

### Months Mind:

Tommy Meaney, Old Leighlin, Mass on Saturday 10th February at 7.30pm in Leighlinbridge.

### Anniversaries:

Anne-Marie Delaney, Ballinabranna  
Bridget Meaney, The Ridge  
Pierce Bergin, Craanluskey  
Kathleen McCartney, Raheendoran  
Katie Earl, Craanluskey  
Margaret Farrell, Craanluskey, Bilboa  
Patrick Lawlor, Old Leighlin  
George Quirke, Lower Coolcullen  
Noel Kenna, Leighlinbridge & Graiguecullen  
Nora, Bill, John & James Watchorn, Craanluskey  
John Roche & Deceased members of Roche Family, Ballygowan

Katie Roche, Banagogle  
Ronan Lawlor, 2 High Street  
Thomas Dolan, The Ridge  
Philip Dolan, The Ridge  
Mai & Jack Dunne, Ballinabranna  
Jimmy & Sue Dunne, Ballinabranna

### Notices

**World Day for survivors and victims of sexual abuse:** Friday 16th February (1st Friday of Lent) Towards Peace is a spiritual support service designed for those who have experienced sexual, physical, emotional or spiritual abuse by Catholic Church personnel in Ireland. Support is also available for family members of abuse survivors. The vision of Towards Peace is to provide a safe supportive space, where people who have been affected by abuse in a Church context can be accompanied as they seek their own experience of spiritual peace, one step at a time. Towards Peace provides spiritual support through one-to-one spiritual direction sessions, with a qualified spiritual companion. Up to nine sessions are offered and there is no cost. For more information, please visit [www.towardspeace.ie](http://www.towardspeace.ie) phone 01 5053028 or email [towardspeace@iecon.ie](mailto:towardspeace@iecon.ie)

**The Irish Cancer Society:** operates a free transport service for patients attending hospital for chemotherapy treatment. Volunteer Drivers pick the patient up at the door of their home, drop them at the hospital door, then when finished treatment, will pick them up and drop them home. Volunteer expenses are paid. Patients wishing to avail of this free service should contact their healthcare professional, visit the Society's website at [irishcancer.ie](http://irishcancer.ie) or contact the Irish Cancer Society for more information on 01 2310522.

**Safeguarding:** If you have an issue with Safeguarding in the Parish please contact the DLP at 085-8021633 or email [dlp@kandle.ie](mailto:dlp@kandle.ie) Local safeguarding Reps are Fr Tom Lalor, Eileen Johnston, Michael Roche & Liz Dunne

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# LEIGHLIN PARISH NEWSLETTER

11TH FEBRUARY 2018  
SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## Ash Wednesday

Mass 9.30am Leighlin

Mass 7.30pm - Ballinabranna

### LENT

*Do you feel like your soul could use a good spring cleaning? Lenten prayers can help! Each year during the season of Lent, we prepare to celebrate the passion, death, and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

*The 40 day penitential period of prayers, fasting and almsgiving (acts of charity) marks our Lenten journey from Ash Wednesday until Easter.*

*Lent offers us a wonderful opportunity for spiritual renewal, just as spring approaches!  
(The term Lent itself comes from the Old English word for spring.)*



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Live Webcam

### Mass Times:

Leighlinbridge  
Saturday 7.30pm  
Sunday 11am  
**Wednesday 9.30am**

**Eucharistic Prayers**  
Mon, Tues, Thurs & Fri  
9.30am

Eucharistic Adoration  
Wednesday 2 - 5pm  
Friday 5 - 9pm

Ballinabranna  
**Wednesday 7.30pm**  
Friday 7.30pm  
Sunday 9.30am

Eucharistic Adoration  
Wednesday 2 - 3pm  
Friday 6.30 - 7.30pm

<u>St Fintan's Church</u>		
	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Ministers</u>
<b>Sun 18th Feb</b> <b>9.30am</b>	Seamus Marnane Conal O'Boyle	Padraig Farrell Mary Hegarty
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Daniel Picovici, Nadia Earl, Kian McDarby, Emma Picovici, Niamh Raftery	
<b>Church Cleaning</b>	Claire Jackson, Loretta McNally, Ann Proctor, Valerie Haughney	
<b>Church Flowers</b>	<b>February</b>	Mary Dunne

<u>St Lazerian's Church</u>		
	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Ministers</u>
<b>Sat 17th Feb</b> <b>7.30pm</b>	Mary Meaney (M) Margaret Purcell	Bridín Lawlor Mary Meaney (B)
<b>Sun 18th Feb</b> <b>11am</b>	Benny Mills Barbara Kinsella	Maire Roche Kathleen Cummins
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Bronagh Nolan, Maura Kavanagh, Molly Callaghan, Moya O'Toole, Éabha Coady, Aoibhinn Kelly	
<b>Church Cleaning</b>	Dolores Rea, Maire Roche, Mary Clarke, Kathy Haughney, Betty Dowling	
<b>Church Flowers</b> <b>February</b>	Betty Dowling Mary Clarke	<b>Reader for Week</b> Bertie Hayes

**Notice:** for the remainder of the Flu season there will be no sign of peace and communion will only be available in form of the Host.

**Leighlin Parish Fund-Raising Draw:** The first draw will be held on Sunday 25th February and all remaining draws on the last Sunday of March, April, May, June & July. Each draw will take place in the Parish Centre after 11am Mass. Draw cards can be collected in Parish Centre Monday to Friday between 9.30am and 4.30pm. New promoters required. This would help greatly to ease the work load. All enquiries to Leighlin Parish Centre on 059 9722607.

### Day Care

Karen Dooley  
Ann Ball

### G.F.C Lotto

#### Old Leighlin

No's 1, 5, 11, 19  
No Winner  
Jackpot €10,000  
Reserve €7,450  
Next week's draw in  
Carey's

### Ballinabranna:

No's 9, 10, 18, 26  
No winner  
Jackpot €10,000  
Reserve €8,900

### Leighlinbridge:

No's 4, 16, 22, 23  
No Winner  
Jackpot €7,800  
Next week's draw in  
Brennan's

### Collections

**04/02/18**

### Envelopes

L/B €360  
B/B €385

### Offertory

L/B €578  
B/B €195

### Shrine

B/B €210

## NOTICES

**Parish Finance Meeting:** Thursday 15th February @ 7pm in Parish Centre.

**Parish Council Meeting:** Thursday 15th February @ 8pm in Parish Centre.

**Please note change of date for above meetings.**

**Adoration: God Calling:** Have you got one hour in the week to spare? Adoration Renewal in the Parish weekend 17th/18th February.

**Temperance Sunday Feb 11th 2018:** The Sunday before Ash Wednesday is always designated as 'Temperance Sunday' when we honour the grace of Temperance, especially as related to the abuse of intoxicating drink. With the Pioneer Total Abstinence Assoc. we pray for Sobriety in Society. Perhaps you would like to take the Pledge for Lent.

**WMOF 2018:** Do you have a spare room in your home and want to help? Thousands of people will be travelling from very distant places to participate in World Meeting of Families 2018 (Dublin, 21-26 August 2018). Many would be unable to come if they also had to cover the cost of accommodation. Do you have a spare room? Would you be willing to host a person, a couple or a family next August? Help us welcome visiting families to Ireland and have a home-from-home experience. Learn more at [www.worldmeeting2018.ie/hostafamily](http://www.worldmeeting2018.ie/hostafamily). Email us at [hostingteam@worldmeeting2018.ie](mailto:hostingteam@worldmeeting2018.ie) or call us on 01 5676800.

**Leighlinbridge National School:** are currently accepting enrolments for September 2018. If you or someone you know has a child ready to commence Primary School please contact us on 059 9721796.

**Ballinabranna Hall:** is available for meetings, activities & social events. The hall facilitates 80 people with tea/coffee making facilities. Contact the Parish Centre on 059 9722607.

### Leighlinbridge & District Active Retired:

Committee Meeting Monday 12th in Parish Centre at 2pm; Members Meeting 2.30pm. This is followed by Refreshments and Session 3 of Singing with Carol Kelly. Tickets costing €20 for Annual Function in Lord Bagenal Hotel on Sunday 25th Feb are now available. Members and friends welcome. Our Summer Break will be a 5-nights' stay at Cavan Crystal Hotel Aug 26th to September 1st. Total cost €385. Deposit of €50 must be paid this month. For enquiries phone Madeleine 086 4080286.  
Bowls as usual every Thursday & Friday.

**Michael Davitts:** are back for 2018 with training for some age groups already up and running. Registration for this year will take place on Thursday 15th and Friday 16th February in the Parish Centre Leighlinbridge from 7-9pm. Davitts are a juvenile football club from the parish of Ballinabranna, Leighlinbridge and Old Leighlin and cater for a wide range of players from U4-U21. If anyone is interesting in playing for the club this year please come down and talk to us.

**Baby & Toddler Group:** Every Monday in the Parish Centre from 10am to 12 noon. All parents, child minders welcome to come, have a cuppa & chat while children play.

**Carlow Neuromuscular Clinic:** For muscular pain, sciatica, frozen shoulder, disc and bone injuries, fallen arches etc. Contact Tony Devine 086-3566180.

**JPII Volunteer Information:** and Sig-up Gathering for K&L Lourdes Pilgrimage 2018 Thursday 22nd February at 7.30pm in Portlaoise Parish Centre, open to past and present JPII Award participants.