

### Recent Deaths:

Anthony Jackman, Tullow (21st March)

### Months Mind:

Sr Immaculata McCarthy, Mass on Saturday 25th March at 7.30pm in Leighlinbridge

### Anniversaries:

Kathleen Murphy, Banagagole	P.J. Foley, The Friary
Ciss Hogan, Oldtown	Patrick McDonald, Cloydagh
Maria Pöllmann, Banagagole & Germany	Michael Monahan, Ballinaboley
Paddy Carpenter, Knockabranagh	Michael (Mick Rea) Ballinabranna
Johanna Connolly, Ballygowan	Bridie & Jimmy Neville, Coonogue
John Wynne, The Courthouse, Carlow	James (Jim) Clarke, 2 Carlow Road
Pat Byrne, Ballinabranna	Joe Walsh, Raheendoran
Patrick & Mary Byrne, Castledermot	Patrick Lawlor, High Street
Arthur & Kathleen Lawlor, Craanluskey	Michael Clarke, The Ridge
Luke & Mary Roche & Family, Monemore	Maurice Lawlor, Seskin Road
Philip & Kate Meany & Family, Blackbush	
Jane Mullins (née McCullagh) Ballinabranna & Leighlinbridge	

### **Acknowledgement**

The Sisters of Mercy & the McCarthy family wish to extend their heartfelt gratitude to all those who called to the Convent and sympathised on the recent death of Sr Immaculata McCarthy. We thank those who attended the Removal & Funeral Mass, those who sent Mass Cards & flowers. A special thank you to Fr Tom Lalor, Deacon Patrick Roche, to Helen Lynch & the Church choir. Our sincere gratitude to the ladies in the Parish Centre who provided refreshments on the night of the removal, also our kind neighbours and friends whose support was greatly appreciated. As it would be impossible to thank all of you individually please accept this acknowledgement with our gratitude and prayers.

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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

### **A Mother's Love**

There are times when only a mother's love  
Can understand our tears,  
Can soothe our disappoints  
And calm all of our fears.

There are times when only a mother's love  
Can share the joy we feel  
When something we've dreamed about  
Quite suddenly is real.

There are times when only a mother's faith  
Can help us on life's way  
And inspire in us the confidence  
We need from day to day.

For a mother's heart and a mother's faith  
And a mother's steadfast love  
Were fashioned by the angels  
And sent from God above.

"The Lord looks on the heart." Are you being called to do the deeds of Christ as a priest.

### St Fintan's Church

	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Ministers</u>
<b>Sun 2nd April 9.30am</b>	Tom O'Keefe Padraig Farrell	Bridie Keating Pat Carter Killian Amond Benny Amond
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Maria Kelly, Paddy Marnane, Sarah Delaney, Keara Minion, Ella Kennedy	
<b>Church Cleaning</b>	Lucy McNally, Grace Twomey, Delphine Picovici	
<b>Church Flowers</b>	<b>April</b>	Mary Hegarty

### St Lazerian's Church

	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Ministers</u>
<b>Sat 1st April 7.30pm</b>	Mary Meaney (M) Margaret Purcell	Seamus Somers George Donoghue Jimmy Farrell Tommy Lawlor
<b>Sun 2nd April 11am</b>	Benny Mills Barbara Kinsella	Margret Lawlor Agnes Kavanagh Maisie Mills Paddy O'Brien
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Aoife Stanford, Caitlin Earl, Ellie Myles, Konrad Slewa, Daragh Fitzgerald, Daniel Roche	
<b>Church Cleaning</b>	Maura Devine, Lizzie Earl, Oliver Quinn, Ann Dooley	
<b>Church Flowers</b>	<b>April</b>	<b>Reader for Week</b> Peg Rice

**World Meeting of Families:** Pope Francis has personally chosen Dublin to be the host diocese for the World Meeting of Families from 21-26 August 2018. Planning for this great national and international celebration of faith is well underway. Hosting this important event requires an enormous amount of planning and funding. In this regard a second national collection will be held next weekend (1 and 2 April). Your support for this collection would be greatly appreciated.

**Benediction:** There will be Benediction every Wednesday during Lent in Leighlinbridge at 5pm at the end of Eucharistic Adoration. All are welcome.

### Day Care

Karen Dooley  
Agnes Kavanagh

### G.F.C Lotto

#### Numbers:

### Old Leighlin

No's 1,11,19,21  
No Winner  
Jackpot €10,000  
Next week's draw  
In Sheerin's

### Ballinabranna:

No's 1,12,16,25  
No winner  
Jackpot €10,000  
Reserve €6,650

### Leighlinbridge:

No's 2, 5, 7, 18  
No Winner  
Jackpot €3,200  
Next week's draw in  
Brennan's

### Collections

19/03/17

### Envelope

L/B €595 19/3  
B/B €215 12/3  
B/B €225 19/3

### Offertory

L/B €490 17/3  
L/B €600 19/3

B/B €275.10 12/3  
B/B €250.29 17/3  
B/B €230 19/3

## NOTICES

**CHRISM MASS 2017: A Message to You from Bishop Denis:** I want to take this opportunity to invite you to come to Carlow for this year's celebration of the Chrism Mass on Monday, April 10 at 7:30 p.m. in the Cathedral. During this Mass the Holy Oils that will be used across the diocese in baptisms, confirmations, ordinations and anointing of the sick will be blessed and the priests of the diocese will renew their vows of ordination. We will be led in song on the night by the Diocesan Choir, and I am delighted that we will get to pray in song together as a diocese the newly composed Mass of St Patrick, by our own Fr Liam Lawton. I look forward to meeting and saying hello to as many of you as possible after the Mass over a cuppa next door in Carlow College. So put the date in your calendar because your presence will make all the difference!  
+Bishop Denis

**Cards:** for First Communion & Confirmation now available in Parish Centre in support of Day Care. Only €1 each.

### Leighlin Parish Community Alert:

Church gate collection will be held on Sat/Sun 25th & 26th March in Leighlin and Ballinabranna

**Church Gate Collection:** for Multiple Sclerosis in Leighlinbridge on weekend of Sat 1st & Sun 2nd April. Please support.

**Lourdes 2016:** Slides of the 2106 Lourdes trip will be shown by Sean McDonnell in the Parish Centre on Mon 27th March @ 8.30pm. Any parishioner who would like to view them are most welcome to attend.

**Care of the Aged:** Scenic Barrow walk Sat May 6th at 2pm, starting at the Parish Centre. It's our main fundraiser, please support.

### Leighlinbridge & District Active Retired:

Meeting Monday 27th in Parish Centre at 2.30. Refreshments followed by Session 5 of Crochet and Knitting with Patricia O'Leary. Still places available for summer break 5- night stay in Quality Hotel Youghal Co Cork 11-16th June. For enquiries phone Madeleine 086-4080286

**Vacancy:** Male or female required for the role of Lollipop person at Ballinabranna N.S under the auspices of Tús community work placement initiative. To be eligible you must have been unemployed for at least 12 months. Full qualifying conditions are available on the Tús website.

### 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.

**Clean-up in Ballinabranna:** We hope you can join us for our Spring Clean of the Ballinabranna/Milford/Raheendoran area on Saturday 8th of April. We are meeting in the church car park in Ballinabranna at 10am. Wear high visibility vests and gloves if possible, bags are provided. Everyone is welcome to join us.

**Friendship Group:** Cookery Class with Majella Johnston Thursday 30th March at 8pm in Parish Centre. Contact Ann Kelly 059 9722013 or Parish Centre.

**Tennis:** Anybody interested in playing tennis in Leighlinbridge evenings or weekends please contact John Harkin on 085 1997779

**Ridge Tug of War Club:** Quiz night in Sheerin's Bar, the Ridge, Old Leighlin in aid of the Tug of war Club on Friday 31st March at 9.p.m. Table of 4 - €40. New members welcome. Contact 086 1594146.