

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

**30th ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DAY SWIM / WALK**

**Walk 11:30am** starting from Picnic Tables.

**Swim 12noon** starting from steps outside pool.

Medals for all—Sponsored by the Power Family. Bucket collection on the day or donate online via [gofundme](https://gofundme.com) OR contact Mary 085-1521232

“The National Board for the Safeguarding of Children in the Catholic Church in Ireland (*the National Board*) will be commencing their review of safeguarding practice in the Diocese of Kildare and Leighlin on Dec 12th. This review is to assess the safeguarding practice in the Diocese against the Catholic Church in Ireland’s current standards as detailed in Safeguarding Children - Policy and Standards for the Catholic Church in Ireland 2016. If you would like to know more about, please look at the Safeguarding section on [www.kandle.ie](http://www.kandle.ie) If you ever wish to report a child or vulnerable adult safeguarding concern, please contact the Diocesan DLP on 085 8021633 or the statutory authorities of the Gardai, TUSLA, HSE.”

**Christmas Wreath Workshop**

Would you like to participate in a beautiful Christmas Wreath Workshop? This workshop will take place on **Saturday Dec 17<sup>th</sup>** from **9.30am to 1.30pm** in the **Community Centre, Church St, Bagenalstown** (opposite Spar service station/Post Office). Fee: 10 euros for oasis and wire etc.. Places limited so please apply early by email to [odeapk@gmail.com](mailto:odeapk@gmail.com) or by text to **0876995420**.



Society of St. Vincent de Paul

**St. Vincent De Paul Annual Church**

**Gate Collection** this weekend **Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 11<sup>th</sup>** at all Masses in the Parish. Please give your support to those that need our help. *Thank you.*

**St. Vincent De Paul Helpline 086-4042631**

**Leighlinbridge & District Active Retired:** Ecumenical Service in Parish Centre on **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> Dec** at 2:30pm followed by refreshments. This is our last meeting before Christmas, we will return on **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2023**. Wishing all our members a Happy Christmas and health & happiness for the New Year.

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Parish Office Hours: *Mon/Tues/Thurs 9:30-5pm / Fri 9:30-12pm*  
(Office closed Wednesday)      Registered Charity No. 20015848



BAGENALSTOWN - NEWTOWN - BALLINKILLEN

**'CHURCH NOTICES'**

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent

11<sup>th</sup> December 2022

**Eucharistic Adoration** in Parish Church every Tuesday 7:00pm-8:00pm

**RADIO MARIA IRELAND**

Radio Maria Ireland will be visiting our parish and speaking at Mass on **Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December**. All are welcome to drop in your prayer intentions into a petition box and Fr Eamonn McCarthy will bring them back. Your prayer intentions will be included in Holy Mass and the many hours of daily prayers on the Radio station. Listen via TV on Saorview Channel 210 or download the App – Radio Maria Ireland

**Visit to the Housebound will be attended this week**

**MONDAY 12<sup>th</sup> December**

Monday morning—Town Area

Monday afternoon –Ballinkillen Area & Newtown Area

**Confirmation Preparation Mass**

**On Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 7:30pm in Parish Church. All are welcome.**

**Confirmation and First Holy Communion**

*Confirmation Dates 2023*

**Ballinkillen N.S.** 4<sup>th</sup> March at 11:00am in Ballinkillen Church

**Newtown N.S.** 4<sup>th</sup> March at 2:00pm in Newtown Church

**St. Brigids Boys N.S.** 11<sup>th</sup> March at 11:00am in Bagenalstown Church

**Queen of the Universe Girls N.S.** 11<sup>th</sup> March at 1:00pm in Bagenalstown Church

**Nurney N.S.** 25<sup>th</sup> March at 11:00am in Newtown Church

*First Holy Communion Dates 2023*

**Newtown N.S.** 6<sup>th</sup> May at 11:00am in Newtown Church

**St. Brigids Boys N.S.** 6<sup>th</sup> May at 1:00pm in Bagenalstown Church

**Ballinkillen N.S.** 13<sup>th</sup> May at 11:00am in Ballinkillen Church

**Queen of the Universe Girls N.S.** 20<sup>th</sup> May at 11:00am in Bagenalstown Church



## **PRAY FOR**

**Breda Kieran** nee Shaughnessy, Kilkenny & Ballywilliamroe who was interred in Bagenalstown on Thursday.

**Tom Browne**, Coolnacuppogue. Funeral Mass on Monday 12th December at 11am in Ballinkillen Church followed by burial.

## **1st Anniversary**

**Angela O'Sullivan** nee Jacob, Florida & Kilcarrig Street. Mass on Saturday 17th December at 6:00pm in Parish Church.

**Book Launch** in Muine Bheag Community Centre,

**Tuesday December 13th at 7pm.**

Poems by Annette Reddy, a diverse mix of poetry that anyone can resonate with, inspired by family, friends, nature and the emotions and events that punctuate our lives. Copies will be available for sale on the night and in local shops.

## **USE YOUR BRAIN NOT YOUR FISTS**

An assault can wreck a victim's life, but it can also ruin your own future. You could lose your job, your ability to travel, even your freedom, not to mention the distress it would cause your family. *A Garda initiative as part of their mission of Keeping People Safe that is aimed at reducing and preventing assaults which can have serious consequences for both victims and perpetrators.*

Anyone needing a **Senior Citizens Alarm** please contact Maria Nolan 0872369031. The installation of the alarm is covered by a government grant.

## **ANNIVERSARIES**

Áine Somers, Royal Oak Road  
Sean Pender, 73 Pairc Mhuire  
Michael Rudkins, Upper Kilree  
Kathleen & Gerry Aughney, Kilcarrig

Judy O'Brien, 34 Conway Park  
Charles & Doris Haum, U.S.A.  
Terrie Kavanagh, 58 Pairc Mhuire  
Lily Kenny, Naas & Kilree  
Kathleen Bermingham, Nurney  
Noel Farrell, Donore  
John & Margaret Farrell & Farrell family

Lily Walsh, 5 Fairgreen  
Elizabeth Monaghan, 24 Kilcarrig Street

Johnny Hogan, 24 Pairc Mhuire  
Tony Grey, Kilree  
Denis Hynes, 6 Conway Park  
Denis Hynes, St. Brigids Crescent

**These Anniversaries will be prayed for on Friday 16th & Saturday 17th December at 10:00am Mass in Parish Church**

## **St. Lazerian's House Annual General Meeting**

takes place in St. Lazerian's House on **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> of December at 6:30pm.** All are welcome to attend.

## **ALONE are seeking volunteers**

Would you be willing to provide companionship or make calls to Older People once a week? ALONE are seeking volunteers in your area. Full training and support provided. If interested please sign up here:

<https://alone.ie/volunteers/>  
For more information, contact Frances on [volunteer@alone.ie](mailto:volunteer@alone.ie) or on 086 1085965.



## **SOME HINTS ON GETTING MARRIED**

At the time you enquire about the hotel etc. Check the Church to avoid disappointment. At least 3-6 months Notice is now required by Church and the State, so call to the Priests earlier rather than later. We suggest that as soon as you finalise plans, to contact the Registrars Office on

[www.crsappointments.ie](http://www.crsappointments.ie) for an appointment. For more info go to [www.groireland.ie](http://www.groireland.ie). (Failure to give 3 months notice will necessitate going to the court for permission). Marriage is a very serious step and good preparation is advised. Both Church and State recommend some Pre-Marriage preparation. The Church offers Pre-Marriage Courses. They are available in Carlow. [www.accord.ie](http://www.accord.ie) Many people have booked their marriage well in advance. We suggest you make an appointment to meet the priest that you wish to do your wedding about 3-6 months before your wedding date to sign Church forms and arrange the Ceremony. If one of the partners is getting married outside their parish they need to call to see the priest of their parish to sign Marriage Form, get current Baptism & Confirmation Certificates and Letter of Freedom.

If couple coming home from outside Ireland they should see Priest in the country they live in who will send papers to the respective Bishops who will send them to the Priest in Bagenalstown. In Bagenalstown parish Weddings may be at times & dates requested. No weddings on Sundays, Holy Days, or Holy Thursday, Good Friday, or Easter Sat. Please feel free to call to Parish Office or any of the Priests who will be most willing to help you make a happy and Blessed Day.

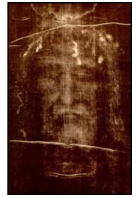
*Fr. Declan*

## **Holy Face Prayers,**

**Wednesdays, after 10am**

Mass, followed by silent adoration of the most Blessed Sacrament until 1pm. Sacred Heart Church, Borris.

More info: 087-4112583



**Turkey Trot** on St Stephen's day at 12 noon from The Lower Stream in aid of Carlow/Kilkenny Homecare.

## **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.

## **Clothes Collection supporting Friends of Calcutta**

(CHY No. 13218) on Saturday December 18th. Collecting up to 4pm outside Bagenalstown, Ballinkillen and Newtown Church.

Bags of clothes, footwear, curtains etc most welcome and can be left at any stage that day close to the FOC sign up to end of collection. All enquiries to Michael Hopkins 087 9073074

