

ANNIVERSARIES

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

Annie Wall, Donore
Margaret Doorley, Ballyryan, Nunney
Brendan Doorley, Ballyryan, Nurney
Breda Maye, Seskinryan
Patrick Johnson, St. Brigids Crescent
Frank Johnson, London & St. Brigids Crescent
Margaret Doyle, Kilree Street
John McDonnell, Kilree
Thomas Murphy, Tullow Road, Nurney
Michael & Anastasia Purcell, Kilree
Peter Meaney, Ballyloughan
Elizabeth Dowling, Rathellan

These Anniversaries will be prayed for on Friday 20th & 21st March 10:00am Mass in Parish Church

Night Vigil of Adoration

Starting after 7.30pm Vigil Mass on Monday 16th March, Until Benediction at 8am on Tuesday 17th March, St Peter & Paul's Church, Portlaoise.

Evangelium Young Adults Conference

Evangelium is hosting a one-day Catholic apologetics conference for young adults (18-40) on Saturday 21 March 2026 (10am-6:30pm) at the Clayton Hotel Silver Springs, Cork. The day will include talks and a panel Q&A on topics such as the Resurrection, St Augustine, evangelising youth, and the beauty of the Catholic faith. Tickets are €15 (incl. refreshments). Tickets can be found Eventbrite or www.evangelium.ie

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.*

CANCER DAY—DAFFODIL DAY

On Friday 20th March.

Please support this great cause. For more information contact Marian. Fresh daffodils to Mary, 2 Kilree Street, leave on Thursday to get tied or bring to the Caravan Friday morning tied.

Your support is needed.

Ballinkillen Active Retirement Group

Walking at Ballinkillen GAA walking track *EVERY* week on Monday 2pm, Wednesday 7pm, Friday 11am..

Forever Fit on Fridays at 10am.

Embroidery from 2pm to 4pm, Wednesday 18th and 25th March.

Basket Weaving starting in April on Monday nights 7pm to 9pm

Ardattin Drama Group

Presents: *'Many young men of 20'* Ardattin Hall, 20th, 21st, 22nd & 25th March. Adm €10.

Flower Arranging Classes

Carlow Flower Club will hold a series of three Flower arranging classes by Margaret Collins, for all levels, on Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 18th March and Tuesday 24th March from 10.30 am to 12.30pm in Ballinabranna Community Hall. Fee €8 per class. If interested please contact Margaret on 087 6682778 for a list of requirements for the class. Requirements will also be available on Carlow Flower Club Facebook page

Eucharistic Adoration

Every Tuesday 7:00pm-8:00pm in Parish Church. *Everyone welcome*

Charity Concert in Newtown**Church 9 May 2026**

Charlie McGettigan and Paul Harrington in Concert St. Patrick's Church, Newtown, will host a special charity concert on Saturday, 9 May at 7:30pm, featuring performances by Charlie McGettigan and Paul Harrington, along with a number of talented local artists. The event will be MC'd by Nuala Carey, with musical direction by Ollie Hennessy. All proceeds will go towards Breakthrough Cancer Research and the St. Patrick's Church, Newtown Development Fund. Tickets (€25) are available from the Parish Office (059 9721154); The Little Shop, Bagenalstown; Kearney's, Fenagh; The Black Cat, Fenagh; and online at eventbrite.ie.

Br Brian Johnson, Franciscan Brothers

wrote recently to give his thanks to parishes for their very generous support of their visits and collections last year. A total of €103,061.00 was raised and is already being put to good use on the Missions in Kenya and Uganda. Many thanks to you, the parishioners for supporting the collection

Carlow County Council

Register of Electors Even if you receive a polling card, you now need to add your PPSN, date of birth and Eircode to the register. You can update your details at checktheregister.ie or by paper form.

If you need assistance, Carlow County Council Register Staff will be happy to help you on 059 9170332 / 059 9170308 / 059 9172448 or email register@carlowcoco.ie. Thank you

Minister of State Jennifer Murnane O'Connor's Clinics will now be held every 2nd Wednesday in The Family Resource Centre, Royal Oak Road, Bagenalstown. Starting from Wednesday 18th March. Times are 10:30am to 12:30pm. For further information, please contact the Constituency office on 059-9170754 or Jennifer.murnaneoconnor@oireachtas.ie

TRACTOR RUN PDLs

College On Sunday 19th April.

All tractors, vintage cars, lorries welcome. *Registration fee €20*

Homeowners in Carlow and the wider region are being encouraged to drop into the **Carlow Home Energy Expo** on **Wednesday, 25 March**, from **10:30am to 5pm** at the **Seven Oaks Hotel**.

This **once off, free event** organised by Carlow County Council in partnership with South East Energy Agency, Carlow County Development Partnership and Carlow Town SEC, Adm is free, but booking is recommended.

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/southeastenergyagency/2077501>
www.carlowtownsec.com or email climate@carlowcoco.ie

Get 7 day access to your local library, 8am to 10pm!

My Open Library is the self service initiative that lets you use library facilities beyond regular opening hours from 8am to 10pm, seven days a week! At participating libraries during these times, you can

Borrow and return books, Read and Study in a quiet space, Access Wi-Fi and computers, Print, scan and photocopy, Use meeting Spaces. My Open Library operates 365 days a year and is simple and free to use, Register today at your local participating library. My Open Library is operating in Tullow, Bagenalstown & Borris Library Branches, For more info: Drop in to Tullow Library, or contact us on 059 913 6299.

Drop in to Muinebheag Library or contact us on 059 912 9703.

Drop in to Borris Library Or contact us on 059 9170350 **Purple Day (or Epilepsy Awareness Day)** will take place on **Thursday 26th March**. Please visit purpleday.org.

**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

Sunday 15 March – 4th Sunday of Lent

Digging Deeper – Living Lent: Some suggestions for the week

- + Reflect on next Sunday's Gospel using the material from 'Baptised and Sent in Lent' Look out for local group sessions or set up your own group. Resources on www.syond.ie
- † Persevere in your chosen resolutions for Lent and remember their purpose is to bring you closer to God
- + Pray the Mysteries of Light and /or the Sorrowful Mysteries
- + Be kind to your mammy throughout the week!
- + Check the energy efficiency of your light bulbs and change them if necessary
- + Look out for someone who might need your help and offer it
- + Visit a church, light a candle and say a prayer
- + Turn off lights when not in use

Gospel Link: Healing in Christ

This is the second of three Lenten gospels this year that draws on a symbol of baptism. In this Gospel we encounter the symbol of light, and we are invited to recognise that Jesus is the light of the world. In the curing of the man born blind we see Jesus sending the man to the pool of Siloam to wash. He comes away from the pool with his sight restored. More importantly, among all the people, including religious leaders, he ultimately is the only one who sees Jesus for who he really is. In other words, his true healing goes deeper than restoration of physical sight. On Ash Wednesday we were sent on a journey to renew our baptism at Easter. Along the way we can follow the example of the man in this gospel story. This Lent we can ask ourselves: Where in my life is there shadow/ darkness/blindness? Where do I need healing or where do I need to bring God's healing? What does that consist of? Where, as a Church, is there shadow/darkness/blindness? Where do we, as a Church, need healing and/or need to bring God's healing? Ultimately, what does that consist of? (Julie Kavanagh) *(For deeper connection with the Gospel see synod.ie for Baptised and Sent in Lent – a reflection series for Lent)*

Celebrating the Radical Easter Message of Liberation for Women

This Conference will be offered in two places: Ballyvaloo Retreat & Conference Centre, Blackwater, Wexford on April 24. Cost: €35 (includes lunch), Pembroke Hotel, Kilkenny on April 25. Cost €20 (includes tea/coffee), Speaker: **Dr. Graine Doherty.**

CHURCH NOTICES

**Newtown Dunleckney NS
Confirmation next Saturday 21st
March at 11am in Newtown Church**

ST. PATRICKS DAY Tuesday 17th March

Mass Times Monday 16th

Parish Church 6:00pm

Newtown Church 7:00pm

Ballinkillen Church 8:00pm

Tuesday 17th Parish Church—8:00am & 10:00am

(NO EVENING MASS ON ST PATRICK'S DAY)



Visit to the Sick/Housebound

If you would like to be added to the list for Sick/Housebound—please contact Fr Shem, Fr Declan or Parish Office who will be more than happy to add you to our monthly visit.

Months Mind

Peggy O'Brien, 85 Pairc Mhuire. Mass on Saturday 14th March in Bagenalstown Church at 6:00pm.

1st Anniversary

Mary 'Biddy' Lawlor, London & Timbergap. Mass on Sunday 15th March in Ballinkillen Church at 10:00am.

Rose Byrne, 3 Conway Park. Mass on Saturday 21st March in Bagenalstown Church at 6:00pm.

Visit to the Housebound will be attended

NEXT week **MONDAY 23RD MARCH**

Monday morning—Town Area

Monday afternoon –Ballinkillen

Area & Newtown Area

