass will be celebrated at the Grotto in Ballinkillen on Friday 27th May at 8:00pm.

First Holy Communion

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- Queen of the Universe & Boys NS—Sun 15th May at 11:30am
- Ballinkillen NS—Sun 22nd May at 11:00am
- Newtown NS—Sun 29th May at 11:00am
- Nurney NS—Sun 5th June at 11:00am in Newtown Church

Visits to the Housebound

Fr Paddy Mon Morning—Town area
Tuesday Morning - Ballinkillen, Garryhill, Borris Road & Killoughternane

Fr Declan Monday morning—Kilcarrig, Bohermore, Fenagh
Tuesday afternoon—Newtown, Nurney, Ballytarsna, Oldtown, Rathduff

GRAVEYARD MASSES 2011 At 8:00pm

NEWTOWN—Friday 3rd June

BALLINKILLEN—Friday 10th June

BAGENALSTOWN—Friday 17th June

DUNLECKNEY—Friday 24th June

Congress & Missal News

Please pick up a copy of the Congress and Missal News which is at the back of the Church.

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

Readers Sun 15th May 2011

Sat 14th May 6:00pm

Fiona O'Halloran

Sun 15th May 8:00am

Ann O'Neill

Sun 15th May 11:30am

Joe Feeley

*******BAPTISMS*******

Baptisms in

Newtown Church will be on the **FIRST** Saturday of every month at 4:00pm and in

Ballinkillen Church will be on the **LAST** Saturday of every month at 4:00pm.

St. Andrew's Parish Church Every Saturday at 5:00pm