


ANNIVERSARIES

 Kathleen Buckley (nee Johnson), Surrey, England & St. Brigids Crescent
Michael Walsh, Dunleckney
Edward & Elizabeth Swan, Kilcarrig Street
Ena Byrne, Donore
Margaret Doyle, Fr Cummins Park
Michael Fenelon, 1 High Street, Leighlinbridge
Annie, Patrick & Andrew Doyle, 27 St. Brigids Crescent
Tom Dooley, Bohermore
Nicholas Johnson, 69 St. Brigids Crescent
Theresa Duffy, Bohermore
Dick Keenan, Railway Road
Annie Fleming, Cranaha, Fenagh
William Holligan, Levitstown
John & Mary Casey, Kilcarrig Street
Denis Wall, Donore
Mary Thompson, Carrigbeg
Bridie Thompson, Carrigbeg
Kate Kennedy, Wales

These anniversaries will be prayed for on Friday 29th & Saturday 30th January 2010 at 10:00am Mass.

**Saturday evening Mass
time changes on 20th
February to 6:00pm**

Prayers of the Faithful

The Petitions can be filled out in the Candle/Shrine area of the Church. *May the good Lord listen to our prayers. Amen.*



Readers

4th Sunday of the Year

Sat. 30th Jan 7:30pm
Sun. 31st Jan 8:00am
Sun. 31st 11:30am

Kay Culleton
Anna Monaghan
Michael McDonagh



PRAY FOR

Pat Riddle (nee Gough) Kilcarrig Street & Delray, Florida. (sister of Susan, Rosie, Josephine, Maureen, Rita, John & Eddy)

Brigid Corr, Johnswell, Kilkenny (mother of Mary Foster, Kilree)

Kathleen Dervish (nee Heffernan) Wells, Royal Oak & Sussex, England. Burial Friday 29th January in Sussex, England.

MONTHS MIND

Bill Tobin, Kilcarrig Street. Mass on Saturday 23rd January at 7:30pm in the Parish Church.

Lily Kenny, Kyleduff, Naas. Mass on Sunday 24th January at 11:30am.

Joe Elliott, Kilcarrig Street. Mass on Sunday 24th January at 7:30pm

Jim Dillon, St Brigids Crescent. Mass on Saturday 30th January at 7:30pm in the Parish Church.

Nicky Johnson, Hurley's Lane. Mass on Sunday 31st January at 7:30pm in the Parish Church.

FIRST ANNIVERSARY

Christy Lawlor, Pairc Mhuire. Mass on Sunday 31st January at 11:30am in the Parish Church.



**St. Andrews Church
Bagenalstown**

BAGENALSTOWN PARISH CHURCH NOTICES

Fr Declan's Mobile 0876684299 Fr Paddy's Mobile: 087 9948505 /059 97 23886
Parochial House: 059 9721154 Rev McCollum 087 2885019

3rd Sunday of the Year 24th January, 2010

Abandoned by God This has been a devastating week for the people of Haiti. Already the poorest Country in the Western World, the recent earthquake, has brought extreme hardship to a people so vulnerable and impoverished. In many ways our recent sufferings, felt because of arctic weather, pales into deep insignificance when we consider the terrible suffering now endured by over Three Million People. It's estimated that up to Seventy Five Thousand people, may have died, and millions more will find themselves directly affected by this terrible natural disaster. The United Nations has described this earthquake as the one of the worst tragic events that they ever had to deal with. There is a huge global response to the sufferings felt by the people of Haiti. Hundreds of international relief agencies are transporting, immediate supplies of medicines and essential goods to help alleviate further death and starvation. We are all surely called to respond generously, to National agencies, such as Trocaire who are already engaged in this relief project. An image of hope is the local Airport in Haiti at this time. The Airport has been given to the direction of the U.S. every Fifteen minutes emergency relief arrives to this area. Fuelled, by the generosity of people, from the many diverse cultures, creeds and traditions across the globe. Why do terrible things such as this Earthquake happen to good people? How can God allow a people already so bruised and broken by poverty and hardship, to suffer now so greatly? It is a question that I'm sure we all ask, with the images of orphaned children and mass corpses, laying on the streets, as seen on our T.V. Screens. Job in the scriptures, when he faced brutal devastation, justifiably considered "Is it better to curse God and die," The psalmist who suffered and felt overwhelmed and weighed down, cried aloud "Friend and neighbour you have taken away, my one companion is darkness." A situation, echoed in the Gospel, "Lord if you were here my brother would not have died". On the cross, Jesus himself cried out "My God, why have you abandoned me" When we ask such questions, considering such terrible circumstance, it is very difficult to find immediate answers. In many ways, God, does not give us answers to the why of human suffering. However in the midst of such suffering, he does offer support and hope. His example was lived and indeed felt in history through his Son, Jesus Christ. Jesus carried the heavy cross of human suffering to express solidarity and offer support to all who are weighed down and overwhelmed. Our God remains present and available in this time of need, A God whose generous spirit has prompted so many to respond to the appeals that are now helping and healing the people of Haiti. This devastating tragedy evokes a compassion and generosity in all our hearts. Thousands of Aid Workers are the living face of Gods presence, in a dark and dreadful moment of despair and burden for the people of Haiti. May we share generously our resources to these broken people. May the Lord bless all who help carry their heavy cross in the months of rebuilding ahead.

Please give a little extra on the plate next weekend for Haiti.

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ENVELOPE COLLETION

Total Collection was **€2,575**. This week's €33 prize winner is Kevin & Triona Murphy, Ballinkillen

Fenagh Improvement Group

will hold their AGM on Friday 5th February at 8pm in The Hunter's Rest.

A TABLE QUIZ

In aid of B.E.A.M. Will be held in The Estoria January 28th at 8.30 pm Table of 4 €40

'A DAY OF PRAYER AND HEALING'

A day of prayer and healing will be held in Emmanuel House of Providence, Clonfert on

Saturday 30th January, 2010. Speakers are Fr. Noel Burke and Eddie Stone. Bus leaving Church car park, Tullow at 8:00am sharp via Closh Stores and Bus Stop, Barrack Street, Carlow. Bring packed lunch. For booking contact **Lily 9151245 or Isla 9151120**

Vocational School Muinebheag

Enrolment Monday 25th January from 7-8:30pm. Classes commence **Tues 2nd/Wed 3rd Feb 2010** Class times 7:30pm- 9:30pm(not all classes will run for 2hours. All courses are €100 unless otherwise stated. (A small charge may apply to Art courses to cover materials) **Courses**—Computers, Maths/ Irish preparation for parents of school going children, Holistic Healthcare/ Aromatherapy, Yoga, Pilates, AB Attack, Badminton, Flower Arranging, Low-Fat Healthy Cuisine, Cooking for a family on a budget etc.

Medjugorje Prayer Group Day of Prayer and fasting (optional).

Monday 1st February at 1 Beechwood Close. From 11am-6pm. Linking with Medjugorje National Day of Prayer. Members will be present to join with you during whatever prayer time you may desire. **More info Clair Brid 9723732**

ENROLMENT Ballinkillen N.S.

will be accepting enrolments for September 2010 from **Monday, February 1st to Friday, February 5th from 9.15 a.m. to 2.00 p.m.** We would be grateful if you could bring a copy of the child's birth certificate and his/her PPS No. at the time of enrolment. For further information please contact Anne in the office at 0599775153.

County Carlow Women's Network

are running an eight week course on Fitness and Health in Ballinkillen Lorum Community Centre. Every Wednesday night for 8 weeks starting on Wednesday, 10th February from 7.30p.m. to 9.00p.m. There will be 3 weeks of Aerobics, 2 weeks of Pilates and 3 weeks of Line Dancing. The cost of course is €20.00 payable on first night. Contact Fiona Dunne 9138585 before Friday, 5th Feb

ICA Due to unforeseen circumstances, the date for the **ICA Dinner dance** has been changed from January 22nd to **THURSDAY FEBRUARY 25TH**.

Anyone with tickets can use them for this new dat. Tickets avail. from Annette Reddy 9722541, cost €25. *All welcome.*

Adult Education Night Classes

Bagenalstown Flower & Garden Club

Annual Dinner will now be held on **Tuesday 26th January at 7:30pm** in the Estoria. All members and non-members are very welcome to attend this event. Please ph. Connie 9721661, Kathleen 9727125 or Kitty 9722204 if you will be attending. The February monthly meeting (Demonstration) will be held on Tuesday 9th February at 8:00pm. In the Community Centre. Demonstrator will be Ms Ann Archbold. Theme to be published later. We look forward to seeing all members and non-members at these two events.

HAITI APPEAL

In response to the Red Cross appeal for help for HAITI, a coffee afternoon, a sale of unwanted Christmas gifts or other items and Raffle will be held in **Fenagh Hall on Sunday 31st January 2-4pm.** Please support this worthy cause.

All donations very welcome.

Eucharistic Adoration as usual every **Wednesday 11:00am-7:00pm**

St. Vincent De Paul St. Patricks

Conference Bagenalstown would like to thank most sincerely all who contributed so generously to the Christmas Collection and also for the many private donations very graciously received. A special word of thanks to the schools of the parish who provided food hampers and special donations. All this has been used to alleviate poverty, help people on low income or those who fall on hard times in Bagenalstown and neighbouring parishes. **Local Help Line- 086 4042631**

Date for your Diary Staff of

Presentation De La Salle College Table Quiz on 4th March at 8:00pm in Doyle's Railway Bar. Table of 4 €20

NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP 2010

**Tuesday 16th February
- 13th April 2010**

Bagenalstown Parish

9week Novena

Every Tuesday at 7:30pm

16th February Rónán Mullen—Hope in times of doubt (Senator)

23rd February Fr PJ Madden CC – God on our side (Curate Graiguecullen)

2nd March Gary O'Sullivan – Hope in our Church (Editor The Irish Catholic)

9th March Fr Jim Murphy PP – Our story is important (St. Canice's Church, Kilkenny)

16th March Michael English – A young person following Christ (Singer)

23rd March Frances Black – Living with addiction (Singer)

30th March Eddie Stone – Healing Ministry for the Sick (Faith Healer)

6th April Mary Sweeney – Respond to others (Trocaire)

13th April Des Kelly – Personal Testimony (The Carpet Man)

Looking forward to seeing you all at our 4th Annual Novena.