

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

**What does this mean for us in 2023? Archbishop Eamon Martin ZOOM – 16th Feb 2023 – 8.00 pm**

With the world facing multiple challenges – from climate change to war in Ukraine, mass migration and crippling inflation – the Catholic Church is in the midst of its own struggles – in Ireland as in the West more generally. Secularising forces are very ready to speak of ‘the historical sins of the Church’ while our seminaries speak of an impending scarcity of ordained ministers of the Eucharist. Meanwhile the Irish Bishops Conference has itself endorsed the view of Ireland’s National Synodal Synthesis that a ‘reckoning’ has still to be achieved on the issue of clerical child abuse. The same synodal synthesis lamented the ageing and shrinking of congregations and our apparent unreadiness for ‘evangelisation’. Vocal personally on issues of child poverty, immigration, the threats to peace in Northern Ireland and the challenge of climate change to the Christian understanding of ‘sacrifice’, how will Archbishop Eamon address the challenge to us all to ‘Repent’ as we approach Lent in 2023? With Pope Francis lamenting a ‘fixation’ with sexuality do we need to broaden our understanding of sin, to include even a tendency to despair of the Church when, as the Pope insisted in 2019, ‘*Christus Vivit!*’ – *Christ lives* and is still with us in all tribulation?

To hear the archbishop and participate in the discussion that follows, why not join us on Thursday 16th February. To join at the appointed time, click the Zoom link below:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9924186865?pwd=ZjZpWHpkT1lBdElyTHc3T0N4SXgwUT09>  
Meeting ID: 992 418 6865  
Passcode: 123456

*Archbishop Eamon Martin of Armagh is President of the Irish Episcopal Conference and co-chair of the Episcopal Council for Marriage and the Family.*

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

### **Medjugorje Group**

Welcome to Mass for Healing & Peace in Honour of Our Lady Queen of Peace in Carlow Cathedral Parish Centre. Rosary at 7pm followed by Mass Benediction on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS AT MOUNT ST ANNE’S, KILLENARD,**

**PORTARLINGTON, CO. LAOIS**  
Prayerful Meditation Day on Saturday 11th February 2023 10am – 3pm.

Offering a day to meditate, pray and be nourished using Scripture.

Facilitated by Sr Anne Kearney hfb  
Cost: €25 (please bring packed Lunch) Tea/Coffee and biscuits provided. ‘Aging with Grace’ day on Saturday 18th February 2023 10am – 4.40pm

A retreat day for people of any age committed to living their lives one day at a time, accepting themselves as they are and cultivating a light heart, a joyful spirit and a peaceful mind.

Facilitated by Ms Maria Garvey Cost: €60 (includes Lunch and Tea/Coffee break)  
For further information/bookings, please contact: The Secretary on 057-8626153 or email [secretary@mountstannes.com](mailto:secretary@mountstannes.com)

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## **‘CHURCH NOTICES’**

4th Sunday of the Year

29th January 2023

### **Mass on Wednesday 1st February at**

**10:00am** the Feast of St. Brigid, Patron of our Diocese.

We pray that through her intercession, new life and health will bless all we know and love.

### **Feast of the Presentation of the Lord—**

**Candlemas Day** Blessing of Candles will take place Thursday 2nd February at 10am Mass.

### **Blessing of Throats** will take place on the

Feast of St. Blaise, **Friday 3rd February.**

**10:00am** in the Parish Church

**7:00pm** in Newtown Church

**8:00pm** Ballinkillen Church. All are welcome to attend.

**First Friday Anniversary Mass** 3rd February in Newtown Church at 7:00pm

**First Friday Anniversary Mass** 3rd February in Ballinkillen Church at 8:00pm

### **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.

### **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*

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**Parish Office Hours: Mon/Tues/Thurs 9:30-5pm / Fri 9:30-12pm**

**(Office closed Wednesday)**

*Registered Charity No. 20015848*

## **PRAY FOR**

**Catherine Lawlor Ryan**, St. Brigids Crescent. Funeral Mass was on Thursday followed by Cremation in Mount Jerome.

## **MONTHS MIND**

**Mary 'Moll' Hickey**, Fenagh. Mass on Sunday 29th January in Newtown Church at 9:00am.

**Ann Byrne**, Fenniscourt. Mass on Sunday 29th January in Parish Church at 11:30am.

**Mary Farrell**, Lorum. Mass on Sunday 5th February in Ballinkillen Church at 10:00am.

## **1st Anniversary**

**Paddy Fenelon**, Ballytarsna. Mass on Sunday 5th February in Newtown Church at 9:00am.

**Paschal Power**, Johnstown, Kilkenny. Mass on Sunday 5th February in Parish Church at 11:30am.

## **First Friday Anniversaries**

### **3rd February in Newtown Church at 7:00pm**

Kathleen McCarthy, Clonburrin House  
Elizabeth Dobbs, Ballywilliamroe  
John Connors, Ballytarsna, Nurney  
Owen O'Rourke Augha  
Charlie Nolan, Ballinakill  
Paddy Murphy, Nurney  
Patsy Hughes, Ballybromhill  
Annie Fleming, Cranaha, Fenagh  
Kinsella Family, Ballytarsna  
Joseph Curran, Ballywilliamroe  
Charlie Curran, Ballywilliamroe

## **ANNIVERSARIES**

Seamus 'James' Cody, 52 Conway Park  
Rita Walshe, Royal Oak Road  
Patricia Donnelly nee Monahan, Brixton Hill, London

Teresa Joyce, Galway  
John Brophy, 53 St. Brigids Crescent  
Annie Comerford, Rossmore, Carlow  
Tom Fenelon, Curracruit  
Kathleen Buckley nee Johnson, Surrey, England & St. Brigids Crescent  
John Tuite, 1 Station Road  
Monica Cradden, Maddlin, Leighlinbridge  
John Foster, Kilree  
Foster Family, Kilree  
Matty & Brigid Corr, Johnswell & their son Dick

Patrick & Margaret Condon, 1 St. Brigids Crescent  
Brian McCullagh, Market Square & Kilcumney  
Michael & Mary Kelly, Gowran  
Fergal O'Shaughnessy, Donore  
James & Kathleen Doyle, Boolavogue  
Daniel Kavanagh, Boolavogue  
*These Anniversaries will be prayed for on Friday 3rd & Saturday 4th February at 10:00am Mass in Parish Church*

### **First Friday Anniversaries 3rd February in Ballinkillen Church at 8:00pm**

Tom Cummins, Skahanrane  
Monique McDonnell, Kilree  
Maureen Connors, Ballyloughan  
Dan Moore, Donore  
Tom Kane, Lorum  
Aine O'Brien, Ballinkillen  
Michael O'Shaughnessy Jnr, Ballycormack  
Dinny Tobin, Corries  
Peter Byrne, Dunroe  
Larry Bolger, Coolnacuppogue  
Harry Bolton, Ballinkillen  
Martin Daly, Corries  
Johnny & Kathleen Byrne, Corries Bridge

## **COUNTY KILDARE CALLS FOR A PAUSE FOR PEACE ON SAINT BRIGID'S DAY, FEBRUARY 1ST 2023**

Into Kildare, the Tourism Board for County Kildare and Solas Bhríde Spirituality Centre & Hermitages have jointly launched a global 'Pause for Peace' movement. Pause for Peace will see the residents of County Kildare calling on people all around the world to stop for a minute's silence at 12.00 noon on St Brigid's day, the 1st of February 2023. Next year, 2024, marks the 1500th anniversary of the death of St. Brigid. In preparation, various activities and movements will take place in 2023. The Pause for Peace movement is one of those special events which give recognition to the importance of St. Brigid from a cultural, religious, spiritual and historical point of view.

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

### **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](mailto:odeapk@gmail.com) to find out more details. We look forward to hearing from you

### **Leighlinbridge & District Active**

**Retired:** A.G.M. Meeting on Monday 30th January in Parish Centre at 2:00pm. Liam Hughes will lead us in Session 2 of our exercise program at 2:30pm. followed by refreshments. Registration fee €22 now due. Bowls played on Thursdays at 2:30pm.

## **Family Carers Ireland**

Family Carers Ireland is the national charity supporting the 500,000+ family carers across the country. Our vision is an Ireland in which family carers are properly recognised, supported and empowered. Our mission is to highlight the contribution of family carers to Irish society and to improve the lives of family carers throughout the country. We believe that no one should have to care alone.

As a not-for-profit organisation, we support family carers and young carers through the provision of free emergency care planning, counselling, specialised training and education programmes, wellbeing support, crisis management, emergency respite/respite provision, advocacy, peer support groups information on rights and entitlements and many other worthwhile initiatives. We are available to support Kilkenny and Carlow family carers through our Kilkenny office, located at Unit 1, Springhill Clinic, Waterford Road, Kilkenny R95 AW26. For more info contact Danielle Dunne, Support Manager Community, Carlow/Kilkenny on 056-7721424.

## **Bagenalstown Community First Responders**

Annual Church Gate Collection this weekend **28th & 29th January** Our group support The Ambulance Service when people are experiencing Cardiac Arrest, Choking, Heart Attack and Stroke. As we are a voluntary organisation **all donations are great fully received.** We will use any monies raised for the up keep of the Defibrillators in our town.