

ANNIVERSARIES

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

Christopher Jacob, Kilcarrig Street
Martina Walshe, Royal Oak Road
Kathleen Brophy, St. Brigids Crescent
Marge Dargan, Royal Oak Road
Tom Bridgett, Oak Grove
Eamonn Nolan, Pairc Mhuire
John Mitchell, Dunleckney
John & Mary Mitchell, Kilcarrig Street
James & Mary O'Hara, Milltown
John & Richard Walshe, Royal Oak Road
Mick Salter, Fairgreen & Kilree Lane
Tom Cummins, Kilree
Mattie Cowman, Donore
Michael & Bridgid O'Shea, Seskinryan
Maryann O'Shea, Seskinryan
William Maye, Seskinryan
Michael Mahon, Kilree Street
Brian Hunt, Pairc Mhuire
John Hunt, Kilcormac, Offaly
Mary Brennan, High Street
James Doyle, Carrigbeg
Julia Doyle, Ballinakill, Garryhill
O'Neill Family, Aughabeg
Hannah Lawlor, Market Square
Michael Herriott, Kilree Street
These Anniversaries will be prayed for on Friday 13th & 14th March 10:00am Mass in Parish Church

CANCER DAY—DAFFODIL DAY

On Friday 20th March.

Please support this great cause. For more information contact Marian. Fresh daffodils to Mary, 2 Kilree Street, leave on Thursday to get tied or bring to the Caravan Friday morning tied.

Your support is needed.

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, for 3 weeks, Wednesday 11th, 18th and 25th March. **Basket Weaving** starting in April on Monday nights 7pm to 9pm

Ardattin Drama Group

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

Flower Arranging Classes

Carlow Flower Club will hold a series of three Flower arranging classes by Margaret Collins, for all levels, on Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 18th March and Tuesday 24th March from 10.30 am to 12.30pm in Ballinabranna Community Hall. Fee €8 per class. If interested please contact Margaret on 087 6682778 for a list of requirements for the class. Requirements will also be available on Carlow Flower Club Facebook page

Eucharistic Adoration

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

Charity Concert in Newtown - 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.

Carlow County Council

Register of Electors Even if you receive a polling card, you now need to add your PPSN, date of birth and Eircode to the register. You can update your details at checktheregister.ie or by paper form. If you need assistance, Carlow County Council Register Staff will be happy to help you on 059 9170332 / 059 9170308 / 059 9172448 or email register@carlowcoco.ie. Thank you

"Carlow Stroke Support Group

meet next Friday March 13th, 2-3.30pm, at St Dymphna's Hospital Carlow. Meetings are open to Stroke Survivors & carers. Further information text/ call Lynda 087-7814697".

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 regionaloffice@ssjg.ie before April 17.

TRACTOR RUN**PDLs College**

On Sunday 19th April. All tractors, vintage cars, lorries welcome.

Registration fee €20

Homeowners in Carlow and the wider region are being encouraged to drop into the **Carlow Home Energy Expo** on **Wednesday, 25 March**, from **10:30am to 5pm** at the **Seven Oaks Hotel**.

This **once off, free event** organised by Carlow County Council in partnership with South East Energy Agency, Carlow County Development Partnership and Carlow Town SEC, will bring together independent experts, retrofit professionals, financial advisors and contractors – all under one roof – to help householders learn how to make their homes warmer, more comfortable, and more affordable to heat. Improving the energy efficiency of our homes can seem complicated, but this event will highlight the wide range of grants, supports and financing options available to help homeowners.

A particular focus of the event will be the SEAI Warmer Homes Scheme, which provides fully funded home energy upgrades for eligible households, particularly older homeowners and those receiving certain income support or disability payments. The Home Energy Expo is designed to give people clear, independent information so they can understand what upgrades might suit their home and how to take the next step. The event runs from 10:30am to 5pm, and everyone is welcome to drop in at any time during the day.. Admission is free, but booking is recommended.

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/southeastenergyagency/2077501>

For further information visit www.carlowtownsec.com or email climate@carlowcoco.ie

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.*

**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 8 March: 3rd 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

† Get some holy water for your home and use it as you come and go to bless yourself

† Share with the hungry and set aside some of your weekly shop for a food bank or donate the cost

† Do a Friday penance

† Be a happy presence in your home

† Find ways to conserve and reduce your use of water in the home. See water.ie/conserve

Gospel Link: Who Belongs?

This much loved Gospel is a pivotal reminder as we make our Lenten journey that Jesus is the source of our life. It is the first of three Gospels from John we listen to in Lent that draw on central symbols in baptism – in this instance the symbol of water. In the encounter between Jesus and the woman we see God's mercy in action. The woman is an outsider, left to draw water at the hottest part of the day, alone. Jesus actively reaches out to her, ignoring the social norms of the time that would keep her in isolation.

And in doing so the woman comes to know Jesus as the source of our life, as the living water that dwells within us, as our saviour. Not only that, she becomes a messenger of that Good News. In Jesus, all belong and all our renewed. As we welcome this reading into our hearts this Lent, may we follow in the footsteps of Jesus Christ who reached out to the marginalised and to those who felt on the outside, who shattered the narrow definitions of 'who belongs'. May we recognise, that, in Christ, we belong. May we welcome Jesus into the very circumstances of our life to heal us and bless us. May we recognise Jesus as our saviour who brings us to eternal life. And may we bring this good news to others without borders - recognising also when others are bringing it to us. (Julie Kavanagh) *(For deeper connection with the Gospel see synod.ie for Baptised and Sent in Lent – a reflection series for Lent)*



CHURCH NOTICES

Garryhill NS & Ballinkillen NS Confirmation next Saturday 14th March at 11am in Ballinkillen Church

Confirmation 2026

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

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.

Months Mind

Kathleen Nolan, Ballytarsna. Mass on Sunday 8th March in Newtown Church at 9:00am.

Tommy Dillon, Pairc Mhuire. Mass on Sunday 8th March in Bagenalstown Church at 11:30am.

1st Anniversary

Mary 'Biddy' Lawlor, London & Timbergap. Mass on Sunday 15th March in Ballinkillen Church at 10:00am.

Visit to the Housebound
will be attended in the coming weeks.

Date to be announced.