

LIVE WEBCAM from our Parish Church which can be viewed from our Parish website—
www.bagenalstownparish.ie

30th ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DAY SWIM / WALK

Walk 11:30am starting from Picnic Tables around the Green Road.

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://www.gofundme.com) OR contact Mary 085-1521232

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.

Parish Office re-opens on Thursday 5th January 2023

Merry Christmas to all in our parish and beyond

A message from an Garda Siochana

An Garda Siochana wish to warn people of a doorstep fraud and theft offence which has become prevalent over the last number of weeks.

Elderly People are being targeted at their homes by Criminals who are impersonating Gardaí. The offenders are fraudulently pretending to be plain clothes Gardaí who are checking for dud money. They have duped people all around the country and stolen their cash on the pretence of checking to see if it is genuine money. They are producing false identification to assist the process.

Advice:

An Garda Siochana will never ask people about their finances on the doorstep of their homes and will never ask to check money

Always ask for Identification and do not be afraid to question it. If in doubt politely tell the caller that you want to verify their true identity. If necessary contact your local Garda Station who will be able to establish quickly if the caller is a member of An Garda Siochana.

Report any such activity to your local Garda Station even if you have not been the victim of a theft. That report could save a neighbour or someone else close by.

Please check on elderly neighbours, family and friends and advise and reassure them

NO Eucharistic

Adoration for the coming weeks. **Resumes Tuesday 10th January 2023**



BAGENALSTOWN - NEWTOWN - BALLINKILLEN
'CHURCH NOTICES'
Christmas Day 25th December 2022

Christmas Message 2022

"You'll never guess what Santa brought, a train set" the young boy tells his grandad early Christmas morning in the television advertisement. I think it's an ad. for Barry's Tea, but it always gets my vote for the best and simplest Christmas message. Christmas is a time for gift-giving. Children, like that little boy in the television ad., are attracted by the gifts; we all are. But we also need to be attracted to the crib, to the Christmas creche, where we will learn the message that God's greatest gift to us is His Son. Whatever we receive this Christmas, we will be very grateful for; but the gift that will last the longest is the knowledge and realisation that we are loved, cherished and held by God. To understand Christmas we have to understand the language of God, the greatest gift-giver. We find the language of God as we look into the crib. The inn-keeper closed one door but left the stable door ajar, enough for Mary and Joseph to squeeze through, exhausted by the census journey. The empty manger has been filled. God's gift comes not in tinsel and glitter but "wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger" (Lk. 2:12). God speaks to us from that manger, in the simplest of languages; we are the ones who too often complicate that message. Christmas brings out the best in all of us. It's a busy time, it's a hectic time, but we wouldn't want it any different. I am so impressed by how the commercialisation of Christmas is matched by the generosity in giving to those in need: the Society of St. Vincent de Paul with their outreach in every parish, the local food kitchens, the Ukrainian appeals, support for Trócaire as it enters its fiftieth year and the many other causes that command our attention these days. Christmas brings out the best in all of us. As much as is spent in gifts, a huge amount is generously donated to charities. And every gift doesn't necessarily cost hard-earned money, such as the gift of generosity, so obvious in the great response to those charitable appeals. Christmas is a celebration centred on generosity, God generously sharing with us His Son. The gift of time, spending time with those close to us is a precious gift, enjoying one another's company. The gift of kindness, words used to heal rather than hurt. Christmas doesn't have to be complicated. The message is simple, like the boy's train set. The message that God's greatest gift to us is His Son Jesus, and that's a gift that keeps on giving all year round. May the peace and joy of Christmas be in your heart and every good wish and blessing for 2023. ✠Denis Nulty



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(Office closed Wednesday) Registered Charity No. 20015848

PRAY FOR

Julie Fenelon nee Condren, who was interred in Bagenalstown on Tuesday

Joan Doyle nee Monaghan, Eastwood who was interred in Bagenalstown on Monday.

Eilish Monaghan, Kilree Cottages who was interred in Bagenalstown on Monday

Molly Burke nee Dargan, England & Kilree Cottages.

Jack Lennon, Paulstown (*brother of Nell O'Riordan, Regent Street*)

1st Anniversary

Seán Connors, Curranree. Mass on Sunday 1st January at 10:00am in Ballinkillen Church.

Paddy O'Connor, 3 St. Brigids Crescent. Mass on Sunday 1st January at 11:30am in Parish Church.

HAVE YOU A BABY FOR BAPTISM?

If you have a baby for Baptism, contact the Parish Office 9721154 or email: bagenalstownparish@gmail.com
Baptisms are on

EVERY Saturday in Parish Church at 5pm

FIRST Saturday of month in Newtown Church at 4pm

LAST Saturday of month in Ballinkillen Church at 4pm

Church Collections

If you are making a donation directly to the parish through the Bank (please contact the parish office to let us know you are doing this)

Bank Name and Address:

Bank Of Ireland, Main Street, Bagenalstown, Carlow

Name of Account:

Bagenalstown Parish.

BIC: BOFIE2D

IBAN: IE35BOFI90649410971660

Your support for the Parish is greatly

appreciated

ANNIVERSARIES

James Dillon, 26 St. Brigids Crescent
Angela O'Sullivan nee Jacob, Florida & Kilcarrig Street

Annie Guidera, Ballyknockan
Alice Whelan, St. Brigids Crescent
Brenda Munday, St. Brigids Crescent

Mag Doyle, 14 Acres, Kilcarrig
Peter & Mai Bolger, Kilcarrig
Lucy Fogarty, Kilcarrig

John Dunne, 3 Fairgreen
Martin-Francis & Martin-Joseph Tully, Sligo

Andr e Dooley, Johnstown, Bennekerry
Richard & Anne Sinnott, Ballywilliamroe
Mary Drea, Bohermore

Jack & Lizzie Shiels, Pairc Mhuire
Ellen Trodden, 56 St. Brigids Crescent
George & Bridget Darcy, Pairc Mhuire

Christopher McAssey, Pairc Mhuire
Anne O'Brien, Fenniscourt
Mary Lynch, Bohermore

William Corrigan, Kilree
Ann Campion, Fr Cummins Park

These Anniversaries will be prayed for on Friday 30th & Saturday 31st December at 10:00am Mass in Parish Church

Remembrance

Pray for All Donors of Life Saving Organs and their Families next weekend. And we pray also for the recipients who have been given the gift of life.

Mass on Sunday 1st January at 10:00am in Ballinkillen Church



Christmas Dead List

Frank Lee, Brigid Nevin
James & Margaret Lee
Ger Clarke, John Lee
Mai & Denis O'Brien
Pat O'Brien
John & Sheila Keenan
John Keenan jnr
Margaret & Thomas Farrell
Tommy Farrell
Tom & Alice Reddy
John & Alice Whelan
Brenda Munday, Esther Power
Steven Whelan
Joe Reddy, Jim Reddy
Kay & Bert Solomon
Mark Allen
Mary & Paddy Nolan
Jimmy Nolan, Michael Nolan
Eamonn Mahon, Joe Kinsella
Michael & Harriett Carton
Peter & Catherine Carton
Tuite Family, Cradden Family
Ann Kavanagh
Matthew Kavanagh
Christina Thompson
Jack Thompson
Mary Thompson
Bridie Thompson
James Thompson
John & Johanna Thompson
Peter & Margaret Doyle
Kate & Dan Kennedy
John Kennedy, Andrew Kennedy
Kevin O'Shea, Bridie Cullen
Laurence Cullen, Brian Cullen
Kathleen Deane, Thomas O'Shea
James & Brigid Dillon
Michael & Josephine Brophy

Margaret, Thomas & Thomas Dillon
William & Elizabeth Corcoran
Liam, Brendan & Michael Corcoran
Kathleen & Roger Lill
Peachie & Tommy Foy
Patricia & Joseph DeLacey
John Murphy
Michael & Mary O'Neill
Fr Jimmy Doyle
William Dillon, Natasha Dillon
Marian Dillon, Mary Dillon
Mai & Michael Egan
Egan Family, Byrne Family
Anna & Richard Murphy
Fr Billy Murphy
John & Julia Kennedy
Fr John Kennedy
William & Mary Ann Murphy
Paddy & Margaret Godfrey
Nell & John Madden
Betty & Bob Merrigan
Kathleen & Stephen Murphy
Miley Kelly
Mrs McGrath
Larry & Katie Bolger
Michael Cowman
Mattie & Mary Cowman
Noel & Maureen Cowman
Ann Campion
Patrick & Maryann McGrath
Bridget & Maryann McGrath
Jim & Mattie McGrath

