

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

FUNERALS

24 HOUR Notice is required from the Family if they wish to have Funeral Mass recorded.

Eucharistic Adoration

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

Carlow Choral Society invite you to a Christmas Celebration Sat 9th December at 8:00pm in Cathedral of the Assumption, Carlow. Tickets from eventbrite.ie on carlowchoralsociety.net or any member. The Diocese of Kildare & Leighlin are seeking to recruit a **SECRETARIAL ASSISTANT** to work in our Diocesan Offices based in Bishop's House in Carlow Town. Further information available on <https://www.kandle.ie/secretarial-assistant-required/>

Sharing the Good News

The Catholic Communications Office edits and publishes a five-story weekly ezine Sharing the Good News. The ezine is an accessible news report on the work of bishops' subscribe to this resource by visiting <https://catholicnews.ie/newsletter/>

Leighlinbridge & District Active

Retired: Mon 11th Dec Ecumenical Service in the Parish Centre at 2.30pm. Refreshments and Committee meeting will follow. Pickle Ball in Old Leighlin Hall on Tues at 2pm. Bowls in the Parish Centre on Thurs & Fri 2.30pm All activities closed from Fri 15th Dec. Reopens Mon 8th Jan 2024.

Bagenalstown Parish Pilgrimage to LOURDES
22nd June 2024 5nights €849

Price is on Full Board basis (Breakfast, Lunch & Evening Meal incl.) 4* Hotel Solitude €195 Single Room Supplement. Early deposit of €300 secures your place. Contact Geraldine Monahan 087-4166803

Irish Catholic

Please note: Price for the Irish Catholic is €3

Ballinkillen Lorum

Community BINGO

Ballinkillen on Mondays @ 8pm. All are welcome

Newtown Fenagh Nurney Senior Citizens

are holding their Christmas party in the Lord Bagenal Hotel on the 10th December at 1:30pm. Please let a member of the committee know if you wish to attend.

Carlow Older Persons

Forum will host a free Christmas Celebration on Tuesday 12th December, 11am-1pm in the Woodford Dolmen Hotel. Festive refreshments, music, dancing & free Christmas raffle for older people. For more info phone Val on (086)0117761.

31st Christmas Day Swim/

Walk in Aid of Carlow Kilkenny Home Care Team Swim 12noon Walk 11:30am around Green Road. Safety First. **Donations on day of or Sponsor Cards.**

BAGENALSTOWN-NEWTOWN-BALLINKILLEN

'CHURCH NOTICES'

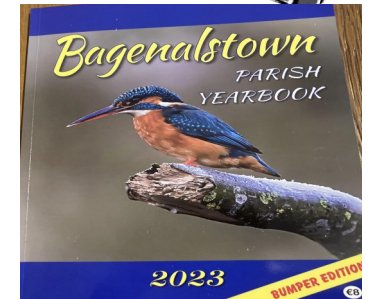
2nd Sunday of Advent

10th December 2023

PARISH RADIO tune in for Mass go to **106.9fm**



The 2023 bumper colourful edition of **Bagenalstown Parish Yearbook** is now on sale in the local shops. An enjoyable and appealing read with something for everyone, it is a giveaway for €8.



St. Vincent De Paul Annual Church Gate Collection on Saturday 9th & Sunday 10th at all Masses in the Parish. Please give your support to those that need our help. *Thank you*

St. Vincent De Paul Helpline 086-4042631



Visit to the Housebound will be Attended MONDAY 11th December

Monday morning—Town Area

Monday afternoon –Ballinkillen Area & Newtown Area

(Fr Shem will attend as usual—Fr Declan will attend over Monday & Tuesday)

Christmas Carol Service on Saturday

December 16th, after 6pm Mass with St Andrew's Men's Choir and pupils of Presentation De La Salle College. All are welcome to enjoy a selection of traditional Christmas carols and nativity readings.

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

(Office closed Wednesday)

Registered Charity No. 20015848

PRAY FOR

Philip Coburn, Dunleckney who was interred in Bagenalstown Cemetery on Saturday.

MONTHS MIND

Margaret O'Sullivan Rea, Regent Street. Mass on Saturday 9th December in Parish Church at 6:00pm.

1st Anniversary

Tom Browne, Coolnacuppogue. Mass on Sunday 10th December in Ballinkillen Church at 10:00am.

Breda Kieran nee Shaughnessy, Kilkenny & Ballywilliamroe. Mass on Sunday 10th December in Parish Church at 11:30am.

Joan Doyle, 12 Eastwood. Mass on Saturday 16th December in Parish Church at 6:00pm.

Eilish Monaghan, Kilree Cottages. Mass on Sunday 17th December in Parish Church at 11:30am.

Our Lady's NS, Nurney will be enrolling new pupils for Sept 2024 from January. Please check out our website www.ourladyesnurney.com for further details and an application form. You may also contact the school on 059 9146297 / 083 0479168.

Our Lady's NS, Nurney present their Christmas Carol Service in St John's Church, Nurney on Thursday December 21st @6.30pm. All are welcome.

Presentation De La Salle Christmas Draw

Lines available €1 each/€10 full card. Prizes include at least 15 Hampers, Fuel Voucher, Christmas Cake & Plum Pudding, & various other prizes.

ANNIVERSARIES

Áine Somers, Royal Oak Road
Lily Kenny, Naas, Kildare
Sean Pender, 73 Pairc Mhuire
Christina Kelly, Galway & London
Judy O'Brien, 34 Conway Park
Charles Haum, USA
Lily Walsh, 5 Fairgreen
Elizabeth Monaghan, 24 Kilcarrig Street
Terrie Kavanagh, 58 Pairc Mhuire
Eileen Nolan,
Kathleen Bermingham, Nurney
Denis Hynes, 6 Conway Park
Denis Hynes, 46 St. Brigids Crescent
John & Ellen Doyle, Corries
Ena Doyle, Barrett Street

These Anniversaries will be prayed for on Friday 15th & Saturday 16th December 10am Mass in Parish Church

Turkey Trot on St Stephen's day at 12 noon from The Lower Stream in aid of Carlow/Kilkenny Homecare.

Bagenalstown First

Responders Just to say thank you to Supervalu and Inver/Spar for allowing us to have our annual collection last weekend and to all who supported us. *This money will go towards the up keep of the defibrillators around our town.*

Bagenalstown Branch Carlow/Kilkenny Home Care Team

A.G.M. Monday 11th December in Doyles Railway House at 7:15pm. *All welcome*

Christmas Market in Goresbridge

on the 16th December It is on in the Ionad Dara Hall from 12 - 4pm, it is free entry to attend. There will be lots of craft stalls along with tea, coffee and sweet treats also available on the day.

Ballinkillen School PA

presents their **Christmas Market** on **Sunday 10th December** in Ballinkillen/Lorum Hall from **10am to 1pm**. Cakes, goodies, food, trees, gifts, stalls, games, face painting and more. Come along to enjoy a fantastic morning for all the family.

An Advent Household Prayer

We invite you take a moment each day in Advent to light your Advent wreath/candle, to thank God for your Advent Day and to pray this prayer in union with the rest of our diocesan family, praying for peace in our world and in our lives.

Loving God,

as your light grows in the dark of winter, bring its strength and its hope to the people of the Holy Land and to all people who suffer through war and conflict.

Just as you sent the star of Bethlehem to lead the way to your Son, guide all people - leaders and citizens - to follow your ways of peace and justice.

As we remember the difficult journey of Mary and Joseph, may the Holy Family be a source of courage for each of us, helping us to reach out in friendship to the oppressed and displaced of this world.

Help us to see in the Christ-child we welcome this Christmas, the one who came to bring an end to all divisions. Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

And may the Lord bless us and keep us safe this Advent day and always.

Amen.

Come, Lord Jesus, Prince of Peace. May your hope fill our hearts, our minds and our home. We ask this through Christ our Lord **Amen**

Confirmation

Dates 2024

Queen of the Universe Girls N.S. on 24th February 2024 at 11am in Bagenalstown Church

St. Brigids Boys N.S. on 2nd March 2024 at 11am in Bagenalstown Church

Newtown N.S. on 9th March 2024 at 11am in Newtown Church

Ballinkillen N.S. on 16th March 2024 at 11am in Ballinkillen Church

Garryhill N.S. on 16th March 2024 at 11am in Ballinkillen Church

First Holy Communion

Dates 2024

St. Brigids Boys N.S. 11th May 2024 at 11am in Bagenalstown Church

Queen of the Universe Girls N.S. 11th May 2024 1:00pm in

Bagenalstown Church

Garryhill N.S. 12th May 2024 at 11:30am in Bagenalstown Church

Ballinkillen N.S. 18th May 2024 at 11am in Ballinkillen Church

Nurney N.S. 19th May 2024 at 11am in Newtown Church

Newtown N.S. 25th May 2024 at 11am in Newtown Church