

### Recent Deaths:

Maureen Murphy, Snugboro, Old Leighlin

### Months Mind:

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

### Anniversaries:

Patrick, Ann & Matthew Lynch, Banagagole  
Bob Carpenter, Knockabrannagh  
John Haughney, Ballinaboley & Graiguecullen  
John Farrell, Craanluskey  
John & Peg Watchorn, Craanluskey & Leighlinbridge  
Pat Foley, Banagagole  
Bill & Mona Fenlon, Montgomery St., Carlow  
Patrick Coffey, Craanluskey, Milford  
Mrs Brigid Byrne, Craan  
Fr Joe Meaney  
Betty Amond, Ballygowan



### 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.

**Carlow Regional Youth Services:** are currently recruiting Youth Support Workers for their afterschool's programme in Carlow, a receptionist /administration in head office and a Youth Support Worker / Caretaker based in Tullow on their CE Scheme. If you are interested in applying for these positions or would like to check your eligibility please contact Lisa or Marie on 085 2101494.

**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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### Mass Times:

Leighlinbridge  
Saturday 7.30pm  
Sunday 11am  
Monday, Tuesday  
Wednesday, Thursday  
9.30am

Eucharistic Prayers  
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

# LEIGHLIN PARISH NEWSLETTER

18TH DECEMBER 2016  
4TH 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**

## NOTICES

<u>St Fintan's Church</u>		
	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Ministers</u>
<b>Sat 24th Dec</b>	Mary Daly Watt Dunne	Padraig Farrell Mary Hegarty Mai Sheehan Mary Dunne
<b>Sun 25th Dec</b>	Mary Dunne Rita Keating	Bernadette Dunne Sally Lawlor Anthony Walsh Elizabeth Hegarty
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Ciara Kinsella, Paul Fitzgerald, Niamh Fitzpatrick, Kerri Mulleney, Daniel Picovici	
<b>Church Cleaning</b>	Lucy McNally, Grace Twomey, Delphine Picovici	
<b>Church Flowers</b>	<b>December</b>	Kathleen McNally

<u>St Lazerian's Church</u>		
	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Ministers</u>
<b>Sat 24th Dec</b>	Breda Brennan Celma Aughney	Mary Meaney (M) Len Roche Kathleen Lawlor <b>Anne Kelly</b>
<b>Sun 25th Dec</b>	Benny Mills Barbara Kinsella	Margaret Lawlor Agnes Kavanagh Maisie Mills Paddy O'Brien
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Adam Collins, Sam Murphy, Stanislaw Ustinov, Bronagh Nolan, Kasper Gniedziejko, Jackie Prendergast	
<b>Church Cleaning</b>	Dolores Rea, Marie Roche, Mary Clarke, Kathy Haughney, Betty Dowling	
<b>Church Flowers</b>	<b>December</b>	<b>Reader for Week</b>
	Peg Rice	

**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.

**All notices for Newsletter dated 25th December must be in by 10am Wednesday 21st December.**

### Day Care

Closed.

### G.F.C Lotto Numbers:

#### Old Leighlin

No's 3, 11, 12, 26  
No Winner  
Jackpot €8,450  
Next week's draw in Pint Depot

#### Ballinabranna:

No's 12, 14, 17, 21  
No winner  
Jackpot €10,000  
Reserve €5,950

#### Leighlinbridge:

No's 5, 6, 12, 14  
No Winner  
Jackpot €1,800  
Next week's draw in Brennan's

### Collections

**11/12/16**

### Weekly Envelope

L/B €1,285  
B/B €200

### Offertory

L/B €598  
B/B €325

### Needy

L/B €1,242.75  
B/B € 512.25

### Parish Office Christmas Opening Hours:

office closing at 12.30pm on Friday 23rd December and re opening at 9.30am on Tuesday 4th January.

### 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.

### 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.**

### 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.

### 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.

**Post Christmas treat:** – Aspiro perform 'Remembering the Child' in Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin on the 28<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm. Lovely Christmas gift for family and friends. Tickets can be bought on the following website [www.christchurch.com](http://www.christchurch.com)

**Blood Donation Clinic:** Talbot Hotel Sun 18th Dec 12 noon to 3.30pm. Mon 19th to Wed 21st 4.30pm to 8pm.

**Stott Pilates:** 8 weeks Course, Leighlin parish centre starting Monday 16th January 7-8pm. Pre booking is essential. Contact Mary @ 0872374170 for more Information.

### Old Leighlin Tidy Towns & Barrow

### Valley Athletics Club Annual Fun Run:

St Stephens Day Old Leighlin Community Hall. 2k kiddies fun run 6k 'ish' fun run €5 per person or €10 per Family. Registration from 11.30am. Race starts @12noon. Dogs are welcome, but must be kept on leads. Check out the Old Leighlin Community Hall facebook page for further details.