

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

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

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.

Mortgage Arrears /Abhaile

Scheme Are you in mortgage arrears? Are you worried about losing your home? If so, there is help. You may be entitled to Government support under the Abhaile Scheme. For more information, feel free to contact Tatiana McGreal, Financial Solutions Ireland on 085 867 4883 (www.fsireland.ie)

Special Kildare Pilgrimage to

Fatima at Easter 2023 ex Dublin Departing Wednesday Holy Week 5th April 5 nights full Easter ceremony and tour of Lisbon. Optional tour to seaside on Easter Saturday contact James Treacy 061921470

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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'

2nd Sunday of the Year

15th January 2023

Eucharistic Adoration

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

Confirmation Dates 2023

Ballinkillen N.S. 4th March at 11:00am in Ballinkillen Church

Newtown N.S. 4th March at 2:00pm in Newtown Church

St. Brigids Boys N.S. 11th March at 11:00am in Bagenalstown Church

Queen of the Universe Girls N.S. 11th March at 1:00pm in Bagenalstown Church

Nurney N.S. 25th March at 11:00am in Newtown Church

First Holy Communion Dates 2023

Newtown N.S. 6th May at 11:00am in Newtown Church

St. Brigids Boys N.S. 6th May at 1:00pm in Bagenalstown Church

Ballinkillen N.S. 13th May at 11:00am in Ballinkillen Church

Queen of the Universe Girls N.S. 20th May at 11:00am in Bagenalstown Church

Visit to the Housebound will be attended this week

MONDAY

Monday morning—Town Area

Monday afternoon—Ballinkillen Area & Newtown Area

PARISH MASS TIMES

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH - Bagenalstown

Sunday (Sat) Vigil 6:00pm, Sun 8:00am, 11:30am & 7:30pm

Weekday—(Mon- Sat) Parish Church 10am

ST. PATRICKS CHURCH - Newtown

Sunday 9am

ST. LAZERIAN'S CHURCH - Ballinkillen

Sunday 10am

PRAY FOR

Jim Quirke, Brigg, Lincolnshire & Monemore and also his wife

Vivian Quirke, Lincolnshire. Both Funerals will take place in England.

Mary Farrell, Lorum who was interred in Ballinkillen on Tuesday.

Valerie Cody, England. (*wife of Pat Cody, 84 St. Brigids Crescent*)

MONTHS MIND

Joan Doyle, Eastwood. Mass on Saturday 14th January at 6:00pm in Parish Church.

Tom Brown, Coolnacupogue. Mass on Sunday 15th January in Ballinkillen Church at 10:00am.

Breda Kieran, Kilkenny & Ballywilliamroe. Mass on Sunday 15th January in Parish Church at 11:30am.

Eilish Monaghan, Kilree Cottages. Mass on Saturday 21st January in Parish Church at 6:00pm.

1st Anniversary

John Keenan, Dunleckney. Mass on Sunday 22nd January in Parish Church at 11:30am.

Pilgrimage to Assisi and Rome

Visiting the Tombs of St Francis, St Clare and Blessed Carlo Acutis; a guided tour of the St Peters Basilica and attendance a General Papal Audience. Travelling dates 25th – 31st May 2023, cost €1235 pps, single supplement €270. Spiritual directors Fr Liam Merrigan & Fr John McEvoy. For further details contact Monasterevin Parish 045-525346, Rathvilly Parish 059-9161114 or visit www.marian.ie

ANNIVERSARIES

Nancy Kelly, Chestnut Court
Jim Armstrong, Kilree Street
Molly, Raymond & Vincent Tully, Sligo
Pat Purcell, Dublin & Paire Mhuire
Tommy Meaney, Ballyloughan
Elizabeth Curran, Fairgreen
Jack & Minnie Kearney, Manchester
Mary Thompson, Carrigbeg
Bridie Thompson, Carrigbeg
Kate Kennedy, Wales
Tom Dooley, Bohermore

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

A **Public Commemoration** will be held in Dunleckney Graveyard at **12:30 on Sunday 15th January** to mark the **100th Anniversary of the execution of “James Lillis”**, Church Lane, Bagenalstown. *Many thanks to the Decade of Commemorative Centenary Committee for their help in arranging this.* All welcome.

Ballinkillen National School

is now accepting applications for admission to Junior Infants for 2023-24. Please contact the school for further details: 059 9775153 or bkns.ias@gmail.com

Big Tree Players

Big Tree Players Drama Group will hold their Annual General Meeting in the Parish Centre, Leighlinbridge on **Thursday 19th January at 8:15pm.** All are welcome.

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 for an appointment. For more info go to 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 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

Bagenalstown Yarnbombing

Remember the colourful display of knitting and crochet around the town last June? Would you like to be involved in the project this year? If you are interested, please text 0876995420 or email odeapk@gmail.com to find out more details. We look forward to hearing from you

Study Theology, is this for you?

The Priory Institute provides online Theology courses to degree level. Attend Saturday lectures in Tallaght or from the comfort of your own home. Register before February 8. Find out more on our website, prioryinstitute.com

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 or on 086 1085965.

St. Vincent De Paul Helpline 086-4042631

Leighlinbridge & District Active Retired:

Meeting on Monday 16th January in the Parish Centre at 2:30pm. Talk by Tony Johnson ‘Hidden Hearing’, followed by refreshments. Registration fee €22 now due. Bowls played on Thursday 2:30pm. *New members to Active Retired and Bowls welcome.*