

Pray for

Moirá Allen, Norfolk, England & St. Brigids Crescent whose Burial of Ashes took place on Thursday in Bagenalstown Cemetery.

Paul Fitzpatrick, Killenane. *Funeral details later.*

Ann McGee, Ballymurphy (mother of Catherine Doyle, Maple Drive)

Maura Murphy, Ratheadon. *Funeral details later.*

Months Mind

Michael Coffey, Kilree Lane. Mass on Saturday 6th December in Bagenalstown Church at 6:00pm.

Pat Nolan, Newtown. Mass on Sunday 7th December in Newtown Church at 9:00am.

Catherine 'Cathy' Doyle, 56 Conway Park. Mass on Sunday 14th December in Bagenalstown Church at 11:30am.

1st Anniversary

Edward Cahill, Conway Park Mass on Saturday 13th December in Bagenalstown Church at 6:00pm.

Our Lady's NS, Nurney – Carol

Service Our Lady's National School warmly invites the community to our Carol Service on **Wednesday, 18th December at 7pm** in **St. John's Church, Nurney**. Join us for an evening of festive music and reflection as we celebrate the Christmas season together. **All are welcome** — it is sure to be a lovely service.

Church Newsletter Notice: To guarantee inclusion in our Church Newsletter, all anniversary bookings must be received 10 days before date of anniversary Mass with deadline at 2pm on the Wednesday before publication. *Thanks.*

ANNIVERSARIES

All anniversary bookings must be received before 2pm on the Wed before publication.

Joan Doyle, 12 Eastwood
Bridie Cody, 52 Conway Park
Julie Fenelon, Knockdrumagh, Myshall
Josie & Mamie Murphy, Augha
Eileen Nolan, Pairc Mhuire
Bill Foster, 9 Conway Park
Eilish Monaghan, Kilree Cottages
Denis Hynes, 6 Conway Park
Gerry Canavan, St. Brigids Crescent
Richard Agars, Ballyloughan Cross, Corries
Ena Doyle, 16 Barrett Street
Denis Hynes, 46 St. Brigids Crescent

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

Advent Prayers & Blessings for the home leaflets can be picked up from the back of all churches in the parish.

33rd Sponsored Swim/Walk Christmas Day for Carlow Kilkenny Home Care Team

In Memory of Vera Power, Swim at 12pm outside pool. Walk around Green Road 11:30am from picnic tables. Bucket for donations or gofundme Cards from Mary.

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Newtown Fenagh Nurney Seniors Christmas Party

will take place in the Lord Bagnal Hotel on **14th December from 1.30pm**. Dinner, music, dancing and a raffle with loads of lovely prizes.

Personal Panic Alarm

If you or a member of your family would like a personal panic alarm. If you are living in the local area and are aged over 65 years. Call Maria Nolan on 0872369031.

If you have a landline, your alarm will be free of charge for the first year with a monitoring fee of €65 from the second year onwards. If you need a SIM card unit, it will cost €66 for sim at time of installation and €132 from the second year onwards. This covers the cost of the SIM card and monitoring fee.

50th Anniversary Mass for Boards of Management – December 8th
This year marks the **50th anniversary of the establishment of the CPSMA**. To honour this milestone, a **special Mass of Thanksgiving** will be celebrated in **Portlaoise Parish Church on Friday, December 8th at 7:30pm**.

We warmly invite **all who are currently serving, and all who have served, on Boards of Management** in our Catholic primary schools across the diocese to join us for this celebration. Together, we will give thanks for the generosity, dedication, and quiet service that have supported our school communities for five decades. All are most welcome.

Ballinkillen NS Christmas Fair

takes place on **Sunday 7th December** in Ballinkillen/Lorum Community Centre from **10am to 12.30pm**. Fantastic event for all the family: bottle stall, cake stall, raffle, crepe stall, music and a jammed pack hall full of various vendors who will be selling fabulous and unique items. *Your support would be greatly appreciated for this event.*

Message from Bishop Denis re: Department of Education survey on school patronage

The current Department of Education survey on the future of patronage in the primary sector is important in that it will shape the discussion on primary school divesting for the years to come throughout the Republic of Ireland. It is important that those who wish for a change in patronage would have their voice heard. It is equally important that those who wish for a Catholic Education for their children and for those who would wish for sacramental preparation within school would have their voice heard also. For those reasons and to ensure that an accurate picture emerges, please participate in this survey if you are a parent or guardian of prospective of a primary school student. The survey can be accessed at <https://www.gov.ie/en/department-of-education/campaigns/primary-school-survey/> The survey closes on 16th December 2025

Eucharistic Adoration

Every Tuesday 7:00pm-8:00pm in Parish Church. All welcome

**LIVE
WEBCAM****from our
Parish
Church**

which can be
viewed from our
Parish website

FUNERALS**24 HOUR**

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

Fr Declan Foley:

087-6684299

Fr Shem Furlong :

087-2400582

Parish Office

Hours:

Mon/Tues/Thurs

9:30-5pm/

Fri 9:30-12noon

(Office Closed

Wednesday)

Parish Office:

059-9721154

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**Rosary & Divine Mercy every Friday
2-3pm at Grotto in Graiguenamanagh.**

Family Carers Ireland Family Carers Ireland have
launched their Christmas Raffle and you could win €1,000 cash,
€500 select hotels voucher or a hotel voucher. Please support
family carers in your community by purchasing a ticket
at www.familycarers.ie/christmas - thank you!

St.Vincent De Paul Annual Church

Gate Collection on Saturday 13th & Sunday
14th December at all Masses in the Parish.
Please give your support to those that need our
help. *Thank you*

Confirmation**Dates 2026**

St. Brigids Boys NS on 14th February at 11:00am
Bagenalstown Church

Queen of the Universe NS on 14th February 11:00am
Bagenalstown Church

Garryhill NS on 14th March at 11:00am in Ballinkillen
Church

Ballinkillen NS on 14th March 11:00am Ballinkillen
Church

Newtown Dunleckney NS on 21st March 11:00am
Newtown Church

First Holy Communion Dates 2026

St. Brigids Boys NS on 25th April at 11:00am
Bagenalstown Church

Queen of the Universe NS on 25th April at 11:00am
Bagenalstown Church

Ballinkillen NS on 9th May at 11:00am Ballinkillen Church

Newtown Dunleckney NS on 16th May at 11:00am
Newtown Church

Nurney NS on 23rd May at 11:00am Newtown Church

CHURCH NOTICES**8th December Holy Day****Mass Times**

Bagenalstown—*Sunday 7th* 7:30pm *Monday 8th* 8:00am &
10:00am

Newtown—*Monday 8th* 7:00pm

Ballinkillen—*Monday 8th* 8:00pm

CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE

There will be a Carol Service
in St Andrews Church

on Saturday 13th December after the 6pm Mass.

Members of St Andrews men's choir will be joined by pupils
of the Presentation De La Salle college to perform a selection of
traditional Christmas carols.

All are welcome to celebrate the season in song

**Visit to the Housebound will be
attended next week****Confirmation Preparation Mass**

on Thursday 11th December at 7:30pm

in Bagenalstown Church. *All welcome.*

**First Holy Communion Preparation Mass
will be on Sunday 7th December**

9:00am in Newtown Church (Newtown NS & Nurney)

10:00am in Ballinkillen Church (Ballinkillen NS)

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