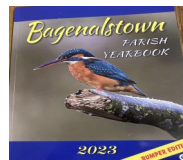


**LIVE WEBCAM from our Parish Church** which can be viewed from our Parish website—[www.bagenalstownparish.ie](http://www.bagenalstownparish.ie)

**FUNERALS**

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

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.



**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

**Ballinkillen Active Retirement**

Next meeting on Wednesday 10th January at 2pm. Crochet Classes starting at end of January.

**NEW** members always welcome  
Contact Mary 087-6111346

**St. Vincent De Paul Helpline**  
086-4042631

**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](mailto:ainebfrc@gmail.com)

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.*

**Ballinkillen Lorum Community BINGO**

Ballinkillen on Mondays @ 8pm.  
All are welcome

BAGENALSTOWN - NEWTOWN - BALLINKILLEN

**'CHURCH NOTICES'**

Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord

7th January 2024

**Confirmation**

**Dates 2024**

**Queen of the Universe Girls N.S.** on 24<sup>th</sup> February 2024 at 11am in Bagenalstown Church

**St. Brigids Boys N.S.** on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2024 at 11am in Bagenalstown Church

**Newtown N.S.** on 9<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at 11am in Newtown Church

**Ballinkillen N.S.** on 16<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at 11am in Ballinkillen Church

**Garryhill N.S.** on 16<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at 11am in Ballinkillen Church

**First Holy Communion**

**Dates 2024**

**St. Brigids Boys N.S.** 11<sup>th</sup> May 2024 at 11am in Bagenalstown Church

**Queen of the Universe Girls N.S.** 11<sup>th</sup> May 2024 1:00pm in Bagenalstown Church

**Garryhill N.S.** 12<sup>th</sup> May 2024 at 11:30am in Bagenalstown Church

**Ballinkillen N.S.** 18<sup>th</sup> May 2024 at 11am in Ballinkillen Church

**Nurney N.S.** 19<sup>th</sup> May 2024 at 11am in Newtown Church

**Newtown N.S.** 25<sup>th</sup> May 2024 at 11am in Newtown Church

Parish Office : 059 9721154

Fr Declan Foley: 087 -6684299

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

## **PRAY FOR**

**John Murphy**, Galway & Regent Street.  
**Hannah 'Joan' Maher**, Manchester & Rockview, Kilcarrig who was interred in Bagenalstown Cemetery on Friday.

## **MONTHS MIND**

**Pat Brennan**, Newtown, Nurney. Mass on Sunday 7th January in Newtown Church at 9:00am.

**Nigel Kidd**, 'Bridge House', Ballywilliamroe. Mass on Sunday 14th January in Parish Church at 11:30am.

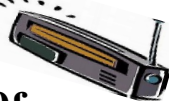
## **1st Anniversary**

**Mary Farrell**, Lorum. Mass on Sunday 7th January in Ballinkillen Church at 10:00am..

**Tom Pender**, Kilree. Mass on Sunday 14th January in Ballinkillen Church at 10:00am.

**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.

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



## **PARISH WEBSITE**

[www.bagenalstownparish.ie](http://www.bagenalstownparish.ie)  
Reminder that our website is still very active and updated on a weekly basis. We encourage all to **visit the site and to pass on our address to relatives and friends abroad so they can keep up to date with local news.** If you have any info that you would like to put on the site you can drop it into the office or else email: [bagenalstownparish@gmail.com](mailto:bagenalstownparish@gmail.com)

## **ANNIVERSARIES**

Christy Kane, 72 Pairc Mhuire  
Susan Lillis, 2 Fairgreen  
John Monaghan, Royal Oak Road  
Kathleen O'Brien, Kilree Crossings  
Patrick Kelly, 3 Station Road  
Liam Byrne, Pairc Mhuire  
Harry Taylor, Oak Grove  
Oliver McDonald, England & 77 St.  
Brigids Crescent  
Ann Lovett, England & 77 St.  
Brigids Crescent  
Margaret O'Neill, Old Leighlin

*These Anniversaries will be prayed for on Friday 12th & Saturday 13th January 10:00am Mass in Parish Church*

## **MASS TIMES**

**St. Andrews Parish Church**  
Saturday at 6:00pm  
Sunday at 8:00am, 11:30am & 7:30pm  
**Weekday Masses**  
Monday – Saturday 10:00am

**All Masses in Parish Church may be viewed via Webcam**

**Mass on Parish Radio 106.9**  
**St. Patrick's Church, Newtown**  
Sunday at 9:00am  
First Friday of the Month at 7:00pm  
**St. Lazerian's Church, Ballinkillen**  
Sunday at 10:00am  
First Friday of the Month at 8:00pm

## **Leighlinbridge & District Active Retired:**

We look forward to welcoming our members back on Monday 8th January 2024. Committee Meeting at 2:00pm. Members meeting at 2:30pm in the Parish Centre followed by refreshments and bingo. Pickle Ball in Old Leighlin Hall at 2pm Thurs 9th January. Bowls in Parish Centre 2:30pm on Thursday & Friday.

## **Friday and Saturday Anniversary Masses:**

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

## **HAVE YOU A BABY FOR BAPTISM?**

If you have a baby for Baptism, contact the Parish Office 9721154 or email: [bagenalstownparish@gmail.com](mailto:bagenalstownparish@gmail.com)  
**Baptisms are on EVERY** Saturday in Parish Church at 5pm

**FIRST** Saturday of month in Newtown Church at 4pm  
**LAST** Saturday of month in Ballinkillen Church at 4pm

## **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:** BOFIII2D

**IBAN:** IE35BOFI90649410971660

**Your support for the Parish is greatly appreciated**

## **Two Lives of Saint Brigid** by Philip Freeman

St. Brigid is the earliest and best-known of the female saints of Ireland. In the generation after St. Patrick, she established a monastery for men and women at Kildare which became one of the most powerful and influential centres of the Church in early Ireland. The stories of Brigid's life and deeds survive in several early sources, but the most important are two Latin lives written a century or more after her death. The first was composed by a churchman named Cogitosus and tells of her many miracles of healing and helping the poor. The second source, known as the Vita Prima, continues the tradition with more tales of marvellous deeds and journeys throughout the island. Both Latin sources are a treasure house of information not just about the legends of Brigid but also daily life, the role of women, and the spread of Christianity in Ireland. This book for the first time presents together an English translation of both the Life of Brigid by Cogitosus and the Vita Prima, along with the Latin text of both carefully edited from the best medieval manuscripts. Also included are an introduction, notes, and commentary to help general readers, students, and scholars in reading these fascinating stories of St. Brigid. The book is available on <https://www.fourcourtspress.ie/books/2024/two-lives-of-saint-brigid/>