**Welcome**

Tá súil agaínn go mbeidh an foilseachán seo de chuid Comhairle Tréadach an Pharáiste eolasach agus go soláthroidh sé nasc usáideach do sheirbhisi paróiste agus pobail. Cuirimid fáilte ach go háirithe roimh bhaill nua dár gceantar agus tá súil agaínn go mbeidh an foilseachán seo cabhrach agus iad ag cur eolais ar an bpobal agus a chuid sheirbhisi.

We hope this publication by the Parish Pastoral Council will be informative and provide a useful link to parish and community services. In particular we welcome new members to our area and hope that this publication will be helpful in getting to know the community and its services.

**Parish History**

Up to 1817 the Catholic congregation worshipped in their church in Dunleckney. In 1817 the Roman Catholic Church at Dunleckney was closed and St. Andrew’s Church in Bagenalstown was opened for Christmas day 1820.

St. Mary’s Church of Ireland and the Catholic Church co-existed on the same site at Dunleckney. The ruins of both churches still exist there to-day.

**Churches’ History**

**Roman Catholic:**

**St. Andrew’s, Bagenalstown**

St. Andrew’s opened for worship on Christmas Day 1820 and has continued in use to the present. The steeple was added in the mid 1800’s. St. Andrew’s was renovated in 1893 with porches added in 1917. The mortuary chapel was added in the 1950’s.

**St. Lazerian’s, Ballinkillen**

Built around 1793 it is one of the oldest churches in the diocese. It had a thatched roof in the early stages and to-day has beautiful stained glass windows. The Lourdes Grotto was officially opened in 1988 – this was completed by voluntary labour.

**St. Patrick’s, Newtown.**

This church was burned down in 1798 and seems to have been rebuilt round 1833. The school was built in 1834. A bell was erected in 1900; repair of the roof occurred round 1930. The Mosaics at the back of the altar and those round the exterior were added in the 1950’s.

**Very Rev. Father D. Foley, Very Rev. Dean G. Wynne and Rev. L. Scott.**
Church of Ireland

The Dunleckney Group of Parishes takes its name from the two ruined churches at Dunleckney near Bagenalstown. One of these was the Church of Ireland and was parish church of the area before the town of Bagenalstown began to grow in the 1790’s upon the arrival of the Barrow Navigation, the canal. There are four churches within the group, as follows:

St. Mary’s, Bagenalstown

This church was built in 1844, with the tower added in 1855. The church occupies a site in the town centre and is architecturally pleasing. It has next to it the former parochial school, now a parish hall. The hall is older than the church and is much admired for its classic proportions.

St. John’s, Nurney

This is the oldest church in the group. The present building dates from 1792, but nearby Nurney High Cross (in a field behind the churchyard) is a strong clue to Nurney being an ancient Christian site with a history going back to the early Irish church. Nurney’s spire has recently been repaired and conserved and is now safe and sound as a local landmark.

The Good Shepherd, Lorum

This church occupies an ancient Christian site, with a High Cross shaft nearby. The tradition is that St. Lazarian paused at Lorum on his way from the Wexford coast, where he landed from Rome, to Old Leighlin where he founded his religious community. The present church dates from 1838 and replaces the older building in the graveyard behind it. The church has fine windows and a beautiful and unusually worked timber roof. The spire was added in the late nineteenth century.

St. Peter’s, Killedmond

This church was built in 1846 and occupies a place of great beauty between Borris and the western slope of Mount Leinster. It is a fine granite building of great strength and simplicity and is well placed for those travelling the various routes across the Blackstairs Mountains from the Barrow valley to County Wexford.

All Saints’, Fenagh

This church opened in 1600’s as there were burials in the surrounding grave yard dating from this time. It was burned down in 1798. Rebuilt in 1799 it continues to be used for worship up to the present time.

CLERGY OF THE PARISH

Roman Catholic:

Very Rev. Fr. D. Foley, Parish Priest
(Mobile 087 6684299)

Rev. Fr. P. Byrne
(Mobile 0887 9948505)

Rev. Fr. T. Bambrick
(059 97 21154)

Church of Ireland:

Very Rev. G. Wynne
(Contact 059 9721570)

St. Mary’s Bagenalstown
St. John’s Nurney
St. Peter’s Killedmond
Church of the Good Shepherd Lorum.

Rev. L. Scott
(Contact 059 9159367)

All Saints’, Fenagh
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MISSION STATEMENT

We, the members of the Pastoral Council of the Parish of Bagenalstown, Ballinkillen and Newtown, with the Lord as our guide, will work in partnership to create a welcoming Christian community where people can experience a sense of belonging.

Our hopes and aspirations are:

To reach out
To inform
To encourage
To support
To share the good news of the Gospel
To celebrate our identity
TIMES OF SERVICES

Roman Catholic

Mass times

Daily at 8.00am in the Convent (7.30am during Lent)
   No Convent Mass on Saturday and Sunday, nor during July and August and
   other school holidays.

Daily at 10.00am in St. Andrew’s Church, Bagenalstown

There is no 10.00am Mass when a funeral Mass is organised for 11.00am.

Sunday

Vigil Mass at 7.30pm Saturday in St. Andrew’s Church
8.00am, 11.30am St. Andrew’s Church
9.00am St. Patrick’s, Newtown
10.00am St. Lazarian’s, Ballinkillen
7.30pm St Andrew’s, Bagenalstown

Holydays

Vigil Mass at 7.30pm in St. Andrew’s
8.00am and 11.30am in St. Andrew’s
7.00pm St. Patrick’s, Newtown
8.00pm St. Lazarian’s, Ballinkillen

There is no evening Mass in St. Andrew’s, Bagenalstown on Holydays.

First Friday of the month

Mass at 7.00pm in St. Patrick’s, Newtown
Mass At 8.00pm in St. Lazarian’s, Ballinkillen

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

8.30am to 8.00pm in the Convent Chapel each Wednesday except during
   holiday time when exposition is from 11.00am to 6.00pm.
   First Friday following 10.00am Mass in St. Andrew’s until 11.00am

Confessions

St. Andrew’s
Saturday 10.30am to 11.00am. and 7.00 to 7.15pm.
   On the eve of the first Friday 7.00pm to 7.30pm.

St. Lazarian’s, Ballinkillen and St. Patrick’s, Newtown
   before Mass on the first Friday of each month.

Baptisms

Saturday evening at 5.00pm and on Sunday after
11.30am Mass or by arrangement with the clergy.

Marriages

At least three months’ notice is required by the Church and State.
In Muinebheag Parish weddings may be at times and dates requested. On Saturdays weddings
may not take place later than 4.30pm. Weddings cannot take place on
Sundays, Holy Days or on Holy Thursday, Good Friday or Easter Saturday.
Church of Ireland

Dunleckney Group of Parishes

St. Mary’s Bagenalstown

Service Time: 11:15am except 8:00pm on the Saturday preceding the second Sunday of the month.
Eucharist is on first Sunday of the month

St. John’s Nurney

Service Time: 8:45am except 8:00pm on the Saturday preceding the fourth Sunday of the month.
Eucharist on second and fifth Sunday

The Good Shepherd, Nurney

Service Time: 10:00am each Sunday
Eucharist on third and fifth Sunday

St. Peter’s Killedmond

Service Time: 11:30am except 8:00pm on the Saturday preceding the first Sunday of the month.
Eucharist on fourth Sunday

For baptisms and marriages contact - Rector 059 9721570

Grouped Unions of Fenagh-Myshall with Aghade-Ardoyne

All Saints’ Church, Fenagh.

Church Services are arranged on a rota system and change for each quarter.
For Church Services in All Saints’ Church, Fenagh

Contact: 059 9159367

For baptisms and marriages
Contact - Rector 059 9159367

OTHER SERVICES

Women’s World Day of Prayer on the first Friday of March.

Harvest Thanksgiving – for detailed arrangements consult Dunleckney Group of Parishes.

Annual Carol Service takes place in most of the churches. Details are available during each Advent Season.

Cemetery Masses

First Friday in June – Newtown
Second Friday in June – Ballinkillen
Third Friday in June- Bagenalstown
Fourth Friday in June - Dunleckney

Killoughternane Blessed Well Mass – last Friday in July
Ballinkillen Grotto Mass- last Friday in May

Tír na nÓg remembrance alternates between St. Mary’s and St. Andrew’s church.
Annual Remembrance Masses and Services in November
PAROCHIAL ORGANISATIONS

Church of Ireland

The Mothers' Union
Hon Secretary Mrs Angela Kidd Tel: 059 9721165

The Girls’ Friendly Society
Contact: Mrs Marion Smyth Tel: 059 9721164

The Boys’ Brigade
Contact: Mr. Desmond Kidd Tel: 059 9721778

The Bowls Club
Contact: Mr. George Parker Tel: 059 9721171

CHOIRS

Church Choirs

St. Andrew’s, Bagenalstown, Organist: Esther Roberts

St. Andrew's Men's Choir
Contact: Jim Reddy Tel: 059 9722541.

Pentecost Choir (Women’s Choir)
Contact: Breda McDonald Tel: 059 9721617

Folk Group
Contact: Parish Office.

Newtown Church Choir
Contact: Tom Cox Tel: 059 9727303

Ballinkillen Church Choir
Contact: Teresa Kearney Tel: 059 9721513

CHURCH GROUPS

Bagenalstown Medjugorje Prayer Group
Meets every Tuesday at 10:30am in vestry St. Andrew’s Church.
Contact: 059 9723732.

St. Fortchern’s Charismatic Prayer Group
Contact: The Parish Office

St. Patrick’s Contemplative Prayer Group
Contact: The Parish Office

St. Joseph’s Young Priests’ Society
Contact: Sister Agnes O’Sullivan Tel: 059 9721263

Pioneer Total Abstinence Association, Bagenalstown
Contact: John Walsh Tel: 059 9722157
Mary Byrne Tel: 059 9721713

Pioneer Total Abstinence Association, Ballinkillen
Contact: Michael O’Neill Tel: 059 9727132

Pioneer Total Abstinence Association, Newtown
Rita Kearney Tel: 059 9727141
Maura Murphy Tel: 059 9721390

St. Vincent De Paul Society
Contact: Parish Office
St. Vincent De Paul shop, for the sale and receipt of used clothes, is situated in Regent Street.
Opening hours: Thursday 10:30 am – 12 pm; 2 pm – 4 pm
Friday 2 pm – 4 pm
SCHOOLS

National Schools

St. Mary’s, Bagenalstown
Principal: Mrs Amy Kidd Tel: 059 9721021

Church of Ireland

St. Brigid’s Boys’
Principal: Hamish Beaton Tel: 059 9721984

Ballinkillen National School
Principal: Kevin Cuddy Tel: 059 9775153

Newtown/Dunleckney National School
Principal: Liam Nolan Tel: 059 9727299

Nurney National School
Principal: Martin Duffy Tel: 059 9146297

Garryhill National School
Principal: Liam Shinnors Tel: 059 9727355

Roman Catholic

Our Lady Queen of the Universe – infants and co educational until completion of First Class. Then girls only.
Principal: George D’Arcy Tel: 059 9721075

St. Brigid’s Boys’
Principal: Hamish Beaton Tel: 059 9721984

Bagenalstown Adult Learning Centre
Contact: 059 9135544

Adult Education P.L.C. Courses
Contact: Niamh Hickey Tel: 059 9721335

Community Centres

B.E.A.M. Barrow Valley Enterprises for Adult Members.
Barrow Heaven, Regent Street is a day centre for adults with special needs.
Coffee shop open from 8.30am to 2.00pm and serves morning tea/coffee and lunch.
Residential facilities are being developed.
Contact: Olive Keating, Manager
Tel: 059 9723504
Email beamservices@eircom.net
Website: www.beambagenalstown.com

St. Lazarian’s Welfare Home for older people.
Provides residential care and meals –on – wheels service.
Contact: Mary Norris Tel: 059 9721146.

Bagenalstown Family Resource Centre.
Provides: Child care services from 1 year up to 16 years including after school and youth club, education in computer use from introduction to ECDL and Jeb courses.

Mother and toddler group meets once weekly.
Women’s group and ‘friendship club’ for over 50’s.
Contact: Ann Shortall Tel: 059 9723196

Ballinkillen / Lorum Community Centre
Contact: Des Kidd Tel: 059 9721778.

Ballyloughan Hall Committee
Contact: Michael Joyce Tel: 059 9723922

Ballyloughan Social Club
Contact: Joan Power Tel: 059 9721258

Secondary School

Presentation De La Salle – Co Educational
Principal: Anne Keating Tel: 059 9721860

Vocational School – Co Educational
Principal: David O’Flaherty Tel: 059 9721335
**Killoughternane Hall and Social Club**
Annual drama production. Adult education night classes and workshop in art for children
Contact: Mary Mahon Tel: 059 9773742 086 3849311

**Nurney Village Improvement Group**
Contact: Martin Duffy  Tel: 059 9146115

**Bagenalstown Community Centre**
Contact: Sean Monahan  Tel: 059 9722524

**Public Library**
The library is situated in the Court House building (constructed in mid 1700’s).
Opening hours: Tuesday to Friday 11am to 1pm and 2pm to 5pm
Tuesday late opening 6:30pm to 8:30pm
Contact: Tel: 059 9722208

**GROUPS**

**Rainbow Group**
This is a support group for children and young adults from the age of five to eighteen years who have suffered a significant loss in their lives either by death, by separation or any other painful transition.
Contact: Sister Kathleen  Tel: 059 9721263

**Alcoholic Anonymous**
Meets in Queen of the Universe National School at 8.00pm each Wednesday.
Contact: General Service Board Alcoholic Anonymous
Tel: 01 4538998

**Friends of Calcutta**
Manages eight schools and two homes for the elderly in Calcutta.
Contact: Michael Hopkins  Tel: 087 2561838
www.friendsofcalcutta.org

**Civil Defence**
Contact: Padraig Cahill  Tel: 059 9170352

**Organisation of National Ex service Men and Women (O.N.E.)**
Contact : Dan O’Sullivan
Tel: 059 9721876 (H)
Tel: 087 6291289.

**Meals on Wheels**
Contact: Local Public Health Nurse
Health Centre Tel: 059 9721721

**Senior Citizens**
Bagenalstown
Contact: Marian Dowling  Tel: 059 9721613
Newtown
Contact: Kathleen Cox  Tel: 059 9727303

**COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS AND SPORTS CLUBS**

**Gaelic Athletic Organisation**

**Hurling**

**Erin’s Own Hurling Club**
Founded in 1934.
Caters for minor, junior, u21 and senior.
Contact: Hon. Secretary  David Hughes Tel: 086 3843914

**Ballinkillen Hurling Club**
Contact: Michael Doyle  Tel: 086 3636704.
(for senior club)

**Football**

**Fenagh Football Club**
Minor, U21 and senior.
Contact: Tom Cox  Tel: 059 9727303

**St. Andrew’s Football Club.**
Founded in 1953.
Minor, u21, junior and intermediate.
Contact: Ken Hickey  Tel: 059 9721628

**Juvenile**

**Bagenalstown Juvenile Football and Hurling.**
Contact: Con Hourihane  Tel: 059 9722137
Brian Doyle  Tel: 059 9722041

**Ballinkillen Juvenile Hurling Club.**
Contact: Brendan Kehoe  Tel: 059 9717397
**Fenagh Juvenile Football Club**  
Contact: P.J. Byrne  Tel: 059 9727398

**Ladie’s Football**

**Ballinkillen and Newtown Ladie’s Football Club**  
Contact: Paddy and Bridget O’Neill  Tel: 059 9775318

**St. Andrew’s Ladie’s Football Club**  
Contact: Ann Hickey  Tel: 086 8426864

**St. Fortchern’s Ladie’s Football Club**  
Contact: Niamh Dobbs  Tel: 087 9207820.

**Bagenalstown Athletic Club**  
Contact: Con Hourihane  Tel: 059 9722137

**Ballinkillen Badminton**  
Contact: Colm Byrne  Tel: 059 9727107

**Camogie**
Ballinkillen Camogie Club.  
Contact: Margaret Dowling  Tel: 059 9722521

**Cricket**
Bagenalstown Cricket Club.  
Contact: hon. secretary Philip Treacy  Tel: 056 7751573

**Community Games**  
Contact: Christine Cody  Tel: 085 1103947

**Fishing**
For fishing on river Barrow  
Contact: Jim Brown  Tel: 059 9721359

**Fenagh Steam Rally**
Founded 1972. Raises funds for Cancer Home Care and local charities.  
Contact: Mary Nolan  Tel: 059 9727233.

**Irish County Women’s Association.**  
Bagenalstown. Founded 1945.  
The group meets on first Wednesday of the month.  
Contact: Annette Reddy  Tel: 059 9722541

**Ballyloughan**  
Contact: Eileen Ryan  Tel: 059 9721815

**Garryhill**  
Contact: Lily Walsh  Tel: 059 9727144

**Pitch and Put Club**  
Contact: Jim Monaghan  Tel: 059 9721951

**Soccer**
Bagenalstown Soccer Club.  
Contact: Tom Hickey  Tel: 086 3867465

**Kilree Celtic**  
Contact: Jimmy Mullins  Tel: 085 1552484

**Nurney Villa**  
Contact: Sean Murphy  Tel: 059 9146416

**Swimming**
Bagenalstown Swimming Club.  
Contact: Mary Foster  Tel: 059 9722180

**Tennis**
Bagenalstown Tennis Club.  
Contact: Bernie  Tel: 086 8826337

**Scouts**
Scouts’ den is located at Kilcarrig Street, Bagenalstown and caters for cubs, beavers and scouts.

Contact: Scout leader Martin O’Halloran  
Tel: 059 9720588 (den)

or 086 3219066
Active Retirement
Contact: Kate Cubberly Tel: 059 9722903

Bagenalstown Festival Committee
Contact: Jim Doyle Tel: 086 2663637

Ballinkillen Floral Pride
Contact: Patsy Murphy Tel: 059 9775178

Ballinkillen Grotto Committee
Contact: Eileen Farrell Tel: 059 9722001

**TRANSPORT**

**Train Service.**

Waterford to Dublin (Heuston) via Bagenalstown:
Departs Bagenalstown for Dublin
07.06, 08.32, 11.45, 14.28, 15.53, 19.42
The above – Monday to Saturday.

Sunday: 10.37, 14.33, 15.36 and 19.35.

*Dublin (Heuston) to Waterford via Bagenalstown.
Departs Bagenalstown for Waterford
09.00, 10.54, 12.47, 16.30, 17.53, 19.40
The above - Monday to Saturday.
Sunday: 11.05, 16.07, 18.43, 20.03.
Times are accurate at the time of going to print.

**Bus Service.**

Bus Eireann
Bus service operates from
* Waterford to Dublin via ROYAL OAK
* Dublin to Waterford via ROYAL OAK
* Kilkenny to Carlow via BAGENALSTOWN
* Carlow to Kilkenny via BAGENALSTOWN

**Bus enquiries:**
Phone: 051 879000
Monday to Saturday 08.30 to 18.00
or
Sunday 09.00 to 18.00.
Counter service phone: 051 317815

* **Private Bus Service.**

A private bus service operates from Tramore and Waterford via ROYAL OAK and Carlow to Dublin City centre and Dublin Airport.

A private bus service operates from:
Kilkenny to Carlow via BAGENALSTOWN
Carlow to Kilkenny via BAGENALSTOWN

For information contact: 059 9143081 or 051 872777.

*If you or your family wish to obtain further information or wish to join any of these organisations then please use the contact number provided for the particular group or organisation.*

The Muinebheag Parish Pastoral Council
SILENCE ALIVE

Silent Father
Silent Son
Silent Holy Spirit
Silent One - I love you.

In the silence of eyes,
    I see you.
In the silence of unspoken words,
    I hear you.
In the silence of a sudden touch,
    I feel you.
In the silence of a flower’s fragrance,
    I smell you.
In the silence of bread and wine,
    I taste you.
Sensual God, I love you!

I love you in the silence
Silent Father
Silent Son
Silent Holy Spirit
Silent One - I love you.

Amen

Harry Wiggett
South Africa

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

CAREDOC
Out of hours Emergency Medical Service
6pm to 8am daily and from 6pm Friday to 8am Monday
FREEPHONE 1850 33 49 99

Doctor’s Surgery
Dr. B Coffey/Dr P O’Dea 059 97 21650
Dr. T Foley 059 97 21240 (Mornings)
059 97 21502 (Afternoons)

Health Centre Bagenalstown 059 9721721

CURA Phone: 1850 62 26 26
This organisation provides a support service for women with a crisis pregnancy.

Samaritans Phone: 1850 60 90 90

AN GARDA SIOCHANA:

Carlow 059 9136620
Bagenalstown 059 9721212
Myshall 059 9157622

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Phone: 059 9721154
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