

### Recent Death:

Seamus Murphy, Swords, Dublin

### Months Mind:

Sheila Brennan, Ballyknockan, Mass on Saturday 16th December at 7.30pm in Leighlinbridge.

Fr. Paddy Maher, The Rookery, Mass on Saturday 23rd December at 7.30pm in Leighlinbridge.

### Anniversaries:

Betty Amond, Milford	Simon & Paddy McDonald, Lacken
Matty Byrne, Royal Oak	Mary Kearney, Lacken
Neddy Brennan, Raheendoran	James & Margaret Howard
Bridget Murphy, Craan	Jim Costello, The Orchard
Pat Foley, Banagagole	
Patrick Coffey, Craanluskey	
John Farrell, Craanluskey, Bilboa	
Mona Fenalon, Montgomery St, Carlow	
John Haughney, Ballinaboley & Graiguecullen	
John & Peg Watchorn, Craanluskey & Leighlinbridge	

### Notices

**Old Leighlin Community Gym Committee:** would like to thank all our members for their support in 2017. New members always welcome. Our state of the art gym offers very competitive rates; €5 drop in session, €30 one month membership, €75 for 3 months membership. Just a reminder that the gym will be closed on Friday 22nd December and re-open on Tuesday 2nd January 2018. Find us on facebook or call the gym directly at 059 9720770.

**St. Patrick's College Carlow:** are running an Irish Local History Evening Course from 18th January 2018 – 8th March 2018, every Thursday, from 7-9pm. For more information please contact: Alison Brennan on 059 9153200 or e-mail AHayden@CarlowCollege.ie or see www.CarlowCollege.ie.

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

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# LEIGHLIN PARISH NEWSLETTER

17TH DECEMBER 2017  
3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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### Mass Times:

Leighlinbridge  
Saturday 7.30pm  
Sunday 11am

Mon, Tues, Wed &  
Thurs  
9.30am

Eucharistic Prayers  
Mon & 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

### Christmas Services

#### Community Celebration of Penance

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

Friday 22nd December at 7.30pm in Ballinabranna  
(included as part of Penitential Rite of Mass)

Ecumenical Carol Service, in St Lazerian's Cathedral  
Old Leighlin Thursday 21st December at 8pm

4th Sunday of Advent Sat 23rd 7.30pm Leighlinbridge  
Christmas Eve Sunday 24th. 7.30pm Leighlinbridge

Christmas Eve Sunday 24th. 10pm Ballinabranna  
Christmas Day Monday 25th. 9.30am Ballinabranna

Christmas Day Monday 25th. 11am Leighlinbridge  
St. Stephen's Day Tuesday 26th. 9.30am Leighlinbridge

Saturday 30th December (Vigil) 7.30pm Leighlinbridge  
Sunday 31st December Feast of the Holy Family.

Ballinabranna Mass at 9.30am

Leighlinbridge Mass at 11.00 am

## NOTICES

### St Fintan's Church

	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Ministers</u>
<b>Sun 24th Dec</b> <b>10.00pm</b>	Tom O'Keefe Padraig Farrell	Padraig Farrell Mary Hegarty Mai Sheehan Mary Dunne
<b>Mon 25th Dec</b> <b>9.30am</b>	Terence Farrell Daniel Pender	Bernadette Dunne Sally Lawlor Anthony Walsh Elizabeth Hegarty
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Kerri Mulleney, Niamh Fitzpatrick, Anna Mulleney, Sarah Delaney, Jack Connolly	
<b>Church Cleaning</b>	Annie Dermody, Kathleen McNally, Mai Sheehan, Noel Delos Reyes	
<b>Church Flowers</b>	<b>December</b>	Phil Daly

### St Lazerian's Church

	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Ministers</u>
<b>Sat 23rd Dec</b> <b>7.30pm</b>	Maura Devine Siobhan Haughney	Bridin Lawlor Mary Meaney (B) Tommy Lawlor Jimmy Farrell
<b>Sun 24th Dec</b> <b>7.30pm</b>	Mary Meaney (M) Margaret Purcell	Mary Meaney (M) Len Roche Kathleen Lawlor Christine Thompson
<b>Mon 25th Dec</b> <b>11am</b>	Gearoid Doheny Aoife Doheny	Sister of Mercy Kathleen McAufield Mary Clarke Anne Kelly
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Bronagh Nolan, Maura Kavanagh, Molly Callaghan, Moya O'Toole, Éabha Coady, Aoibhinn Kelly	
<b>Church Cleaning</b>	Mary Murphy, Peter Kelly, Lil Drea, Eileen Johnson	
<b>Church Flowers</b> <b>December</b>	Ann Kelly	<b>Reader for Week</b> Martin Nevin

### Day Care

Olive Townsend  
Mary Kehoe

### G.F.C Lotto

#### Old Leighlin

No's 5, 19, 21, 24  
No Winner  
Jackpot €10,000  
Reserve €6,250

### Ballinabranna:

No's 2, 3, 14, 20,  
No winner  
Jackpot €10,000  
Reserve €8,500

### Leighlinbridge:

No's 2, 6, 15, 22  
No Winner  
Jackpot €7,000  
Next week's draw in  
Brennan's

### Collections

**10/12/17**

### Envelope

L/B €655

### Offertory

L/B €492

### Nov Dead List

L/B €10

### Christmas Stations

L/B €400

### All notices for Newsletter dated 24th

**December must be in by 10am**  
**Wednesday 20th December.**

**Needy Collection:** takes place this weekend  
16th & 17th of December.

**Parish Office Opening Hours:** office closing  
at 12.30pm on Friday 22nd December and re-  
opening at 9.30am on Tuesday 2nd of January  
2108.

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

**Family Wish:** for Christmas 2017, simply fill  
in a tag and hang on the Christmas tree in either  
Church.

**Old Leighlin Basketball club:** are holding a  
clothes collection on 18th Dec anyone clearing  
out the wardrobes for all the nice things Santy  
will bring can leave bags in Old Leighlin hall any  
Monday 6-10pm, Thursday 6-9pm Friday  
5-9pm, Saturdays 5-7pm or Sundays 12-5pm.  
Clothes, bed linen, curtains, shoes, bags all  
accepted. Thank you to everyone who  
contributed to our Church gate collection  
recently your support is greatly appreciated.

### **Ballinabranna National School Christmas**

**Draw:** in Ballinabranna N.S on Thursday 21st of  
December. €5 per card. Your support would be  
much appreciated. Prizes include 43"  
Television, €200 One For All Voucher,  
Christmas Hamper, Drinks Hamper,  
Vouchers. Please contact Brenda @ school on  
0599146253 for tickets.

### **Leighlinbridge & District Active Retired:**

Ecumenical Christmas Service in Parish Centre at  
2.30pm on Monday 18th December. This is  
followed by an informal Christmas party. On  
Tuesday 5th December a group of us took a day  
trip to the national Craft and Design Fair held in  
RDS Dublin. A very enjoyable day was had by  
all.

**Old Leighlin National School:** carol service  
at 7pm on Wednesday 20th December in St.  
Lazerian's Church in Leighlinbridge.

**Leighlinbridge National School:** are looking  
for used stamps for the missions. Please drop  
them into the school.

**Tidy Towns:** Please note that there is a €150 on  
the spots fine for dog fouling on pathways or  
road ways. Ensure everyone cleans up after their  
dogs.

**Beechwood Nursing Home:** require a cook  
required for one day per week. Flexible days.  
Please contact Yvonne on 087 7763642.

**An Aspiro Christmas:** 20th Anniversary  
Christmas Retrospective, Saturday 23rd  
December 8pm, Carlow Cathedral. Experience  
the renowned sounds of Aspiro's ensembles and  
past members singing some of their all-time  
specially selected Christmas carols. Audience  
participation included. Tickets: €12/€10, Family  
(2+2) €35, available in Graiguecullen and  
Cathedral Parish Centres and from choir  
members.

**Blood Donation Clinic:** on Tuesday 19th,  
Wednesday 20th & Thursday 21st December in  
the Talbot Hotel in Carlow.

**Found:** 2 latch keys on a rubber wrist band were  
found on the road near the Arboretum. Please  
Contact the Post Office on 059 9721101.