

**LIVE WEBCAM from our Parish Church** which can be viewed from our Parish website—  
[www.bagenalstownparish.ie](http://www.bagenalstownparish.ie)

**SibShop** Do you have a child with a disability or serious illness? Do they have a sibling/s? Sibshop is an opportunity for siblings to meet others in the same situation. Sibshop is running on Sunday May 15<sup>th</sup> 2022 in Danesfort Community Centre. In the morning, 10am-1pm there are two talks for parents/ guardians. These talks are suitable no matter what ages your child/wards are. The topics covered are  
1. **Communication and General Behaviour Strategies for your child with a disability**  
2. **How to support children who have a sibling with additional needs and what siblings would like parents to know.** In the afternoon a Sibshop that is for children aged 8yrs - 12yrs will take place from 2-4.30. The cost for each event is €10 per person. Family discounts are available. This event is supported by KCETB and Down Syndrome Kilkenny. It is open to all in Carlow and Kilkenny no matter what disability/ illness effects your child. Call Eithne on 087 050 9243 to book or to get further information.

**Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help** on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm in St Clare's Church. Rosary recited at 7.10pm and Novena begins at 7.30pm

This year's Theme is: "We are not Alone" **GUEST SPEAKER** this week 9<sup>th</sup> May is: Andrea Hayes - TV & Radio Broadcaster & Writer

**"Pro Life talk:**  
**Tuesday May 10th in Seven Oaks Hotel, Carlow at 8pm at in the Rossmore suite. All welcome!"**

**Friday and Saturday Anniversary Masses: Anniversaries**

Please put date of which Friday & Saturday you wish your loved ones to be remembered when dropping in Anniversary.

**Church Newsletter**

Names to be included on newsletter must be in at least **10days** before the Anniversary Mass.

**Carlow Choral Society – Vivaldi Gloria and Magnificat** Carlow Choral Society presents an uplifting and joyous performance of Vivaldi's most famous Choral works on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> May at 7.30pm in the Church of the Most Holy Rosary in Tullow, Co. Carlow. Conducted by Blánaid Murphy and accompanied by the Irish Choral Sinfonia Orchestra and Yvonne Collier playing organ. Soloists include Aisling Kenny, Soprano and Laura-Joy Copeland, Mezzo Soprano. Tickets are €20.00 each and accompanied under 16's are free. Tickets are available online on [www.eventbrite.ie](http://www.eventbrite.ie) and from Tullow Parish Office, and choir members. For info please contact [carlowchoralsociety@gmail.com](mailto:carlowchoralsociety@gmail.com) or Miriam Kelly, Sec of Carlow Choral Society, on 087-9422608

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## 'CHURCH NOTICES'

*World Day of Prayer for Vocations*

8th May 2022

### **May the Month of Mary**

May is traditionally dedicated in a special way to honouring and seeking the intercession of Mary as the Mother of God and Mother of the Church. "She is that woman who rejoiced in the presence of God, who treasured everything in her heart, and who let herself be pierced by the sword. Mary is the saint among the saints, blessed above all others. She teaches us the way of holiness and she walks ever at our side. She does not let us remain fallen and at times she takes us into her arms without judging us." —Pope Francis, *Gaudete et Exsultate*, no. 176

### **The Memorare**

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession, was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother. To thee do I come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. *Amen.*

**Trocaire Boxes**— Please return Trocaire boxes at Mass Time. *Thank you*

### **First Holy Communion**

**Queen of the Universe Girls N.S.** on Saturday 14th May at 11:00am in Parish Church

**St. Brigids Boys N.S.** on Saturday 14th May at 1:00pm in Parish Church  
**Garryhill N.S.** on Sunday 15th May at 11:30am in Parish Church

**Visit to the Housebound** will be attended to this week **Monday 9th Tuesday 10th May**  
Monday morning—Town Area  
Monday afternoon— Ballinkillen Area  
Tuesday morning—Newtown Area

## **PRAY FOR**

**Agnes Donoghue**, 11 Eastwood who was interred last Monday.

## **MONTHS MIND**

**Jim Tynan**, 30 Eastwood. Mass on Saturday 7th May at 6:00pm in Parish Church.

**Jim Holden**, Clonmore. Mass on Sunday 15th May at 9:00am in Newtown Church.

## **Sunday 8th May 2022 is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations.**

It is also known as "Good Shepherd Sunday." The Lord asked his disciples to "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2).

Please pray that young men and women hear and respond generously to the Lord's call to the priesthood, diaconate, religious life, societies of apostolic life or secular institutes.

Pray also for the priests who have ministered to you throughout your life, both living and dead. Encourage your children, grandchildren, or other young people to consider a vocation as a priest or religious brother or sister.

## **St Lazerian's House**

We are looking at building a conservatory/ sunroom for the residents here at St Lazerian's and as you know we rely heavily on donations for such an addition. We have set up a Gofundme page to help us reach our target of € 30,000, we would greatly appreciate if you can help in any way and forward on the Gofundme link through social media platforms. *Thank you in advance.*

As Catholics, we firmly believe that God has a plan for our lives! He calls some to marriage, some to the priesthood, and others to religious life or to live as generous single people.

## **ANNIVERSARIES**

Florence O'Brien, Pairc Mhuire  
Ronny Van Ursel, Carlow  
Mary Darcy, St. Brigids Crescent  
Pat O'Brien, Dunleckney  
Denis Wall, Donore  
Ellen & Timothy O'Neill, Kilree Street  
Jody & Jim McGrath, 14 Acres, Kilcarrig  
Jim Galway, Oldtown

Deceased members of Galway Family  
Edward Coogan, Ballywilliamroe  
Tom & Katie Duffy & their son Michael  
Mary Lyons, Oldtown  
John Lennon, St. Brigids Crescent  
Daniel O'Connell, St. Brigids Crescent

John Lyons, Nurney  
Margaret Cowman, Donore  
John Lillis, 2 Fairgreen  
Denis Coogan, Conway Park  
Kitty Coogan, Kilcarrig

Deceased Members of Coogan Family  
*These Anniversaries will be prayed for on Friday 13th & Saturday 14th May at 10:00am Mass in Parish Church*

**Ballinkillen N.S. PA Clothing Collection** on **Saturday 14th May 10am-12pm**—Clothing, Coats, Shoes, Handbags, Backpacks, Fabrics, Bed Linen, Belts—**Ballinkillen Lorum Community Centre Car Park**

**LIFEGUARDS** Applications are now being accepted for the position of LIFEGUARDS at Bagenalstown Swimming Pool for the summer season 2022. Please submit your application to Maire Lee, 4 Kilree Cottages, Bagenalstown, Carlow R21X995 OR [leemaire@gmail.com](mailto:leemaire@gmail.com) before Friday 13th May 2022.

## **Flower Arranging**

**Workshop** As part of the Bagenalstown In Bloom Festival there will be a Flower Arranging Workshop where you will learn how to create your own beautiful display of flowers. Taking place in BEAM Garden Room on Saturday 4th June from 10am until 1pm. The finished arrangements will be exhibited in St Mary's Church from 2.30pm - 5pm on Saturday 4th June and 2pm - 5pm on Sunday 5th June. This workshop is funded by Kilkenny Carlow ETB. Instruction is provided by an ETB registered tutor. Places are limited so please apply early. To book a place please contact (087) 6995420 by text or by phone (after 6pm) or by email [odeapk@gmail.com](mailto:odeapk@gmail.com). Cost 12 euros (for materials and flowers).

## **GRAVEYARD MASSES 2022**

**NEWTOWN—Friday 3rd June at 8:00pm**

**BALLINKILLEN—Friday 10th June at 8:00pm**

**BAGENALSTOWN—Friday 17th June at 8:00pm**

**DUNLECKNEY—Friday 24th June at 8:00pm**

## **Dunleckney Graveyard**

**Improvement Group** would like to thank all who contributed to our recent Collection. The money will be used to cover the expenses involved in the ongoing maintenance of the Graveyard. Grass cutting and strimming is carried out on Saturday mornings and *new volunteers are always welcome.*

## **First Holy Communion 2022**

**Ballinkillen N.S.** on Saturday 21st May at 11:00am in Ballinkillen Church

**Nurney N.S.** on Saturday 21st May at 1:00pm in Newtown Church

## **Kildare & Leighlin**

### **Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine**

Bishop Denis Nulty invites you to join with him and parishioners from across the diocese at the Shrine of Our Lady of Knock

**Sunday 5th June 2022**

Ceremonies begin at 2.30pm in the Basilica

### **Breathing New Life into the Parish Music Programme**

An hour of inspiration and encouragement: Recovering the choir spirit, New Repertoire, Choral Techniques, ICMA Music Tasters. Organised and presented by members of the Advisory Committee on Church Music (ACCM) Watch live from the Monastery of St. Alphonsus, Dublin. [www.rednuns.com](http://www.rednuns.com)

Friday 13th May at 7:30pm  
(or watch recording later)

### **Leighlinbridge & District Active**

**Retired:** Committee meeting on Monday 9th May 2pm followed by members meeting 2:30pm. Joe Butler Chairperson of Older Persons Forum will make a presentation followed by refreshments. Bowls players meet on Thursday at 2:30pm.