

### Recent Deaths:

Ella Malone (neé Maher), sister of Paddy Maher, Clorusk

### Anniversaries:

Shelia & Michael Bolger, New Road	McDonald Family, Lacken
Elizabeth Nolan, Coolnakisha	Elizabeth & John O'Brien, Upper Tomard
Elizabeth & Denis Nolan, The Ridge	Michael & Eleanor O'Hare, Armagh
Denis Nolan Jnr, The Ridge	Liam & Mary Looby, Dublin
Ann & Michael Grannells, Ballinabranna	Edward Malone, Oak Park
Julia Coffey, St Lazerian's Terrace	Jack McNally, Carlow Road
Margaret Conran, Seskin Road	Ellen & William Kelly, Killenane
Mrs Mary Reidy, Rathnapish, Carlow	Elizabeth Pierce, Carlow Road
Ann & Bob Fetchko, Rathellen & New York	Maurice & Lizzie Fitzgerald, Upper Seskin
Mary (Mai) Bambrick, Banagagole	Jane Byrne, Bawnree
Patrick Coffey, Craanluskey, Milford	Lena Byrne, Parknakyle
James Meaney, Moanduff	Stephen Meaney, Moanduff
Thomas Comerford, The Ridge	Johanna Byrne, Old Leighlin
Patrick & Margaret O'Brien, Craan	Mary Catherine Brennan, Old Leighlin
Patrick & Margaret Clarke, The Ridge	Byrne Family, School Road
Brigid Hughes, The Ridge	Peter & Maureen Ryan, Nenagh
James & Elizabeth Clancy, Ferbane	Ger Dunne, Craanluskey
Mrs Catherine Byrne, School Road	
Sarah & Joseph Dowling, Knocklonagad, Garryhill	
Maura Burke née Farrell, Carlow & Craanluskey	
Deceased members of the Kavanagh Family, Monemore	
Martin & Bridget O'Brien, Upper Tomard	
Christy Dolan, Palmerstown & The Ridge	

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**“BROADWAY Musical Show”** - Fundraiser for Naomh Brid Hurling and Camogie set for March 4th 2017, Lord Bagenal. Male / Female volunteers needed NOW to join a group and be part of the show with your friends. Great fun guaranteed. Give us a call 085 1962840 or any of the club officers.



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## LEIGHLIN PARISH NEWSLETTER

25TH DECEMBER 2016  
NATIVITY OF OUR LORD



### A Christmas Message from Bishop Denis

On this Christmas Day, I greet you, your families and loved ones with every grace and blessing!  
It's over 2000 years since God's Son was born in a stable in Bethlehem. He was the same as any other baby - needing to be fed and changed, needing to be held and loved. Like all babies - like the children of your own family - he melted the hearts of those who looked upon him or held him in their arms. That's how God comes to us still - asking for our love.

We can direct him to the darkness of the stable because we have no space for him in our busy lives, or we can make room in our hearts to receive him with love. Your presence here today, in God's house, celebrating the birth of the Christ child is a sign of your willingness to welcome God into your hearts and homes. I want you to know each one of you is always welcome in God's house.

Your presence is a gift; your presence helps us to recognize that God is indeed with us; your presence gives us hope that the light will conquer the darkness that at times threatens to overwhelm humanity!

This Christmas, conscious of the turmoil in our world, conscious of the challenges of poverty, homelessness and materialism in society, conscious of our own need to be made whole, let us welcome Christ once more and allow ourselves to be held in that loving embrace of God.

✠Denis Nulty

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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

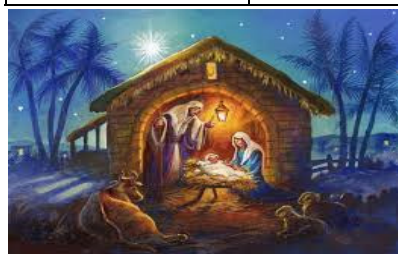
Ballinabranna  
Sunday 9.30am  
Friday 7.30pm

Eucharistic Adoration  
Wednesday 2 - 3pm  
Friday 8 - 9pm

**NOTICES**

<b><i>St Fintan's Church</i></b>		
	<b><u>Readers</u></b>	<b><u>Ministers</u></b>
<b>Sun 1st Jan</b>	Mary Daly Watt Dunne	Bridie Keating Pat Carter Killian Amond Benny Amond
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Leah Connolly, John Lawlor, Oisín Pagnier, Aisling Walsh, Zac Gladney Brennan	
<b>Church Cleaning</b>	Brigid O'Keefe, Bridie Keating, Mary Quinn, Josephine Fitzgerald	
<b>Church Flowers</b>	<b>January</b>	Phil Daly

<b><i>St Lazerian's Church</i></b>		
	<b><u>Readers</u></b>	<b><u>Ministers</u></b>
<b>Sat 31st Dec</b>	Martin Nevin Sharon Tuite	Seamus Somers George Donoghue Jimmy Farrell Tommy Lawlor
<b>Sun 1st Jan</b>	Gearoid Doheny Aoife Doheny	Sister of Mercy Kathleen McAufield Mary Clarke Christine Thompson
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Aoife Stanford, Caitlin Earl, Ellie Myles, Konrad Slewa, Daragh Fitzgerald, Daniel Roche	
<b>Church Cleaning</b>	Josie O'Mara, Ellen Whelan, Caroline O'Neill, Karen Gibbons	
<b>Church Flowers</b>	<b>January</b>	<b>Reader for Week</b> Mary Hanley



*Merry Christmas from  
all in the Parish Office*

**Day Care**

Closed.

**G.F.C Lotto**

**Numbers:**

**Old Leighlin**

No's 23, 24, 26, 28

No Winner

Jackpot €8,600

Next week's draw  
in Sheerin's

**Ballinabranna:**

No's 11, 13, 15, 24

No winner

Jackpot €10,000

Reserve €6,000

**Leighlinbridge:**

No's 1, 4, 11, 23

No Winner

Jackpot €1,900

Next week's draw in  
Brennan's

**Collections**

**18/12/16**

**Weekly Envelope**

L/B €650

B/B €310

**Offertory**

L/B €570

B/B €265

**Shrine**

L/B €360

**Needy**

L/B €950

B/B € 25

**Christmas**

L/B €1,313

B/B € 122

**Parish Office Christmas Opening Hours:**

Re-opens at 9.30am on Tuesday 4th January.

**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.

**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.**

**Ballinabranna GAA:** wish all our members & friends a very happy Xmas. St. Stephen's night music by Matt Dunne, New Year's Eve music by Dave O'Neill, lotto jackpot €10000.

**Ballinabranna/Milford/Raheendoran Development Group:** Thank you to everyone who supported us in 2016. We appreciate it very much. We are delighted that our points increased by 10 in the Tidy Towns competition this year. Five Oak trees were set in Ballinabranna village and a Silver Birch at Milford in December. Many thanks to Aidan Lowry, Owen Keating and Michael Jackson for setting the trees. We would like to wish you a Happy Christmas and a Happy New Year 2017.

**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)

**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.

**Carlow Mental Health Association:** We realise that January can be a challenging month for us all so Carlow Mental Health Association will be in the Shaw Room of the Carlow Library each Thursday in January 2017 from 10-12 giving out information on building resilience and signposting people to the relevant mental health services that are available locally. There will be a relaxation type activity each Thursday at 11 for half an hour. No need to book just drop in. Also as part of our agenda of reducing stigma around mental health we are supporting the Visual with the campaign "First Fortnight" by showing a film in the Visual called "Infinitely PolarBear" on Tuesday Jan 17<sup>th</sup> at 8pm. Information stand and question and answers session will be held on that evening as well. Tickets €5 from the Visual.