

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.

Leighlinbridge & District Active

Retired: Monday December 4th meeting in the Parish Centre. Please note our AGM will take place and we call on all our members to attend. Registration fee €22 is now due. The Ecumenical Service for Christmas will be on Monday 11th December in the Parish Centre. Pickle ball on Tuesday in Old Leighlin Hall at 2pm Bowls on Thursday and Friday in the Parish Centre at 2.30pm.

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/>

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.

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.*

Carlow County Museum

Visit Carlow County Museum and see our recently unveiled Carlow GAA trophy display featuring the famed Haughney Cup and the Conlon Cup. Also see objects of national and international importance. Open Monday to Saturday, Free Adm Carlow County Museum & Carlow Tourist Office, College Street, Carlow Town.

BAGENALSTOWN-NEWTOWN-BALLINKILLEN

'CHURCH NOTICES'

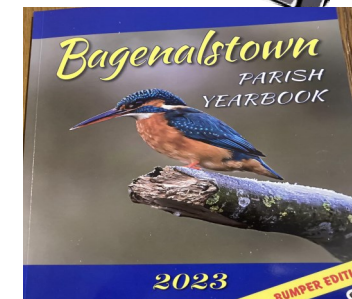
1st Sunday of Advent

3rd 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 next week

8th December Holy Day

Mass Times

Bagenalstown—Thursday 6:00pm Friday 8:00am & 11:30am

Newtown—Thursday 7:00pm

Ballinkillen—Thursday 8:00pm

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

Tommy Dudley McEvoy, Kilcarrig who interred in Bagenalstown Cemetery on Friday

Patsy Keegan, Corries who was interred in Ballinkillen Cemetery on Thursday.

MONTHS MIND

John Comerford, 64 St. Brigids Crescent. Mass on Saturday 2nd December in Parish Church at 6:00pm

Willie Lillis, 17 Fairgreen. Mass on Sunday 3rd December in Parish Church at 11:30am.

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.

Presentation De La Salle Christmas Craft Fair

In College Hall on Friday 8th December from 5:00pm-8:00pm
€5adm (Children Free) Over 40 stalls taking part.

Christmas Draw

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

Bagenalstown Branch Carlow/Kilkenny Home Care Team

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

ANNIVERSARIES

Pat Kirwan, Slyguff
Cappagh Williams
Tommy Walsh, Fr Cummins Park
John Walsh, Australia & Dunleckney
William 'Bill' Foster, 9 Conway Park
Bridget Cummins, Kilree & her daughters Nance Cummins, Lily Kenny, Jean Kane & Margaret Mullins
Declan Roberts, Kilree
Mick Nevin, Barrett Street
Jim Boyle, St. Brigids Crescent
Eileen Nolan, Pairc Mhuire
Joe Walsh, Kildrenagh
Bill & Josie Power, St. Brigids Crescent
Jim & Peg Jordan, Church Road
Bridie Cody, 52 Conway Park
Paddy & Cecelia Cahill, 'Rockview'
Kilcarrig
Kate Doyle, Boherduff
Vivian Doyle, Frederick Avenue, Carlow
These Anniversaries will be prayed for on Friday 8th 11:30am & Saturday 9th December 10am Mass in Parish Church

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The sister and family of the late John Comerford would like to thank sincerely all those who sympathised with them, attended the funeral home, those who sent Mass cards and left a message of condolence in the RIP. A special thanks to Bagenalstown Gaels for their lovely guard of honour. Finally a special thanks to Fr Declan Foley and Shane Cushion and team for their help and support and which was much appreciated and to Alison for her lovely singing. Mass will be offered for all their intentions.

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

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