

**NO Eucharistic Adoration  
UNTIL FUTHER NOTICE**

**Parish Pilgrimage to  
Medjugorje** June 7th—14th 2018  
€699pps Spiritual Director: Fr Declan  
Foley. Anyone interested can  
contact **Helen Wall 086-8226930**

**Volunteer notice** The World  
Meeting of Families 2018 will attract  
thousands of Irish and International  
pilgrims. Organising it and seeing it  
through will only be possible with the  
help of thousands of volunteers. Why  
not make volunteering for WMOF2018  
a New Year's resolution for 2018? You  
can sign up  
on [www.worldmeeting2018.ie](http://www.worldmeeting2018.ie),  
e: [volunteer@worldmeeting2018.ie](mailto:volunteer@worldmeeting2018.ie) or call  
(01) 5676800.

**Readers:28th Jan**

Sat 27th January 6:00pm

Katie O'Neill

Sun 27th January 11:30am

Michelle Bridgett

**Eucharistic Ministers**

Saturday 27th January

6:00pm Team A

Sunday 28th January

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

7:30pm Team A

**Ballinkillen Lorum Com-  
munity Centre** Bingo here  
every Monday night starts @ 8pm.  
Jackpot €1,000 in 40 numbers.

**Active Retirement Group**  
are having Art Classes in Ballinkillen  
Lorum Community Centre Club on  
Wed 31st Jan '18 from 2 - 4p.m.for  
six weeks. Contact Elma on 086  
1655408

**First Holy Communion  
2018** Newtown/Dunleckney N.S.  
on Saturday 5th May 2018 at 11am  
in Newtown Church

**Garyhill N.S.** on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> May  
2018 at 11:30am in St. Andrews  
Parish Church

**St. Brigid Boys N.S. and Queen of  
the Universe Girls N.S.** on Saturday  
19th May 2018 at 11am in  
St. Andrews Parish Church  
**Nurney N.S.** on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> May  
2018 at 11:00am in Newtown  
Church

**Ballinkillen N.S.** on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup>  
May 2018 at 11am in Ballinkillen  
Church.

**Confirmation Day  
2018**

**Saturday 21st April at  
11:00am**

BAGENALSTOWN - NEWTOWN - BALLINKILLEN

**'CHURCH NOTICES'**

3rd Sunday of the Year

21st January, 2018

**Sponsor  
a Slab**

**Sponsor a Slab** All sponsors will have their names listed on a special  
plaque which will be erected at the end of the project. Alternatively, you can  
sponsor a slab in memory of a deceased loved one which will also be in-  
scribed on a plaque. **ONLY €20PER SLAB!!**  
*Slabs are available at 083-8609921, Parish Office and also online at*  
[www.sponsoraslabbagenalstown.com](http://www.sponsoraslabbagenalstown.com)  
*Many thanks to all who have already sponsored a slab.*

**'24HOURS FOR THE LORD'** St. Andrews Church will be opened  
for 24hours of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confession. All are  
welcome. 6pm Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February TO 6pm Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> February Opening  
Ceremony at 6pm Friday, Closing Mass on Saturday at 6pm.

**Novena 2018**

**Tuesday 13th February - Tuesday 27th March At  
7:30pm in St. Andrew's Parish Church**

TUESDAY 13<sup>th</sup> February - **Caoimhe Doyle**  
(Human Life International Ireland)

TUESDAY 20<sup>th</sup> February - **Fr. Martin Smith**  
(Chaplin I.T. Carlow)

TUESDAY 27<sup>th</sup> February - **Sr. Anne Codd**  
(Presentation Leadership Team)

TUESDAY 6<sup>th</sup> March - **Fr. David Vard**  
(Youngest Priest in Ireland)

TUESDAY 13<sup>th</sup> March - **Julie Kavanagh**  
(Faith Development Services)

TUESDAY 20<sup>th</sup> March - **Joe O'Rourke**  
(Prison Chaplin)

TUESDAY 27<sup>th</sup> March - **Angela Mahon**  
(A Refugees Experience)

**Latin Mass** There will be Traditional Latin Mass on Saturday 27th  
January at 2:00pm in St. Andrews Church, Bagenalstown. *All are welcome.*  
(Organised by St. Conleth's Catholic Heritage Association)

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[www.kandle.ie](http://www.kandle.ie)

## **PRAY FOR**

Mary Concagh nee Dermody, Boston & Oldtown.

## **MONTHS AHEAD**

**Jean Kane**, Fr Cummins Park. Mass on Sunday 28th January at 11:30am in Parish Church.

## **FIRST ANNIVERSARIES**

**Sally Farrell**, Pairc Mhuire. Mass on Sunday 21st January at 11:30am in Parish Church.

**Pat Cahill**, 28 Conway Park. Mass on Saturday 27th January at 6:00pm in Parish Church.

**Kathleen Byrne**, Corries Bridge. Mass on Sunday 28th January at 10:00am in Ballinkillen Church.

## **Enrolments**

Enrolments are now being taken for Our Lady's National School, Nurney if you wish to enrol a child please contact the school @ 059-9146297 or by email [nurneyns@gmail.com](mailto:nurneyns@gmail.com). Please note that your child must be four on or before 1st April to be enrolled for Junior Infants

## **Protect the 8th** talk and training

Carlow with Kate Lawlor, Paddy Manning and Michael Dwyer of Family & Life on **Monday January 22nd** at Seven Oaks Hotel at 7:30pm. *All welcome!*

## **ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE COMMITTEE BAGENALSTOWN**

**AGM** of above committee will be held in the McGrath Hall, Bagenalstown on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2018 at 8.30pm. All welcome. *New members needed to help out on the day.*

## **ANNIVERSARIES**

John Lawlor, Kilkenny  
Michael Walsh, Dunleckney  
Mary & Michael Lillis, St. Brigids Crescent

Elizabeth Curran, Fairgreen  
Jack & Minnie Kearney, Swinton, Manchester

Frances Hogan, Harrow Cross  
Mary Cone nee Hogan, Harrow Cross  
James Lillis, Chapel Lane

Dermot Egan, St. Brigid Crescent  
Edward & Elizabeth Swan, Kilcarrig Street

Kathleen Byrne, St. Brigid's Crescent  
Tom Dooley, Bohermore

Sheila Bridgett, Barrett Street  
Christy Lawlor, Pairc Mhuire  
Michael Littlejohn, Chestnut Court

*These Anniversaries will be prayed for on Friday 26th & Saturday 27th January at 10:00am Mass in Parish Church.*

*We are looking for hardworking, energetic childcare workers to join our dynamic team at Stepping Stones Community Childcare Services ECCE Room Leader & Afterschool Practitioner.*

**Relief Panel** We are also seeking enthusiastic and reliable practitioners that would be available to cover holidays and sickness on short notice in both our pre-school and after-school services. Minimum QQI Level 5 required. Send CV and cover letter to: Chairperson- Voluntary Board of Directors, Bagenalstown Family Resource Centre, Moneybeg, Royal Oak Rd, Bagenalstown, Co Carlow/E: [bagenalstownfrc70@gmail.com](mailto:bagenalstownfrc70@gmail.com). Closing date – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2018 @ 5.00pm. Please specify clearly the position that you are applying for.

## **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](http://www.crsappointments.ie) for an appointment. For more info go to [www.groireland.ie](http://www.groireland.ie). (Failure to give 3 months notice will necessitate going to the court for permission). Marriage is a 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 Saturday 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*

## **Wellness Awareness**

**Night** at Seven Oaks Hotel, Carlow Wednesday 24th January at 7.30pm. Sponsored by Talk it Over Service Carlow. Guest speakers Francis Black, Singer and addiction counsellor, Mark Morrissey, Exercise for wellbeing, Tony O'Neill, Psychotherapist and Linda Thorpe, Mental Health. Admission free. All welcome.

## **Leighlinbridge and District Active**

**Retired:** Meeting Monday 22nd in Parish Centre at 2.30. Refreshments followed by a talk on The Disney Family to be given by Martin Nevin. Registration Fee due this month please. Bowls as usual each Thursday and Friday also in Parish Centre at 2.30. New members welcome.

## **St. Vincent De Paul**

**Local helpline no. 086-4042631**

**Speech and Drama:** Group classes return (*age 4 - 15 yrs*) on Friday 26th January. Exams will be held in March through the Irish Board of Speech & Drama. The following term will begin in September. Individual classes are held throughout the year for adults (interview/presentation preparation) and children. For more information, please contact Clonagath School of Speech and Drama (close to Newtown, Fenagh) ~ *Amy Nolan* ~ *Tel: 087 7459092.*

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