

South Leinster Money Advice

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Light The Fire – August 3rd 2025, Hill of Slane

Come and celebrate our Catholic faith on Slane - the hill where St Patrick lit the first Paschal fire in 433AD. This is a divine invitation to witness the Archbishop of Armagh symbolically light the fire of faith, hope and love, first kindled by our patron saint. Eurovision's Dana will sing her song for St Patrick, Light the Fire. Gathering begins at noon and includes mass, Eucharistic healing, praise and worship and Rosary. More info at www.lightthefire.ie or email info@lightthefire.ie

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ANNIVERSARIES

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

Annie & Patrick McGrath, Kilree Street & their children Patrick, Michael, Jimmy, Margaret & Patricia
 Denis O'Brien, Dunleckney
 Tommy Power, Kilgreaney
 Gracie Sheridan, London
 Paul Donoghue, Eastwood
 Mary Stock, Wellington, Somerset
 Michael Fenelon, Ballymoon
 Thomas O'Shea, Dublin & Seskinryan
 Brigid & Michael O'Shea, Seskinryan

Thomas Agar, Donore
These Anniversaries will be prayed for on Friday 1st & Saturday 2nd August 10:00am Mass in Parish Church

Recollection Weekend: 22nd - 24th August 2025 in Cluain Chiarain Prayer Centre, Clonmacnois. A retreat for adult Catholics seeking to deepen their spiritual life and grow in holiness. A time for silence, reflection and fellowship with talks from various guest speakers. €180 - all meals and accommodation provided with custom welcome pack. For more details and booking visit www.thecollect.ie

**Bagenalstown Senior Citizens Social Club**

are organising a trip to Donegal 30th Aug—1st Sept. Anyone interested

in going contact Kay 087-6230951 or Breda 087-2818401

Open to Non Members**Exploring Our Foundations Heritage Week Event**

To celebrate National Heritage Week 2025 and recognise the support and funding from The Heritage Council for the restoration of the stained glass window to the front of St. Patrick's Church in Newtown, please join us on Sunday 17th August 2025 for 9am Mass and afterwards for a chance to learn about the project and appreciate both the built and cultural heritage in the area. We encourage you to come along and share your memories and knowledge of Newtown and its surrounding environs. Should anyone have any old photographs or articles about Newtown that they would be willing for us to showcase at the event, please contact Mary Nolan or Gillian Minchin so as to arrange or contact 087 754 7828.



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**An Chomhairle Oidhreacht
The Heritage Council**

Parish Pilgrimage to Medjugorje

2nd –9th Oct 2025 *Spiritual Director:* Fr Declan. Cost €879 7nights pps. Insurance extra. Single room supplement €175. Limited places available.

Enquiries Helen Wall 086-8226930

Eucharistic Adoration

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

Medjugorje Prayer Group

Meeting in Our Lady's Chapel, Bagenalstown Church. **EVERY** Tuesday after 10:00am Mass
All welcome

Carlow County Council in partnership with O Keeffe Social Research, are currently undertaking research to promote circular economy activities in our communities. We hope to generate an **interactive map**, identify best practices, acknowledge achievements, and identify how groups can access more supports. We are asking everyone in Carlow Town and County to get involved by sharing information about any activities in your area that promotes:

- Repair, reuse or upcycling.
- Sharing or Swapping initiatives (Clothing, construction, gardening or office equipment or materials, Tool / machinery banks, Toy, or book libraries).
- Community gardening, composting or food waste reduction.
- Sustainable living or Zero waste practices. (Including refill stations, bike libraries, community fridges or food sharing).
- Environmental education or awareness events. (Workshops, film nights, community challenges).

In order to create a profile of community-based circular economy activities throughout the County, we ask you to identify your projects and send details of same to via **email Brendan and Ann Marie at oksocialresearch@gmail.com on or before Friday 1st August.**

So whether you are hosting sewing classes, furniture repair courses, have a Mini Community Library or are teaching your community to grow their own food, we urge you to get involved and get news of your activity out to the wider community of Carlow.

For further information please email Jannette at jobrien@carlowcoco.ie

Church Newsletter Notice: To guarantee inclusion in our Church Newsletter, all notices and anniversary bookings must be received before 2pm on the Wednesday before publication. *Thanks.*

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

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Stand for Peace - March for Palestine - Saturday August 2nd

We are heartbroken and outraged by the suffering in Gaza and Palestine. But this is one action we can take, to come together in peaceful solidarity with the people of Palestine.

Please join the **Kilkenny Community Palestine Solidarity Group (KCPSG)** for a 'March for Palestine' on Saturday, August 2nd at 1pm, beginning at the Kilkenny Castle Main Gates.

In the words of Pope Leo XIV - "From the Gaza Strip, we hear rising ever more insistently to the heavens, the cries of mothers and fathers who clutch the lifeless bodies of their children..."

KCPSG also holds a weekly vigil every Wednesday from 5.30pm to 6pm on the Kilkenny Parade.

Ballinkillen Lorum Community Centre

Bingo every Monday @ 8pm *Everyone welcome*

Tuesday Night Cards is held every Tuesday at 9pm in the BLCCC bar. All players are welcome, whether you're an experienced player or a new player looking to learn and have a fun night out.

Free KCETB Classes at BCG continue each Saturday 1-3pm. New members *are always most welcome*.

Venue: Bagenalstown Community Garden located at the back of Parochial House R21TD61

YOUTH PILGRIMAGE TO CROAGH PATRICK, 23rd AUGUST 2025

For young adults (16-35) in the Diocese of Kildare & Leighlin. Join us for a day of faith, challenge and community as we undertake the ancient pilgrimage to the summit of Croagh Patrick on **23rd August**. Buses will depart from: Naas, Carlow and Portlaoise. This spiritual journey offers an opportunity for prayer, reflection and connection with fellow young Catholics. Whether you're seeking personal renewal, physical challenge or simply to experience this sacred tradition, all are welcome. Spaces are limited. Registration is essential and a short meeting for all 16-18 year old pilgrims and a parent/guardian will take place on Thursday 14th August at 7.30pm in Portlaoise, Naas and Carlow.

For full details and to register, visit: kandle.ie.

CHURCH NOTICES

Months Mind

Kitty McDermott, Oak Grove. Mass on Sunday 3rd August in Bagenalstown Church at 11:30am.

1st Anniversary

Esther Dowling, Nurney. Mass on Sunday 27th July in Newtown Church at 9:00am.

Johnny Mullins, Harrow Cross. Mass on Sunday 27th July in Bagenalstown Church at 11:30am.

Seán Darcy, 59 Conway Park. Mass on Saturday 2nd August in Bagenalstown Church at 6:00pm.

First Friday Anniversary Mass Newtown Church at 7:00pm

First Friday Anniversary Mass Ballinkillen Church at 8:00pm

First Friday Anniversaries 1st August Ballinkillen Church at 8:00pm

Anne Farrell, Ballinkillen
Sean Barrett, Dunroe, daughter
Bridget & son Tom
Marcie Kearney, Lorum
Tommy Power, Kilgreaney
Gracie Sheridan, London
John Farrell, Ballycormack



First Friday Anniversaries 1st August Newtown Church at 7:00pm

Hannah Nolan, Powerstown, Milford
Helena Basova, Papradno, Slovakia
Margaret Hickey, Rathercan
Dan Murphy, Newtown
Baby Ellie Kearney, Lumclone
Patrick-Joseph Nolan, Ballybromhill
Padraig Nolan, Ballybromhill
Thomas Nolan, Ballybromhill
Michael Collins, Conway Park
James & Frances Collins, Newtown
Tom, Betty & John Collins
Jim Mooney, Jenkinstown & Fenagh
Eric Black, Fenagh
Andy O'Brien, Mountrath & Rathercan
Mary Fitzgerald, Moneenroe
Pat O'Neill, England & Moneenroe