

**Pray for**

Catherine Whelan, Ballyknockan, Fenagh who was interred in Newtown Cemetery on Tuesday.

Paul Fitzpatrick, Killenane who was interred in Wells Graveyard on Monday.

Maura Murphy, Ratheadon who was interred in Newtown Graveyard on Monday.

**Months Mind**

Catherine 'Cathy' Doyle, 56 Conway Park. Mass on Sunday 14th December in Bagenalstown Church at 11:30am.

Pat McEvoy, Glenaharry. Mass on Sunday 21st December in Bagenalstown Church at 11:30am.

Marie Lohan, Pairc Mhuire. Mass on Sunday 21st December Bagenalstown Church at 7:30pm.

**1st Anniversary**

Edward Cahill, Conway Park Mass on Saturday 13th December in Bagenalstown Church at 6:00pm.

Paddy Byrne, Conway Park. Mass on Saturday 20th December in Bagenalstown Church at 6:00pm.

Kay Joyce, Corries. Mass on Sunday 21st December in Ballinkillen Church at 10:00am.

**ANNIVERSARIES**

*All anniversary bookings must be received before 2pm on the Wed before publication.*

Kathleen & Gerry Aughney,

Kilcarrig

Elizabeth & Jim Myers, Regent Street

Tony Grey, Kilree

Aine Somers, Royal Oak Road

Elizabeth Monaghan, 24 Kilcarrig Street

Lily Walsh, Fairgreen

Frank & Kathleen Bermingham, Nurney

Nigel Kidd, Ballywilliamroe

Joe Kinsella, Gleann Na Bearú

Sean Pender, 73 Pairc Mhuire

Murphy Family, Labanasigh

Lily Kenny, Naas & Kilree

Judy O'Brien, 34 Conway Park

Terrie Kavanagh, 58 Pairc Mhuire

Eddie Mitchell, Dublin & Kilcarrig Street

Tony Jeaney, Garryhundon House, Carlow

Peter Lawlor, Kilcarrig Street

Noel Farrell, Donore

John & Margaret Farrell

Deceased members of Farrell Family

Margaret Tobin, Ballyloughan

James Salter, 49 St Brigid's Crescent

*These Anniversaries will be prayed for on Friday 19th & Saturday 20th December 10:00am Mass in Parish Church*

**Church Newsletter Notice:** To guarantee inclusion in our Church Newsletter, all anniversary bookings must be received 10days before date of anniversary Mass with deadline at 2pm on the Wednesday before publication. *Thanks.*

**CHRISTMAS PROGRAMME****CONFESSIONS — Christmas Eve**

**10:30am-12noon**

*(NO Penitential Service)*

**CHRISTMAS EVE**

**Bagenalstown — 6:00pm**

**Newtown — 7:00pm**

**Ballinkillen — 8:00pm**

**CHRISTMAS DAY**

**Bagenalstown - 8:00am & 11:30am**

*(No evening Mass)*

**Newtown - 9:00am** *(Please note time)*

**Ballinkillen - 10:00am**

**ST.STEPHEN'S DAY**

*Mass at 10:00am*

**DONATION OF PRIZES—**

**Draw for Parish** We would like to thank all who have donated prizes for a draw on the night of Nathan Carter's Concert on Friday 19th December. It is a chance for the parish to raise some much needed funds.

*All draw proceeds go to the parish.*

**Room at the Inn—  
Christmas Carol Service**

in the Cathedral of the Assumption, Carlow 5pm Sunday 21st December. Presider: Bishop Denis Nulty. Everyone welcome. Donations on the evening for St. Vincent de Paul

**LIVE  
WEBCAM**

**from our  
Parish  
Church**  
which can be  
viewed from our  
Parish website

**FUNERALS  
24 HOUR**

**Notice** is  
required from  
the Family if  
they wish to  
have Funeral  
Mass recorded

**Fr Declan Foley:**

087-6684299

**Fr Shem Furlong :**

087-2400582

**Parish Office****Hours:**

Mon/Tues/Thurs

9:30-5pm/

Fri 9:30-12noon

(Office Closed

Wednesday)

Parish Office:

059-9721154

**PARISH  
RADIO**

Tune in for  
Mass go to  
**106.9fm**

**Congratulations! To our Community Employment Scheme**

Each year, our Higher Executive Officer (HEO), visits our scheme to conduct thorough Financial and Training audits. These assessments ensure we meet all Department Social Protection regulations and fulfil our contractual obligations. This year, the Higher Executive Office from Department Social Protection carried out the Financial Audit at our Tyndall Avenue office on November 3rd, followed by the Training Audit on November 5th. During her visit, she met with the Treasurer and Chairperson to review her findings and share her thoughts about the overall management of the scheme and how training is delivered. When I spoke with Higher Executive Office from Department Social Protection, she expressed her admiration for the scheme, offering generous praise for everyone's contributions. She described our scheme as a "Role model scheme" and specifically commended the accuracy and detail of our financial and training records and systems, noting that all documentation meets departmental standards. I want to take this opportunity to thank every member of our scheme for your ongoing dedication and hard work in your roles and throughout the community. Your efforts have a far-reaching impact-many areas simply would not function without the valuable work you carry out. On behalf of the committee and myself, thank you all so much. A special thank you goes to Area Supervisory Managers John Doran and Karen Plant, for their excellent leadership skills, planning, developing and implementing training with all Community Employment Scheme participants. The Community Employment Scheme office is the vital cog in the ever-turning well-oiled wheel of our Community Employment Scheme highly praised Success. Keep up the good work. Kind regards Paddy Gardiner Chairperson for and on behalf of Leighlin Parish Developments CLG

**Turkey Trot 12noon** St. Stephen's Day (26th Dec) from the Lower Stream in Aid of Carlow/Kilkenny Homecare

**33rd Sponsored Swim/Walk Christmas Day for Carlow Kilkenny Home Care Team**

In Memory of Vera Power, Swim at 12pm outside pool. Walk around Green Road 11:30am from picnic tables. Bucket for donations or gofundme Cards from Mary.

**Personal Panic Alarm** If you or a member of your family would like a personal panic alarm. If you are living in the local area and are aged over 65years. Call Maria Nolan on 0872369031 If you have a landline, your alarm will be free of charge for the first year with a monitoring fee of €65 from the second year onwards. If you need a SIM card unit, it will cost €66 for sim at time of installation and €132 from the second year onwards. This covers the cost of the SIM card and monitoring fee.

**CHURCH NOTICES****CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE**

There will be a Carol Service  
in St Andrews Church

on Saturday 13th December after the 6pm Mass.

Members of St Andrews men's choir will be joined by pupils of the Presentation De La Salle college to perform a selection of traditional Christmas carols.

*All are welcome to celebrate the season in song*

**Visit to the Housebound will be**

**Attended MONDAY 15th December**

Monday morning—Town Area

Monday afternoon—Ballinkillen Area & Newtown Area

**St. Vincent De Paul Annual Church Gate**

**Collection** on Saturday 13th & Sunday 14th December at all Masses in the Parish. Please give your support to those that need our help. *Thank you*

**Our Lady's NS, Nurney - Carol Service**

Our Lady's National School warmly invites the community to our Carol Service on **Wednesday, 18th December at 7pm** in **St. John's Church, Nurney**. Join us for an evening of festive music and reflection as we celebrate the Christmas season together.

**All are welcome** — it is sure to be a lovely service.