

LIVE WEBCAM from our Parish Church which can be viewed from our Parish website—
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=ZjZpWHpkT1lBdElYTHc3T0N4SXdUOT0=>
Meeting ID: 992 418 6865
Passcode: 123456

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 25th 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

BAGENALSTOWN - NEWTOWN - BALLINKILLEN

'CHURCH NOTICES'

5th Sunday of the Year

5th February 2023

First Holy Communion Preparation Mass 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)

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.

Visit to the Housebound will be attended next week

TUESDAY 7th February

Monday morning—Town Area

Monday afternoon –Ballinkillen Area & Newtown Area

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

Darren Darcy, Conway Park who was interred in Bagenalstown on Monday.

MONTHS MIND

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

Kathleen 'Kitty' Lyons, St, Brigids Crescent. Mass on Saturday 11th February in Parish Church at 6:00pm.

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.

Paddy Farrell, Leighlinbridge. Mass on Sunday 12th February in Ballinkillen Church at 10:00am.

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

Margaret Byrne nee Doyle, London & Corries

Mary-Eileen Barrett, Mayo

Billy & Bonnie O'Brien, Pairc Mhuire

Colette Hutton nee McAssey, Ballon

Jack McAssey, Fairgreen

Larry Ellard, Killenane

Tom Clarke, Kilree Cottages

Jason Brennan, 51 Pairc Mhuire

Margaret Fitzgerald, Rathduff

These Anniversaries will be prayed for on Friday 10th & Saturday 11th 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.

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 or Rathvilly Parish

059-9161114 or visit www.marian.ie

Book Fair, Carlow College St Patrick's

Carlow College, St Patrick's Book Fair returns after three years. This highly enjoyable one-day event which has always attracted large numbers takes place on the broad corridors of the College from 10am to 5pm on Wednesday, 8 February. All welcome.

The College's librarians are busy preparing surplus stock which they wish to sell at reasonable prices. Second hand and antiquarian book sellers are welcome.

For further information, contact Dr Thomas Mc Grath at Carlow College at email vpacademic@carlowcollege.ie

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 to find out more details. We look forward to hearing from you

Leighlinbridge & District Active

Retired: No Meeting on Monday 6th February Public Holiday.

Bowls played on Thursdays at 2:30pm.

"Ballinkillen Area Community Alert AGM

will take place on Thursday 16th February at 8:30pm in the Ballinkillen/Lorum Community Centre. All support would be greatly welcome and appreciated."

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.