

**Months Mind:**

**Denis (Dinny) Byrne, Seskin Road. Mass on Saturday 22nd February at 7.30pm in Leighlinbridge.**

**1st Anniversaries:**

Patrick Dowling, Cloydagh. Mass on Sunday 1st March at 9.30am in Ballinabranna.

**Anniversaries:**

Billy & Hannah McGrath, Rathellen  
Reena Bernadette Dsouza, Leighlinbridge  
Kathleen Coffey, Craanluskey  
John Lennon, Knockbawn  
Louise Rea, Old Leighlin  
Sister Immaculata McCarthy  
Anna Quirke, Ballinree, Borris  
Owen & Mikey Keating, Ballinabranna  
The Keating Family, Ballinabranna  
Marie Burke, Oak Park, Carlow  
Hannah & Jim Fitzgerald, Coolnakisha  
William Pierce, Augharue  
John (Joseph) Moore, Rathvinden & Swindon, UK  
Colleen (Roseanne) Flynn (nee Moore), Seskin Road & Rathvinden

James & Margaret Dooley, Raheendoran  
Paddy & Billie Dooley, Carlow  
Michael Dooley, Raheendoran  
Kathleen O'Neill, Palatine  
Nan Purcell, Raheendoran  
Patrick & Julia Moore, Graiguecullen  
Esther Brennan, Kyleshall  
Gavin Brennan, Kernanstown  
Patrick Foley, St Lazerian's Street  
Mrs Mary Fitzgerald, Craan

**Notices**

**Carlow Citizens Information Centre:** provides a free and confidential information service to the people of County Carlow. We are currently recruiting volunteers. If you are interested in helping people and have some time to give, please contact us for further details. Telephone Sarah Drea at 087 193 5276. The closing date for receipt of applications is Friday 20 March 2020.

**Actions to help transform your world**

- 4. Educate yourself. Understanding the causes of hunger can help us solve the problem.
- 5. Support local farmers, buy your food at a farmer's market. (Sustainable development goal 2 Zero hunger)



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

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**LEIGHLIN PARISH NEWSLETTER**

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SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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**Mass Times:**

**Leighlinbridge**  
Saturday 7.30pm  
Sunday 11am

Mon, Tues, Wed &  
Thurs 9.30am

**Eucharistic Prayers**

Fri 9.30am

**Eucharistic Adoration**

Wednesday 2-5pm  
Friday 5 - 9pm

**Ballinabranna**

Weds 7.30pm  
Friday 7.30pm  
Sunday 9.30am

**Eucharistic Adoration**

Wednesday 2 - 3pm  
Friday 6.30 - 7.30pm

*Ash Wednesday Mass*

9.30am Leighlin

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.)*



***St Fintan's Church***

	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Ministers</u>
<b>Sun 1st March</b> <b>9.30am</b>	Seamus Marnane Conal O'Boyle	Catherine Ayres Sally Lawlor
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Lily Mary Hosey, Rachael Connolly, Eva Dooley, Connor Dooley, Dara Tunstead, Indie Keating	
<b>Church Cleaning</b>	Catherine Ayres, Mary Dunne, Mary Brennan	
<b>Church Flowers</b>	<b>March</b>	Sally Lawlor

***St Lazerian's Church***

	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Ministers</u>
<b>Sat 29th Feb</b> <b>7.30pm</b>	Martin Nevin Sharon Tuite	Shauna Murphy Mary Meaney (B) Tommy Lawlor
<b>Sun 1st March</b> <b>11am</b>	Angela Roche Ailish Lynch	Paddy O'Brien Anne Kelly Anita Dunican
<b>Altar Servers</b> <b>Sat 29th Feb</b> <b>7.30pm</b>	Mollie Nolan, Shauna Nolan, Jane Kavanagh, Ruarc O'Neill, Alan Fitzgerald, Adam Doyle	
<b>Altar Servers</b> <b>Sun 1st March</b> <b>11am</b>	Ava Nolan, Hannah Roche, Tommy McDonald, Robbie Honeyball, Ciaran Bambrick, Matthew Jordan	
<b>Church Cleaning</b>	Dolores Rea, Marie Roche, Betty Dowling Kathy Haughney	
<b>Church Flowers</b> <b>March</b>	Ann Kelly	<b>Reader for Week</b> Martin Nevin

**Anniversaries:** Anyone wishing to have a loved one prayed for should notify the Parish Office before **10am on Thursday morning** as this is when the newsletter is printed. Any anniversaries received after this time will be included in the following weeks issue of the newsletter.

**From Grief to Grace:** A holy hour of prayer for those affected by sexual abuse will take place in the Cathedral of the Assumption, Carlow on Friday 28th February beginning at 7.30pm. All are welcome.

**Day Care**

Karen Dooley  
Ann Ball

**G.F.C Lotto**  
**Old Leighlin**

No's 5, 8, 14, 23  
No Winner  
Jackpot €10,000  
Reserve €10,000  
2nd Reserve €10,000  
Next week's draw in  
Annie's Porter House

**Ballinabranna:**

No's 3, 7, 17, 19  
No Winner  
Jackpot €10,000  
Reserve €4,850

**Leighlinbridge:**

No's 4, 5, 7, 8  
No Winner  
Jackpot €5,400  
Next draw in  
Brennan's

**Collections**  
**16/2/20**

**Envelopes**

L/B €490  
B/B €275

**Offertory**

L/B €565  
B/B €275



**NOTICES**

**Parish Draw Sunday 23rd February:**

Parish Office will be open on Sat 22nd from 2pm – 5pm to facilitate return of cards.

**Leighlinbridge ICA:** are holding a Cake Sale and Bric a Brac in the Community Centre this Sunday, February 23rd at 10.30am.

**Ballinabranna National School**

**Parents Association:** are holding a Family Fun Run on Sunday March 8th as a fundraiser for the school. You can register on line <https://justrunsevents.com/ballinabranna-5k.php> or register on the day.

Registration starts at 9.30am at Ballinabranna GAA clubhouse. Race starts at 11am. Spot prizes & medals up for grabs ! Refreshments served afterwards.

**Leighlinbridge Improvement Group:**

AGM Tuesday 25th February in Parish Centre at 8.15pm. New members would be very welcome and encouraging to the present volunteers. Who knows ..2020 could be our special year!!

**Rambling House:** A night of music, dancing & storytelling in the Old School Hall in Ballinabranna on Wednesday 26th February at 8pm. All welcome.

**Pro Life talk:** Speakers: Carol Nolan and Michael Dwyer from Family & Life. Thursday March 5th at 7:30pm at Portlaoise Parish Centre in the Campur Room. All welcome!

**Knights of Columbanus:**

Information night being held in the Cathedral Parish Centre, Carlow on Thursday 27th February at 7.30pm

**Pilates:** new 6 week course starting this week. **Bagenalstown** Monday 24th at 6pm. **Leighlinbridge** Wed 26th 6pm (back care and beginners) 7:15 improvers. Thurs 27th 10am mixed level. Classes suitable for male and female. €60 for 6 weeks or €12 drop in. Please contact (087)7731106

**Leighlinbridge and District Active Retired:**

Meeting Monday 24th in Parish Centre at 2.30pm Refreshments followed by Chair Yoga Session 4. Day trip to a Shannon Cruise Tuesday 7th April. Cost €69 includes transport, tea/coffee break, the cruise and a meal in Tullamore Court Hotel on our return. Also our Summer holiday August 30th to 4th September will take us to Letterkenny, Co Donegal. More details later. For enquiries ring Madeleine 086/4080286 or Maura 087/9732183. Due to insufficient numbers we've had to cancel the Lunch Dance Sun 1st March. Apology for any inconvenience caused.

**Attention Active Retirement Clubs**

**throughout Ireland:** We are organising a Guided Tour of Berlin for three days 8th May 2020 ex Dublin including two half days of Guided Tours throughout Berlin with 4 Star Hotel in City Centre. Contact Joe Walsh Tours on 01-2410800

**Carlow Older Persons Forum:** are hosting coffee mornings in our cabin, in the Old School House, Barrack Street, Tuesday 25th February 2020 from 10.00am-1.00pm. Then every 2nd Tuesday of the month going forward.

Contact No: 089 4062356. All WELCOME.

**Accord Catholic Marriage Care Service:**

is currently recruiting volunteers to train as marriage preparation course facilitators. If you have a positive attitude towards marriage in the Catholic Church. If you have the enthusiasm to be part of the Accord team in supporting couples who are preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage. Accord wants to hear from you! Successful applicants will receive professional training and will be part of a team delivering marriage preparation courses locally. Contact Aisling on 01 505 3112 or by email to [info@accord.ie](mailto:info@accord.ie) The closing date for receipt of application forms to be included in Selections for this year is Friday 15th May. Application forms and additional information about becoming a facilitator is available on [www.accord.ie](http://www.accord.ie)