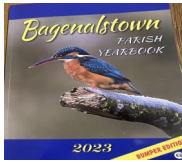


LIVE WEBCAM from our Parish Church which can be viewed from our Parish website—www.bagenalstownparish.ie

FUNERALS

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

The 2023 bumper colourful edition of **Bagenalstown Parish Yearbook** is on sale in the local shops.



An enjoyable and appealing read with something for everyone, it is a giveaway for €8.

You have more to lose than money Gambling Support now available here for individuals and family members. For further information and support please contact Aine in Bagenalstown Family Resource Centre 083-0089055 email:ainebfrc@gmail.com

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

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

St. Vincent De Paul Helpline
086-4042631

Escorted Tour to Westport, Knock & Co Mayo, 25th February 2024. €799.00 pps. Price includes 5 nights' in 4* Castlecourt Hotel, Westport with Dinner, Bed & Breakfast. Lunch/Snack on 2 days. Afternoon Tea at Ashford Castle. All entertainment, excursions and transport included. Visit Knock, Galway City, Kylemore Abbey, Croagh Patrick & Cong. Single supplement on Enquiry. Contact Patricia or Natali on 094 9006426 or 087 1890 236 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.

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

Ballinkillen Lorum Community BINGO
Ballinkillen on Mondays @ 8pm.
All are welcome

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Fr Shem Furlong 087-2400582

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

(Office closed Wednesday)

Registered Charity No. 20015848

BAGENALSTOWN - NEWTOWN - BALLINKILLEN

'CHURCH NOTICES'

3rd Sunday of the Year

21st January 2024

Catholic Schools Week 2024 takes place from Sunday 21 to Saturday 27 January. The theme for CSW 2024 is *Catholic Schools: Communities of Service.*

First Holy Communion Preparation Mass

Sunday 28th January:

9:00am in Newtown Church (Newtown NS)

10:00am in Ballinkillen Church (Ballinkillen NS)

11:30am in Bagenalstown Church (St. Brigids Boys NS & Queen of the Universe NS)

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

PRAY FOR

Collette Fenelon, Highfield, Carlow & Curracruit who was interred in Bagenalstown Cemetery on Tuesday.

Frank Walsh, Swords & Aughabeg.

Ben Treacy, Kilgreaney who was interred in Lorum Cemetery on Friday.

Paddy Ward, London & Ballinakill.

MONTHS MIND

Frank Bermingham, Nurney.

Mass on Saturday 20th January in Parish Church at 6:00pm.

John Murphy, Carraroe, Galway. Mass on Sunday 21st January in Parish Church at 11:30am.

Kathleen O'Callaghan, Kilree. Mass on Sunday 28th January in Bagenalstown Church at 11:30am.

Paddy Cahill, Dublin & 11 Station Road. Mass on Sunday 28th January in Bagenalstown Church at 7:30pm.

1st Anniversary

Eamonn O'Neill, Maple Drive. Mass on Sunday 21st January in Ballinkillen Church at 10:00am.

Kitty Lyons, St. Brigids Crescent. Mass on Sunday 21st January in Bagenalstown Church at 7:30pm.

Darren Darcy, Conway Park. Mass on Saturday 27th January in Bagenalstown Church at 6:00pm.

Mary Quirke, Dunroe. Mass on Sunday 28th January in Ballinkillen Church at 10:00am.

ANNIVERSARIES

John Keenan, Dunleckney
Theresa & Pat McDonald, 8 Seskin Road, Leighlinbridge

John Keating, Gormona
Tommy Meaney, Ballyloughan
Monique McDonnell, Kilree
Denis Wall, Donore
Phil Coburn, Dunleckney
Charles McNally, 80 St. Brigids Crescent

Mary Thompson, Carrigbeg
Bridie Thompson, Carrigbeg
Kate Kennedy, Wales
John Tuite, 1 Station Road
Monica Cradden, Madlin, Leighlinbridge
Nicholas Cormack, St. Brigids Crescent

Kathleen Byrne, St. Brigids Crescent
Denis Byrne, St Brigids Crescent
Maryann Bolger, Barrett Street & her son Laurence
Michael Ward, Ballinakill
Johnny Ward, Ballinakill
Tommy Kealy, Ballinakill
Brigid Hickey, 3 St. Brigids Crescent

These Anniversaries will be prayed for on Friday 26th & Saturday 27th January 10:00am Mass in Parish Church

Preparing for Marriage?

Weekend residential courses available. 26-28 April and 20-22 September 2024. Details: www.grasta.org or at info@grasta.org

Irish Catholic

Please note: Price for the Irish Catholic is €3

SOME HINTS ON GETTING MARRIED

At the time you enquire about the hotel etc. Check the Church to avoid disappointment. At least 3-6 months Notice is now required by Church and the State, so call to the Priests earlier rather than later. We suggest that as soon as you finalise plans, to contact the Registrars Office on www.crsappointments.ie for an appointment. For more info go to www.groireland.ie. (Failure to give 3 months notice will necessitate going to the court for permission). Marriage is a very serious step and good preparation is advised. Both Church and State recommend some Pre-Marriage preparation. The Church offers Pre-Marriage Courses. They are available in Carlow. www.accord.ie Many people have booked their marriage well in advance. We suggest you make an appointment to meet the priest that you wish to do your wedding about 3-6 months before your wedding date to sign Church forms and arrange the Ceremony. If one of the partners is getting married outside their parish they need to call to see the priest of their parish to sign Marriage Form, get current Baptism & Confirmation Certificates and Letter of Freedom.

If couple coming home from outside Ireland they should see Priest in the country they live in who will send papers to the respective Bishops who will send them to the Priest in Bagenalstown. In Bagenalstown parish Weddings may be at times & dates requested. No weddings on Sundays, Holy Days, or Holy Thursday, Good Friday, or Easter Saturday. Please feel free to call to Parish Office or any of the Priests who will be most willing to help you make a happy and Blessed Day.

Fr. Declan

Welcoming the relic of St Brigid

As we prepare to celebrate the life of St Brigid on February 1st and on this, the 1500th anniversary of her death, the Brigidine Sisters from their convent in Tullow are very generously loaning their relic of St Brigid to Kildare Parish for the year. The relic will be housed in a specially designed shrine in St Brigid's Church, Kildare. The shrine will be unveiled and Mass will be celebrated in honour of St Brigid and the generosity of the Brigidine Sisters on Sunday 28th January at 11am. This is seen very much as a home-coming for St Brigid and all are most welcome to attend.

Cathedral Evening Prayer for St Brigid

February 1st marks the opening of a national year commemorating St Brigid, patron of our diocese and secondary patron of Ireland, 1500 years since her death. **Bishop Denis** invites people from across the diocese to join him for a special evening prayer in the **Cathedral of the Assumption on February 1st at 7:30 pm**. Music will be led by Fr Liam Lawton and the diocesan choir.

Celebrating Brigid 1500 at Mt St Anne's

Enjoy the St Brigid's Bank Holiday weekend at Mount St Anne's Retreat and Conference Centre. Arrive for Supper on Friday 2nd February and depart on Tuesday 6th February after Breakfast. Optional morning and evening sessions of prayer, crafts, reflection and music at Mount St Anne's. Cost: €450 includes morning and evening sessions, evening meal and B&B or €350 includes evening meal and B&B only. Booking/Enquiries secretary@mountstannes.com or by phone 057-8626153.