

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

Living Well Programme in

**“Bagenalstown Family Resource Centre” starts on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2024 from 10:30am to 1:00pm.**

The Living Well Programme is a free group programme for adults with any long-term or chronic health condition. It takes place over 6 weekly workshops (6 X 2.5 hours). The Participant will learn to develop self-management skills and confidence to live well with their health conditions. The Participant will also meet with other people who live with long-term health conditions and learn from each other’s experiences. The positive feedback from the programme to date has been outstanding. To book your place contact Matthew Power, Living Well Coordinator email: [livingwellse@hse.ie](mailto:livingwellse@hse.ie) or 056-7784945/056-7784944. **Long term health conditions include (but are not limited to) COPD, asthma, diabetes, stroke, heart conditions, multiple sclerosis (MS), arthritis, cancer, Crohn’s disease, chronic pain and depression.**

**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

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

**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.**

**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/>



BAGENALSTOWN - NEWTOWN - BALLINKILLEN

**‘CHURCH NOTICES’**

3rd Sunday of Advent

17th December 2023

**CONFESSIONS — Saturday 23rd**

**10:30am-12noon**

**Sunday 24th Masses as usual**

**START OF CHRISTMAS PROGRAMME- CHRISTMAS EVE—Sunday evening**

**Bagenalstown — 6:00pm (Please note time)**

**Newtown — 7:00pm**

**Ballinkillen — 8:00pm**

**CHRISTMAS DAY—MONDAY**

**Bagenalstown - 8:00am & 11:30am**

(No evening Mass)

**Newtown - 9:00am (Please note time)**

**Ballinkillen - 10:00am**

**ST.STEPHEN’S DAY**

**Mass at 10:00am**

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Parish Office Hours: Mon/Tues/Thurs 9:30-5pm / Fri 9:30-12noon  
(Office closed Wednesday) Registered Charity No. 20015848

**St. Vincent De Paul** Helpline 086-4042631 Over €4,000 was raised last weekend at the Church gate collection in the parish many thanks for your generous donations.

## **PRAY FOR**

**Richard 'Dick' Agars**, Ballyloughan who was interred in Ballinkillen on last Sunday.

## **1st Anniversary**

**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.

**Mary 'Moll' Hickey**, 2 Fenagh. Mass on Sunday 24th December at 9:00am in Newtown Church.

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

**Our Lady's NS, Nurney** will be enrolling new pupils for Sept 2024 from January. Please check out our website [www.ourladysnurney.com](http://www.ourladysnurney.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.



**PARISH RADIO**  
tune in for Mass  
go to [106.9fm](http://106.9fm)



## **ANNIVERSARIES**

Angela O'Sullivan nee Jacob, Florida & Kilcarrig Street  
Millie Gaynor, Pairc Mhuire  
Declan Nolan, 60 Eastwood  
Doris Haum, U.S.A.

Tony Grey, Kilree  
Murphy Family, Labanasigh  
Joe Kinsella, Gleann na Bearu  
Kathleen Aughney, Kilcarrig  
Gerry Aughney, Kilcarrig  
Mary & Patrick Nolan, Newtown & Pairc Mhuire

Jimmy Nolan, Newtown & Pairc Mhuire  
Michael Nolan, Birmingham & Bohermore

Sarah Comerford, 64 St. Brigids Crescent  
Thomas & Mary Comerford, 64 St. Brigids Crescent

Deceased members of Comerford Family  
Michael & Harriett Carton, 20 Barrett Street  
Peter & Catherine Carton, 20 Barrett Street

Maureen Hughes, 60 Conway Park  
Julia Bolger, Royal Oak  
Denis Hynes Snr, 46 St Brigids Crescent

Noel Farrell, Donore  
John & Margaret Farrell  
Deceased members of Farrell Family  
Mary Lynch, Bohermore  
Thomas & Margaret Murphy, Ballywilliamroe

Jim Cummins, Ballywilliamroe  
James Salter, 49 St. Brigids Crescent  
Peter Lawlor, Kilcarrig Street  
*These Anniversaries will be prayed for on Friday 22nd & Saturday 23rd December 10am Mass in Parish Church*



## **GK Parish Christmas Carol Service**

An evening of music, reflection and prayer will take place in St. Clare's Church, Graiguecullen on Monday 18th December @7pm.

Our six parish choirs and our Sunday School children will lead us in traditional carols as well as some Christmas classics to help us enter into the festive spirit.

All are welcome to attend, entry is free, there will be a collection for SVP Christmas Appeal during the night.

## **Synod News**

Work is beginning towards the next phase of the Synod and the Second General Assembly in Rome next October. There is a dedicated page on the diocesan website: [www.kandle/synod](http://www.kandle/synod) where you can keep up to date. You can also find plenty of information at [www.synod.ie](http://www.synod.ie) and on the Vatican website, [www.synod.va](http://www.synod.va).

## **Enjoy this year's digital Advent 2023 calendar on [catholicbishops.ie](http://catholicbishops.ie)**

To celebrate this holy season, the 2023 digital Advent calendar on the homepage of [www.catholicbishops.ie](http://www.catholicbishops.ie), offers user-friendly resources for schools, parishes and in the home. Each day, open virtual double-doors to reveal short video and audio messages, seasonal crafts and prayers, to assist people of all ages in keeping Christ at the centre of our Christmas preparations.

To access the digital calendar please



## **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**

## **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.