

ANNIVERSARIES

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

Mary & Patrick Fitzgerald, Curracruit
John Casey, Kilcarrig Street
Michael Rea Jnr, Bagenalstown
Jim & Rosaleen Coogan,
Ballywilliamroe
Brigid Nevin, Barrett Street
Ger Clarke, Barrett Street
John Lohan, Paire Mhuire
Joe Reddy, Conway Park
Paddy & Annie McGrath, Kilree
Street & their children Patrick,
Jimmy, Michael, Patricia & Margaret
Doyle
Dobbins Family, Rathellan
Margaret Dobbins & her sons Jim,
Mick & Patrick
Pauline & Peter Minchin, Station
Road
John & Lily Nolan, Kilcarrig
MaryAnn Johnson, 69 St. Brigids
Crescent
Thomas Roche, Rathduff
Elizabeth Meaney, Rathduff
Peter Meaney, Rathduff
Tom Reddy, Rathduff

These Anniversaries will be prayed for on Friday 27th & 28th March 10:00am Mass in Parish Church

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

Chrism Mass You are invited to join Bishop Denis and the clergy of the diocese for the Chrism Mass in the Cathedral, Carlow, on 30th March at 7:30 pm. This is one of the most important diocesan Masses in the year when the Holy Oils will be blessed and consecrated for use in parishes in the coming year and when the priests of the diocese will renew their priestly promises. Music will be led by Fr Liam Lawton and the Diocesan Choir while tea/coffee will be served in Carlow College, St Patricks afterwards. Come early to get a seat!

Ballinkillen Active Retirement Group

Walking at Ballinkillen GAA walking track *EVERY* week on Monday 2pm, Wednesday 7pm, Friday 11am..

Forever Fit on Fridays at 10am.

Embroidery from 2pm to 4pm, Wednesday 25th March.

Basket Weaving starting in April on Monday nights 7pm to 9pm

Ardattin Drama Group

Presents: *'Many young men of 20'*
Ardattin Hall, 21st, 22nd & 25th March. Adm €10.

Carlow Flower Club are holding a garden talk by Paul Smyth on Tuesday 31 st March at 8.00pm in the Woodford Dolmen Hotel. Paul is the head gardener in Bellefield Garden in Shinrone in Offaly, headquarters of the RHSI. Competition on the night for all categories is "Easter Parade". €10 entry fee for non members

Charity Concert in Newtown Church 9 May 2026

Charlie McGettigan and Paul Harrington in Concert St. Patrick's Church, Newtown, will host a special charity concert on Saturday, 9 May at 7:30pm, featuring performances by Charlie McGettigan and Paul Harrington, along with a number of talented local artists. The event will be MC'd by Nuala Carey, with musical direction by Ollie Hennessy. All proceeds will go towards Breakthrough Cancer Research and the St. Patrick's Church, Newtown Development Fund. Tickets (€25) are available from the Parish Office (059 9721154); The Little Shop, Bagenalstown; Kearney's, Fenagh; The Black Cat, Fenagh; and online at eventbrite.ie.

South East Family Support

Network HAVE YOU BEEN IMPACTED BY ANOTHER'S DRUG OR ALCOHOL USE? You don't have to face it alone. The Carlow Peer Family Support Group 'You Are Not Alone' is here for you. We offer a safe, non-judgemental space of understanding and compassion where you can: Share your experiences. Meet with family members in similar situations and who 'get it'. Receive support that will support you to look at practical solutions and effective responses. Learning how caring for yourself can support the whole family. Contract 085-7872730 or 086-6045805 for details.

SUPPORT FOR YOURSELF CAN HELP THE WHOLE FAMILY

Pentecost Retreat @ Slí an Chroí, St Patricks Missionary Society, Kiltegan

We invite you to relive that first Pentecost – invoking the Holy Spirit as the Church's life-giving breath. In quiet prayer, shared reflection, and communal worship we open ourselves to transformation and to a renewed missionary courage for our time. Friday 22nd May to Sunday 24th May, €315.00 per person. Enquiries to Michele Sinnott slianchroi@spms.ie or 089 4690 508

Eucharistic Adoration

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

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

TRACTOR RUN PDLs

College Join us for our Tractor Run in aid of Éist Cancer Support Centre and PDLs. On Sunday 19th April. All tractors, vintage cars, lorries welcome. *Registration fee €20*

A Musical Pilgrimage for Liturgical Music Ministers in Rome with "The Priests" Monday 29 June to Saturday 4 July 2026 Workshops, Liturgies, Cultural Site Visits, Accommodation, Meals and Final Night Concert. For more information visit www.rishcollege.org/musical-pilgrimage-2026 Celebrating 100 years of the Pontifical Irish College on the Coelian Hill in Rome.

Purple Day (or Epilepsy Awareness Day) will take place on **Thursday 26th March**. Please visit purpleday.org.

**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

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

Sunday 22 March – 5th Sunday of Lent

Digging Deeper – Living Lent: Some suggestions for the week

+ Reflect on next Sunday's Gospel using the material from
'Baptised and Sent in Lent' Look out for local group sessions or
set up your own group. Resources on www.syond.ie
+ Persevere in your chosen resolutions for Lent and remember
their purpose is to bring you closer to God
+ Pray for adults preparing for baptism at Easter
+ Plant new life in a container or garden bed! Pollinator friendly
herbs include chives, lavender, rosemary, oregano and thyme
+ Remember to 'Share with the hungry' and set aside some of
your weekly shop for a food bank or donate the cost
+ Take some quiet time to do an examination of conscience
ahead of going to confession.

See kandle.ie for examples of examinations

Gospel Link: *New life in Christ*

This Sunday we hear another passage from the Gospel of John
telling us key truths about our baptism and faith. In this gospel
story, by raising the brother of Martha and Mary, Jesus reveals
something new about himself to his followers. He shows them
that he has power over life and death. He tells them that he is the
resurrection and the life and that whoever believes in him will
never die for they will have eternal
life. And, pivotally, he asks them: 'Do you believe this?' As we
draw closer to Easter, and the renewal of our baptism, this same
question is asked of you. Do you believe this? Do you believe
that Jesus calls us from ways of death to a new life, to a faith
filled life? What does that life look like? In what way does your
baptism give you new life? (Julie Kavanagh) *(For deeper
connection with the Gospel see synod.ie for Baptised and Sent in
Lent – a reflection series for Lent)*

Celebrating the Radical Easter Message of

Liberation for Women This Conference will be offered
in two places: Ballyvaloo Retreat & Conference Centre,
Blackwater, Wexford on **April 24**. Cost: €35 (includes lunch),
Pembroke Hotel, Kilkenny on **April 25**. Cost €20 (includes tea/
coffee), Speaker: **Dr. Graine Doherty**.

Times: **10.00 a.m. – 4.30 p.m.** **Booking essential:** Contact Sara or
Catherina @ 056 7722870 9.00 am – 4.30 pm Monday to Friday or
e-mail regionalloffice@ssjg.ie before April 17

CHURCH NOTICES

**Visit to the Housebound will be attended
THIS MONDAY 23RD MARCH**

Monday morning—Town Area

Monday afternoon –Ballinkillen

Area & Newtown Area

*The
Season
of
Lent*



Months Mind

Josephine Mullins, Conway Park. Mass on Saturday 28th March in
Bagenalstown Church at 6:00pm.

Pat O'Brien, Kilree Avenue. Mass on Sunday 29th March in Bagenalstown
Church at 11:30am.

1st Anniversary

Rose Byrne, 4 Conway Park. Mass on Saturday 21st March in
Bagenalstown Church at 6:00pm.

Visit to the Sick/Housebound

If you would like to be added to the list for Sick/Housebound—please contact
Fr Shem, Fr Declan or Parish Office who will be more than happy to add you to our
monthly visit.

GRAVEYARD MASSES 2026

NEWTOWN—Friday 5th June at 7:00pm

BALLINKILLEN—Friday 12th June at 7:00pm

**BAGENALSTOWN—Friday 19th June at
7:00pm**

DUNLECKNEY—Friday 26th June at 7:00pm