

ANNIVERSARIES

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

Patrick Shortall, Kellymount, Paulstown

These Anniversaries will be prayed for on Wednesday 1st April 10:00am Mass in Parish Church

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 Mary Kennedy, 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.

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.

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.*

TRACTOR RUN**Fundraising event in aid of Presentation De La Salle College and Eist Cancer Support Services**

19th April 2026, Registration at 11am, departure 13.00 from Carlow Concrete Tanks Bagenalstown R21 TH59 €20

Ballinkillen Active

Retirement Group are having their monthly meeting on **Wednesday 1st April from 2pm to 4pm.** Tea and a chat, new members welcome. **Meditation and music** with Jack on Wednesday 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th April from 2pm to 4pm each week. **Forever Fit Classes** starting in April on a Friday morning at 10am, if interested please contact Mary 0861287733 for more information.

A great big **THANK YOU** to Bagenalstown Community Centre for their generous donation towards the polishing of floors, painting statues and powerwashing at Bagenalstown Church *Thank You.*

Eucharistic Adoration

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

HOLY WEEK 2026**NEWTOWN - BAGENALSTOWN - BALLINKILLEN****◆ Holy Thursday**

6:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper in Parish Church

NO 10am Morning Mass Holy Thursday

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at the Altar of Repose will continue in Parish Church until 9pm.

ALL WELCOME.

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◆ Good Friday

3:00pm Celebration of the Passion of the Lord in the Parish Church

6:00pm Stations of the Cross in the Parish Church

7:00pm Celebration of the Passion of the Lord in Newtown Church

8:00pm Celebration of the Passion of the Lord in Ballinkillen Church

NO 10am Morning Mass Good Friday**◆ Holy Saturday**

Confessions 10am-12noon

Food will be blessed in Parish Church at an 11am Ceremony (*Polish Community*)

NO 10am Morning Mass Holy Saturday

Easter Vigil in Parish Church 6:00pm

NO Vigil in Newtown and Ballinkillen Churches

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◆ Easter Sunday

Masses as on Sundays in all Churches **NO 7:30PM MASS**

◆ Easter Week

Masses as usual at 10:00am in Parish Church



**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

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

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

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**

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.

CHURCH NOTICES



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.

Chrism Mass You are invited to join Bishop Denis and the clergy of the diocese for the Chrism Mass in the Cathedral, Carlow, on **Monday 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!

Parish Pilgrimage to *Medjugorje September 24th—October 1st 2026* €879pps. For more details contact Helen Wall 086-8226930
Spiritual Director: Fr Declan.

Good Friday collection Pro Terra Sancta - the Holy Land

Following a request from the Holy See, we are asked again that we take up a collection on Good Friday for the Holy Land, Pro Terra Sancta. This collection takes place in dioceses throughout the world. We are invited to pray and to collect funds for the Catholic community in the Holy Land and for the maintenance of the Holy Places there.



Trocaire Boxes—

Please return Trocaire boxes Good Friday or at Mass Time. *Thank you*

