

Months Mind:

Con Cleere, Fermanagh & Formerly Tomard, Mass on Sunday 11th December at 11am in Leighlinbridge

Eugene Brennan, High St., Mass on Saturday 17th December at 7.30pm in Leighlinbridge.

1st Anniversaries:

Jim Costello, Orchard, Mass on Saturday 10th December at 7.30pm in Leighlinbridge

Anniversaries:

Maureen Lawlor, Bilboa

Neddy Brennan, Raheendoran

Tom Rudkins, Seskin Road

Brendan Mulvey, Leighlinbridge

Edward & Elizabeth O'Neill, Old Leighlin

Neddy O'Neill, Old Leighlin

Margaret & George Mealy, Old Leighlin & England

Bridie Greene, Old Leighlin & England

Martin & Margaret McDonald, Bagenalstown



Notices

Leighlin Parish Development Ltd CE Scheme: Leighlin Parish Development Ltd CE Scheme are currently recruiting for their new scheme due to start in February 2017. We currently have the following vacancies 1 Care Support Worker in Leighlinbridge, 1 Administration Assistant in Leighlinbridge, 2 Environmental Operatives in Bagenalstown and 2 Environmental Operatives in the Family Resource Centre also in Bagenalstown. If you are aged 25 years or over and currently in receipt of a Social Welfare payment for 12 months or more you are eligible to participate on a Community Employment Scheme, why not make an enquiry with us today and see if you are eligible. Please contact John Doran on 086-1616507 or Karen Plant in the Office for an Application Form on 086-8247767.

Trócaire is hoping for the usual terrific support from parishioners for the Trócaire Gifts and Christmas Appeal. The gifts make a huge difference to the lives of families and communities in some of the world's poorest countries and start from as little as €5 for olive trees for Palestinian families. To find out more, buy a gift or make a donation log on to trocaire.org or call 1850 408 408.

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**11TH DECEMBER 2016
3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

Christmas Services

Community Celebration of Penance

Friday 16th December at 7.30pm in Ballinabranna
(included as part of Penitential Rite of Mass)

Saturday 19th December at 7.30pm in Leighlinbridge
(included as part of Penitential Rite of Mass)

Ecumenical Carol Service, in St Lazerian's Cathedral
Old Leighlin Tuesday 20th December at 8pm

Christmas Eve Saturday 24th. 7.30pm Leighlinbridge

Christmas Eve Saturday 24th. 10pm Ballinabranna

Christmas Day Sunday 25th. 9.30am Ballinabranna

Christmas Day Sunday 25th. 11am Leighlinbridge

St. Stephen's Day Monday 26th. 9.30am Leighlinbridge

Saturday 31st December (Vigil) 7.30pm Leighlinbridge
Sunday 1st January Feast of the Holy Family.

Ballinabranna Mass at 9.30am

Leighlinbridge Mass at 11.00 am

**Welcome & Blessing of Babies Baptised during 2016
at 11am Mass in Leighlinbridge**

Contact Details:

Fr Tom Lalor

087 2360355

Deacon Patrick Roche

083 1957783

Parish Centre

059 9722607

Email:

info@leighlinparish.ie

Web & Live Webcam

Mass Times:

Leighlinbridge

Saturday 7.30pm

Sunday 11am

Monday, Wednesday,

Thursday 9.30am

Eucharistic Prayers

Tuesday & Friday

9.30am

Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday 2 - 5pm

Friday 5 - 9pm

Ballinabranna

Sunday 9.30am

Friday 7.30pm

Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday 2 - 3pm

Friday 8 - 9pm

| <u>St Fintan's Church</u> | | |
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| | <u>Readers</u> | <u>Ministers</u> |
| Sun 18th Dec | Terence Farrell Betty Hughes | John Kelly Loretta McNally Sally Lawlor Pat Carter |
| Altar Servers | Maria Kelly, Paddy Marnane, Sarah Delaney, Keara Minion, Ella Kennedy | |
| Church Cleaning | Catherine Ayres, Mary Dunne, Mary Brennan | |
| Church Flowers | December | Kathleen McNally |

| <u>St Lazerian's Church</u> | | |
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| | <u>Readers</u> | <u>Ministers</u> |
| Sat 17th Dec | Mary Meaney (M) Margaret Purcell | George Donoghue Mary Meaney (B) Tommy Lawlor Jimmy Farrell |
| Sun 18th Dec | Ann Nolan Jennifer Harkin | Peg Farrell Aoife Doheny Peter Kelly Anita Dunican |
| Altar Servers | Luke Barron, Rory O'Toole, Joey Byrne, Aedan Byrne, Reni Shalomi, Frank Doran | |
| Church Cleaning | Maura Devine, Lizzie Earl | |
| Church Flowers | December | Reader for Week Sr of Mercy |

Food Collection: Collection boxes in aid of St Clare's Hospitality Kitchen are now again in both Churches & Schools. Last year was a great success and hopefully this year we can achieve the same result.

Needy Collection: takes place this weekend of 10th & 11th December.

November Dead List: is now being finalised. Any remaining envelopes should be handed in as soon as possible.

Day Care

Mary Kehoe
Anne Ball

G.F.C Lotto Numbers:

Old Leighlin

No's 6, 13, 21, 26
No Winner
Jackpot €8,300
Next week's draw in Matty's

Ballinabranna:

No's 13, 15, 16, 21
No winner
Jackpot €10,000
Reserve €5,900

Leighlinbridge:

No's 2, 13, 22, 26
No Winner
Jackpot €1,700
Next week's draw in Brennan's

Collections

04/12/16

Weekly Envelope

L/B €725

B/B €270

Offertory

L/B €555

B/B €240

Nov Dead List

L/B €180 B/B €25

Priests

L/B €980

B/B €80

NOTICES

Ballinabranna Old School Hall: Follow-up meeting re: possible future uses on Thurs 15th December at 8pm. Possibilities being investigated include County Market and Community Shop. People and ideas welcome.

Leighlinbridge Church Choir: New members very welcome to join. Please come along to any Sunday Mass @ 11am.

Leighlinbridge N.S. are collecting postage stamps for the Missions. Please collect your stamps from all your Christmas post and drop them in to the school office.

Daffodil Day: Important meeting: All volunteers are needed to attend. Monday 12th December at 8pm in the Parish Centre.

Brass Band Concert: Come along for a night of festive music featuring St Patrick's Brass & Reed Band, Kilkenny and Leighlinbridge Brass Band on Thursday 22nd December at 7.30pm in St Lazerian's Church, Leighlinbridge. Admission is free. There will be a raffle on the night. All proceeds in aid of the Instrument Fund.

DON'T BE LONELY THIS CHRISTMAS:

Senior Help Line, Ireland's only national listening service for older people, will be open every day over Christmas and the New Year from 10 am to 10 pm. We are here to take your call if you are on your own, feeling isolated, worried or would like someone to talk to. Christmas can be a sad time for many people, and in the midst of apparent universal gaiety, some of us can feel very alone. Senior Help Line volunteers are trained older people who understand the ups and downs of life, and are happy to listen, to keep company and to support. **So let us put the companionship into Christmas this year. LoCall 1850 440 444, no call costs more than 30 cents. All calls completely confidential.**

Leighlinbridge & District Active Retired:

Meeting Monday 12th at 2.30 in Parish Centre for our Christmas Ecumenical Service. This is followed by a party in the Day Room. All members welcome. South East Regional Act. Ret. are organising a 3-night trip to Clifton Hotel Connemara April 3rd, 4th and 5th. Cost is €199 and they need names and a €50 deposit before Christmas. If interested ring secretary Madeleine 086-4080286.

Indoor Hurling and Camogie: every Sunday morning in Old Leighlin Hall. New young stars are always welcome. U6s & U8s play from 10-11, Hurls & Helmets are provided. Why not try out the game before the 2017 season begins! U10s & U12s take to the hall 11-12, running a mini league. Cost €1 per child per week to cover Hall Costs.

A pre-Christmas treat: - "An Aspiro Christmas" - Sunday 11th December, St Mary's Church, Castle Hill, Carlow at 4pm. Tickets €10 available, at the door. Children Free

Fresh Holly Wreaths for sale - €9 each. Orders taken now. Contact Marguerite Gaughan on 086 3275291.

Kildare & Leighlin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2017: 16th July-21st July 5 nights €719 pps led by Bishop of Kildare & Leighlin, Rev Denis Nulty. Leighlin Parish Group staying in The Panorama Hotel. Deposit €200. Application forms in the Parish Centre, 059 9722607.

Looking for a career in the care sector?

Family Carers Ireland are providing the QQI Level 5 Healthcare Award in 2017 in or around your area based on demand. One day topic specific workshops also available. For more info contact the training unit on 0579322920.