

PRAY FOR

Paddy McDonald, St. Brigids Crescent who was interred in Bagenalstown Cemetery on Tuesday.

Months Mind

Agnes McGrath, 40 Conway Park. Mass on Sunday 10th May in Bagenalstown Church at 11:30am.
Larry Power, Fr Cummins Park & Ballyloughan. Mass on Saturday 16th May in Bagenalstown Church at 6:00pm.

ANNIVERSARIES

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

Florence O'Brien, Pairc Mhuire
 Seamus Lee, St. Brigids Crescent
 Mary Darcy, St. Brigids Crescent
 Mary Lyons, Oldtown, Nurney
 Pat O'Brien, Dunleckney
 Edward Coogan, Ballywilliamroe
 Marian Kealy, Gowran
 Edward & Mary Kealy, Gowran
 Áine O'Connell, Barrett Street
 Mary Buggy, Donore
 Denis Wall, Donore
 Pauline & Frank Jordan, Church Road & daughter Grace

These Anniversaries will be prayed for on Friday 15th & Saturday 16th May 10:00am Mass in Parish Church

Yarnbombing Installation

Volunteers Would you, or anyone you know, like to help out in putting up the Yarnbombing (knitting and crochet) in Bagenalstown this year? We will begin to put it on **Monday May 18th** and this will go on for about seven to ten days. We would really love to have you with us. It's a great way to meet new people, have fun and of course every little bit helps. Please contact 087 6995420 if you are interested or require more information.

FUNDRAISER Concert

in **St. Mary's Church**, Bagenalstown on **Wednesday 27th May at 8:00pm**. *Appearing on the night:* Tullow Choir, Cór Bearú, HSE Choir, St. Andrews Mens Choir. Tickets €20 available from The Little Shop & Bagenalstown Business Office & Parishioners Ruth 083-0111878(no texting please) or 059-9721414. Whist drive in St. Mary's Hall every Friday night at 8:30pm. *Your support would be much appreciated.*

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

Watch Lost between Lorum Cross & Nolan's Lane. If found please contact 087-6111346

TRACTOR RUN this Sunday 10th May Fundraising event in aid of PDLs College and Eist Cancer Support Services Registration at 11am, departure 13.00 from Carlow Concrete Tanks Bagenalstown R21 TH59 €20

Accord Carlow has *availability for their May and June Marriage Preparation Courses* at St Catherine's Community Centre. Accord's Marriage Preparation course builds on your individual and couple strengths, and offers you practical techniques and psychological insights to enhance your relationship and to integrate these practices into the Sacramental vision of your married life together. *Book online at Accord.ie.*

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

Save the Date: Parishes Alive - Becoming Synodal The third annual Parishes Alive Day will take place on the 20th of June 2026 in Carlow College, St Patrick's from 10am to 4pm with lunch included. Full details of the speakers and content, as well as booking instructions, will be published around the middle of May. Pat Roche, Diocesan Director of Parish Development.

NOTICE: Children's Remembrance Garden

in Bagenalstown Cemetery is a very special and sacred place where families come to remember babies and young children who are deeply loved and never forgotten. We are always mindful of the tenderness and meaning this space holds for so many. In recent times a large number of soft toys and similar items have been placed in the garden as tokens of love and remembrance. While these are left with the best intentions, unfortunately they have begun to attract vermin and there is now a concern for health and safety within the area. With this in mind we gently ask that anyone who has placed items such as teddies in the garden and who wishes to keep them might arrange to collect them over the coming weeks. For health reasons we strongly advise that any items are handled with care, using gloves where possible. **After 17th May 2026** any remaining soft toys will be respectfully removed to allow the garden to be cleaned and maintained as a safe and peaceful place for all who visit. We understand that this may be difficult news and we wish to reassure all families that this decision has been made with great care, out of respect for the dignity of the garden and the wellbeing of those who come there. *We thank you sincerely for your understanding and for your continued care of this special place of remembrance.*

Mass will be celebrated in Carlow Cathedral on Thursday May 21st at 7pm for the *living and deceased employees of IRISH Sugar Carlow* on its 100th Anniversary. After Mass refreshments will be served in the Seven Oaks Hotel to which former employees and their partners are invited. Contact Pat 0861657435

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

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DUNLECKNEY GRAVEYARD IMPROVEMENT GROUP

A sincere thank you to all who contributed to our recent Church Gate Collection and at Supervalu over the Bank Holiday Weekend. Yet again, your generosity was very much appreciated and is a boost for the Group to continue on with the work on the Graveyard. We gained a few new volunteers over the year and they are proving a great asset to the Group but we could always do with a few more. The work is carried out on Saturday mornings from 11.00 to 1.00 and involves grass cutting and strimming. The Graveyard is a beautiful and sacred place and deserves to be maintained in memory of all buried there.

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.

Kildare & Leighlin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine Bishop Denis Nulty invites you to join with him and parishioners from across the diocese at the Shrine of Our Lady of Knock on *Sunday 7th June 2026*, ceremonies begin at 2.30pm in the Basilica. **Pick up from the Fire Station in Bagenalstown circa. 7:00am.**

Contact Maura Hanlon 086-3173687

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

Church Collections If you are making a donation directly to the parish through the Bank (**please contact the parish office to let us know you are doing this**)
Bank Name and Address: Bank Of Ireland, Main Street, Bagenalstown, Carlow

Name of Account: Bagenalstown Parish. **BIC:** BOFII2D
IBAN: IE35BOFI90649410971660

Your support for the Parish is greatly appreciated

Medjugorje Prayer Group Meeting in Our Lady's Chapel, Bagenalstown Church. **EVERY** Tuesday after 10:00am Mass *All welcome*

Ballinkillen Lorum Community Centre
Bingo every Monday @ 8pm

CHURCH NOTICES

First Holy Communion 2026

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

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

Congratulations to the boys & girls of Ballinkillen N.S who received their First Holy Communion on Saturday in Ballinkillen Church

Visit to the Housebound
will be attended MONDAY 11th May
Monday morning—Town Area

Monday afternoon –Ballinkillen Area & Newtown Area

Volunteers needed for Bagenalstown Parish Church to help with flowers. *Contact Fr Declan or Parish Office*

St. Lazerian's House Mass and First Holy Communion Procession in the Garden on **Tuesday 26th May at 3:30pm.** *Mass will be celebrated by Fr Declan.*

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