

PRAY FOR

John Irwin, Kilree Street who was interred in Bagenalstown Cemetery on Wednesday.

MONTHS MIND

Jimmy Walsh, Conway Park. Mass on Saturday 25th January in Bagenalstown Church at 6:00pm.

Paddy Byrne, Conway Park. Mass on Saturday 25th January in Bagenalstown Church at 6:00pm.

Breda Kelly, Conway Park. Mass on Saturday 1st February in Bagenalstown Church at 6:00pm.

1st Anniversary

Maggie Kelly, Mount Pleasant, Fenagh. Mass on Sunday 26th January in Newtown Church at 9:00am.

Elizabeth Black, Village View, Fenagh. Mass on Sunday 2nd February in Newtown Church at 9:00am.

Ballinkillen Lorum

Community Centre

Bingo every Monday @ 8pm.
Everyone welcome

Eucharistic Procession

Derry

A bus is running to the Eucharistic Procession in Derry on Saturday 1st February. Mass on route and visiting Sr Clare Crockett's grave. Leaving Ballon 7am and Askea Church car park at 7.20am. Details & bookings phone Helena on 087 2981506.

ANNIVERSARIES

John Lawlor, Kilcarrig Street
Imelda Dixon, Conway Park
Kathleen Byrne, St. Brigids Crescent
Denis Byrne, St. Brigids Crescent
Mary Ann Bolger, Barrett Street & her son Laurence

Rita Walshe, Royal Oak Road
Mick & Molly Walsh, Dunleckney
David Ward, Loughrea
Pat & Agnes Cahill, Conway Park
Christy & Mary Lawlor, Pairc Mhuire
Niamh Galway, Kilree Avenue
John Tuite, Station Road
Charles McNally, St. Brigids Crescent
Michael & Mary Kelly, Gowran
Denis Wall, Donore
Edward & Elizabeth Swan, Kilcarrig Street

Nicholas Cormack, St. Brigids Crescent
Eileen Sheehan, Ballynoe, Cork
Catherine Byrne, St. Brigids Crescent
Jack Storey, Kilcarrig Street
John Williams, Roseville Hse, Kilkenny & Curranree

These Anniversaries will be prayed for on Friday 31st January & Saturday 1st February 10:00am Mass in Parish Church

Escorted Tour to Westport, Knock & Co Mayo, 10th February

2025. €699.00 pps. Price includes return train, 4 nights' in 4* Castlecourt Hotel, Westport with Dinner, Bed & Breakfast. Lunch on three days. All entertainment, excursions and transport included. Visit Knock, Galway City, Kylemore Abbey, Croagh Patrick, Fr. Peyton Centre, Quiet Man Museum. Single supplement on Enquiry. Contact 094 900 6426 or 087 1890 236 or knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.

Important Synod Update - two strands of current work:

The Final Document of the **Universal Synod** can be viewed on www.kandle.ie/synod. This document is now part of the ordinary Magisterium (teaching) of the Church and Pope Francis has asked members of the Church across the world to accept and implement its findings. This is now a key task for members of parishes, dioceses and national conferences. The Diocesan Pastoral Council and Council of Priests will study and reflect on this document and they invite parishioners, especially members of parish pastoral councils, to take up and begin to reflect and act upon this document also.

Alongside this important work, the **Irish Synodal Pathway** continues. The Bishops intend to hold the first in a series of National Assemblies in 2026. They are now asking dioceses to identify priorities for action to be addressed at the first assembly. These priorities for action will be taken from the themes of the Irish Synthesis that was submitted to Rome. These themes have now incorporated the findings of the Universal Synod Final Document. During Lent a series of two hour meetings will take place across the diocese to agree and name the priorities for action. The findings of the meetings will form one K&L submission. A national meeting in October will decide the focus of the first assembly in light of the submissions from all 26 dioceses and other Church bodies on the island of Ireland.

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

Bagenalstown Parish Pilgrimage to

LOURDES 2025 5nights 21st June 2025 €899 Price is on Full Board basis (*Breakfast, Lunch & Evening Meal incl.*) 4* *Hotel Solitude*. Early deposit of €350 secures your place. €210 Single Room Supplement. *Contact Geraldine Monahan 087-4166803*

Kilquhan Drama Group present "Stop it Nurse" by Sam Cree - *Directed by Benny Mills*. Comedy in Three Acts in Coon Hall (Eir-Code R93 EC89). Play will be Performed on 31st January, 2025, 1st, 2nd, 7th, 8th and 9th February, 2025 at 8.00 pm. Doors Open at 7.00 pm. Admission €10

Free Pre-Registration Training Course for Childminders

Are you a Childminder caring for children in your own home? Are you considering becoming a Childminder and wondering what steps to take next? If so, would you like to attend a FREE Pre-Registration Training Course for Childminders, taking place on Wednesday 12th and 19th February from 6.30pm-10pm at Enterprise House, Carlow. This training has been organised by Carlow County Childcare Spaces are limited. **Booking is essential**. Please contact Eilish/Jean on 059 9140244 or email info@carlowccc.ie

Diocesan Pilgrimage for the Canonisation of Blessed Carlo

Acutis Coinciding with the Jubilee for Teenagers, during the Jubilee Year of Hope, the Diocese is travelling for the Canonisation of Blessed Carlow Carlo Acutis **25th - 29th April**. This pilgrimage includes a day trip to Assisi, trips to the pilgrims' sites of Rome and of course the Mass on Sunday in St. Peter's Square when Blessed Carlo will be declared the first 'Millennial Saint.' Bishop Denis will join us for the pilgrimage as well as Fr. David Vard. Places are limited and can be booked through Marian Pilgrimages or forms and itinerary can be collected in Portlaoise Parish Centre.

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

“The rediscovery of prayer through Eucharistic Adoration is the source of hope for the Church to grow and take root”.

Medjugorje Prayer Group

Meeting in Our Lady’s Chapel Bagenalstown Church. **EVERY** Tuesday after 10:00am Mass *All welcome*

Leighlinbridge Active Retirement

meeting in the Parish Centre Leighlinbridge **Monday at 2:30pm.** Guest speaker this week Geraldine Brennan to give a talk on Fair Trade. Bowls on Thursday & Friday. Pickle Ball in Old Leighlin Hall on Thursday.

IMPORTANT: FOR THIS YEAR 2025
Changes to Graveyard Mass time
Annual Graveyard Masses in the parish will change to the earlier time of 7:00pm from June 2025 and continue going forward.
Please share this with everyone to help spread the word of the earlier time of all Graveyard Masses in the Parish next year at 7:00pm.

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We are excited to announce the Annual General Meeting (AGM) for the revival of the **Fenagh Steam Rally**, a cherished event that brought joy and pride to our community for over 40 years. The AGM will be held on **Wednesday, 29th January 2025** in The **Hunters Rest Fenagh** at 8pm. After the final show in September 2013, we are thrilled to share plans to bring this much-loved tradition back to life! The next generation of rally enthusiasts are working to restore this historic event, with the goal of hosting the **revived Fenagh Steam Rally on the 7th of September 2025**. To make this vision a reality, we need your help. During the AGM, we aim to form a dedicated committee to drive this effort forward. Whether you’re a long time supporter, a newcomer to Fenagh, or someone with a passion for community events, your input and assistance will be invaluable. This is an opportunity to be part of something truly special-breathing new life into a tradition that has meant so much to Fenagh and its people. All are welcome. Come along, share your ideas, and help us revive the Fenagh Steam Rally for future generations to enjoy.

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'CHURCH NOTICES'

3rd Sunday of the Year

26th January 2025

First Holy Communion Preparation Mass

Sunday 26th January:

9:00am in Newtown Church (Newtown NS)

10:00am in Ballinkillen Church (Ballinkillen NS)

Sunday 2nd February:

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

Feast of St. Brigid Mass on Saturday 1st February at

10:00am the Feast of St. Brigid, Patron of our Diocese. We pray that through her intercession, new life and health will bless all we know and love.

Feast of the Presentation of the Lord—Candlemas

Day Blessing of Candles will take place Sunday 2nd at ALL MASSES. A blessed candle is a source of spiritual protection and hope in all our homes. Candles to be blessed should be left in Church before Mass.

FEAST OF ST. BLAISE

Monday 3rd February, the Feast of St. Blaise will be celebrated. The **blessing of Throats** will take place in Parish Church at 10:00am **Mass**
All are welcome to attend.

Fundraising Concert

on

Saturday 1st February

in

Ballinkillen Lorum Community Centre at 8:00pm

Featuring: Alistair Fingleton, Olivia Douglas & Teresa & the Stars. MC James Lakes. Tickets available from Ballinkillen Community Centre & Tims Shop €20. Door prize €200 in aid of Ballinkillen Church