

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

Association of Catholics in Ireland Zoom meeting “Turn away from sin – repent and believe in the Gospel.” What does this mean for us in 2023?

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 click the Zoom link below:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9924186865?pwd=ZjZpWHpkTl1BdElYTHc3T0N4SXgwUT09>  
Meeting ID: 992 418 6865  
Passcode: 123456

**Eucharistic Adoration**  
Every Tuesday 7:00pm-8:00pm in Parish Church.  
**Evangelium Ireland - Young Adult Catholic Apologetics Conference**

Evangelium Ireland invites you to an Evangelium Catholic apologetics conference, taking place on March 25th in DCU All Hallows Campus, Drumcondra, Dublin 9. The day focuses on a number of topics from a Catholic perspective, with expert speakers along with dinner, refreshments, and a social event. Cost is €38 and includes dinner and refreshments. To book your place visit [www.evangelium.ie](http://www.evangelium.ie) or search “Evangelium Ireland” on Eventbrite.

**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

**Aging with Grace**  
Mount St Anne’s, Killenard are hosting an “Aging with Grace” day on Saturday 18th February from 10am – 4.30pm. The day is facilitated by Maria Garvey, who has over 30 years experience as a leader in education, health and social care, community and social enterprise. This day is open to all and includes a 2-course dinner at €60 per person. Booking to Mt St Annes, 057-8626153

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Fr Declan Foley: 087-6684299

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

(Office closed Wednesday)

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BAGENALSTOWN - NEWTOWN - BALLINKILLEN

'CHURCH NOTICES'

6th Sunday of the Year

12th February 2023

**ST PADRÉ PIO HEALING MASS**  
**on Saturday 25th February at 6:00pm**  
**in Parish Church**  
**Healing Mass and Individual Blessing with the Glove of St. Padré Pio. ALL WELCOME**

ST. ANDREW'S PARISH CHURCH  
BAGENALSTOWN

*Fundraiser*

# COUNTRY CONCERT

**WED 29TH MARCH AT 8PM**



**LOUISE MORRISEY**  
**OLIVIA DOUGLAS**  
**JOHNNY CARROLL**  
**ALISTER FINGLETON**  
**ROSSI M**

**TERESA & THE STARS**  
**AS BACKING BAND**

TICKETS €20 AVAILABLE FROM  
PARISH OFFICE - 059 9721154, LOCAL SHOPS & **eventbrite**

## **MONTHS MIND**

**Kathleen 'Kitty' Lyons**, St, Brigids Crescent. Mass on Saturday 11th February in Parish Church at 6:00pm.  
**Tommy Kehoe**, Glasnevin & Lacken, Borris. Mass on Sunday 19th February in Newtown Church at 9:00am.  
**Tom Pender**, Kilree. Mass on Sunday 19th February in Ballinkillen Church at 10:00am.

## **1st Anniversary**

**Paddy Farrell**, Leighlinbridge. Mass on Sunday 12th February in Ballinkillen Church at 10:00am.  
**Brendan 'China' Ellard**, Kildare & Killenane. Mass on Saturday 18th February in Parish Church at 6:00pm.  
**Oliver Walshe**, Clonsilla, Dublin. Mass on Sunday 19th February in Parish Church at 11:30am.

## **Confirmation and First Holy Communion**

### *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

## **ANNIVERSARIES**

Timothy Guidera, Ballyknockan  
Elizabeth & Patrick Lillis, Kilcarrig Street  
Oliver Walshe, Dublin & Royal Oak Road  
Margaret Mary Lynch, Longrange  
Maura Golden, Sligo  
James 'Jim' & Mary Reddy, 16 Kilcarrig Street  
Kitty Monaghan, Royal Oak Road  
Jim Benson, Station Road  
Lily Dermody, 80 Pairc Mhuire  
Jonathan Curran, 77 St. Brigids Crescent  
Michael Jordan, Glenaharry  
George Rothwell, Ballycormack  
Matthew & Elizabeth Gethings, Barrett Street  
Richard Ferrissey, 6 Eastwood  
Martin Travers, 7 Philip Street  
Paddy Canavan, 17 St. Brigids Crescent  
Johanna Hickey, Gormona

*These Anniversaries will be prayed for on Friday 17th & Saturday 18th February at 10:00am Mass in Parish Church*

## **Supported Care Home for**

**Older Adults**, St. Lazerian's House, Royal Oak Rd, Bagenalstown. We pride ourselves on the 'Home from Home' environment we create for our residents. If you or a loved one are struggling at home with the day to day tasks in life give us a ring and see how we can help. PHONE: 05997 21146 to talk about our residential care service and other services we provide.

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

## **First Holy Communion Preparation Mass this Sunday 12th February :**

**9:00am** in Newtown Church, (Newtown NS)  
**10:00am** in Ballinkillen Church (Ballinkillen NS)  
**11:30am** in Bagenalstown Church (St. Brigid's Boys NS & Queen of the Universe NS)

## **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 25<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> May 2023, cost €1235 pps, single supplement €270. Spiritual directors Fr Liam Merrigan & Fr John McEvoy. For further details contact Monasterevin Parish 045-525346 or Rathvilly Parish 059-9161114 or visit [www.marian.ie](http://www.marian.ie)

## **A PRAYER TO ST. VALENTINE**

Dear Saint and glorious martyr; Teach us to love unselfishly and to find great joy in giving. Enable all true lovers to bring out the best in each other in God and in God in each other.

## **LOVE**

Love is Patient and Kind,  
It doesn't envy or Boast and it's never proud,  
Love is not rude or selfish,  
It doesn't get angry easily or keep track of wrongs.  
Love doesn't delight in bad things  
But it rejoices in the truth.  
Love always protects, trusts, hopes and perseveres. Love never fails.



## **Special Collection on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> February, for the people of Syria and Turkey.**

This collection will go to Trócaire who are working with their partner, Caritas Syria, to support those affected by the terrible events following the recent devastating earthquake. Thousands of people have been killed or injured and the numbers are still rising. Buildings have been destroyed and the infrastructure devastated. There is an immediate and urgent need for humanitarian aid in this region, your support is greatly appreciated.

## **Pilgrimage to the Holy Land**

Portlaoise Parish to the Holy Land led by Mgr John Byrne, travelling from 7<sup>th</sup> Sept – 15<sup>th</sup> Sept 2023. Cost per person €2190, single supplement €769. Cost includes coach transfer from Portlaoise to Dublin airport return, flights, accommodation on half board basis, courier service in the Holy Land and a full religious programme. For more details please contact Tully's Travel Carlow on 059-9136100.

## **Leighlinbridge & District Active Retired:**

Committee Meeting on Monday 13th February at 2:00pm in Parish Centre. Members meeting at 2:30pm followed by refreshments. Liam Hughes will lead us in our third session of exercises at 3pm. Registration fee €22 for 2023 to be paid ASAP. Balance of payment for holiday to Sligo now due. Bowls played in Parish Centre on Thursday at 2:30pm.