

**Recent Death:**

Declan Delaney, Tullaroan & formerly Craan

Catherine (Kitty) O’Keeffe, Dublin & formerly Rathornan

**1st Anniversaries:**

**Annie McDonald, Johnduffswood**

**Anniversaries:**

Mikie Byrne, Lower Seskin

Agnes Dermody, Oldtown, Nurney

Edward Dermody, Sheffield & formerly Oldtown

Michael & Bridget Glynn, Raheendoran

Terence O’Brien Snr, Orchard

Edward Sheehy, Banagagole

Richard Eyre, Ardough, Bilboa

Kathleen Brophy (née Whyte) late of Fonthill, Milford

Edward & Margaret McDonald, Johnduffswood

Sheila McDonald, Johnduffswood



**Sustainable Development Goal Number 9:**

25. Don’t throw away. Give away! Pass on your working electronics or recycle them.

26. Download an app on sustainability for example ‘goodonyou’ (app to counter fast fashion).

27. Try to buy sustainable products.

**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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**Mass Times:**

**Leighlinbridge**

**No Public Masses**

**Mass via webcam**

**Sat 7.30pm**

**Sunday 11am**

**Monday -Friday**

**9.30am**

**Ballinabranna**

**No Public Masses**

**LEIGHLIN PARISH NEWSLETTER**

**29TH NOVEMBER 2020**

**1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

*The meaning of Advent*

Advent marks the beginning of a new Church year and lasts from the fourth Sunday before Christmas, until the celebration of the Nativity of Our Lord, Christmas.

The word 'Advent' comes from the Latin word '*Adventus*,' meaning 'coming'.

Advent is a period of preparation that directs our hearts and minds to the time when Christ will come again and to the remembrance and celebration of the first coming of Christ to us at Christmas.

*Advent*

## NOTICES

**Notice:** Please be advised the Parish Centre is closed to the public until further notice. The Parish Office staff have access to emails & voicemail messages during normal office hours. We recommend that parishioners continue to communicate with the office through telephone or email. We will publish a Newsletter each week which will be available in the usual outlets and on the Website [www.leighlinparish.ie](http://www.leighlinparish.ie). Tel: 059-9722607 **Mobile: 085-7714309** email: [info@leighlinparish.ie](mailto:info@leighlinparish.ie)

**Diocesan Advent page:** The diocesan website, [www.kandle.ie](http://www.kandle.ie), has a dedicated Advent page that will be added to throughout the season of Advent. Parishioners are invited to access this page for a weekly Advent bulletin, Scripture Sharing reflections from Fr Liam Lawton, videos on making and blessing an Advent wreath and on creating an Advent prayer space in the home and more!

**Samaritans Light Up Campaign:** Samaritans provide a 24-hour helpline service for people who are in distress, struggling to cope and who are in need of emotional support, including those who are feeling suicidal. Every Christmas we mark the Winter Solstice on December 21<sup>st</sup> with an event called the Longest Night. Through this we let our callers know that we're there for them during their darkest hours, especially over the festive period. This year we are appealing to local authorities, businesses, and church leaders to light up their buildings in green or where colour change is not possible, a light or lantern on to support us. Samaritans can be contacted 24 hours a day, seven days a week, of freephone 116 123 or email [jo@samaritans.ie](mailto:jo@samaritans.ie)

**COVID-19 Support Line for Older People:** ALONE manage a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the outbreak of COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open seven days a week, 8am - 8pm, by calling 0818 222 024.

**Waiting in Hope Liturgy:** Bishop Denis and the Diocesan Commission Liturgical Formation are inviting people across the diocese to begin the Advent journey with him in a moment of prayer and a spirit of hope. The Bishop will lead a livestreamed service of music, prayer, scripture and reflections at 7:30 pm on Sunday November 29 from the Cathedral of the Assumption, Carlow. You can access this livestream on the **iCatholic Facebook page** <https://facebook.com/iCatholic>, the **KANDLE Facebook page**, <https://www.facebook.com/KANDLEi/>. as well as on the **YouTUBE channel** <https://youtube.com/c/icatholicplayer> **Please have an individual candle ready to light and to hold during this service.** In the words of Bishop Denis, *'together let us wait in hope, let us turn down the dial and be gentle with one another and ourselves as we prepare in the strangest of times to welcome Jesus, Emmanuel, among us.'*

**Webcam:** To access Mass online, please log in to "YoutubeLeighlinParish" and follow the link.

**Christmas Wreaths:** Orders are been taken for fresh holly wreaths for sale, €10 each please contact Marguerite Gaughan 086-3275291

### Collections:

4th Oct	Envelope	Silver
L/B	€1,315	€220
B/B	€ 155	€140
25th Oct		
B/B	€ 85	
15th Nov		
L/B	€850	
B/B	€ 25	
22nd Nov		
L/B	€ 355	
B/B	€352	
Shrine -	Oct	Nov
L/B	€420	€270
B/B	€291	€413
Clergy:		
L/B	€2,345	
B/B	€ 535	
Missions:		
L/B	€495	
B/B	€ 25	
Nov. Dead List		
L/B	€965	
B/B	€ 70	

## An Advent Tradition for Church and Home



### THE ADVENT WREATH

The advent wreath has a rich meaning. The circle of the wreath, with no beginning or end, symbolises the eternity of God. The evergreen reminds us of the everlasting life we have in Christ while any pine cones or pods in the wreath represent new life and resurrection. The four candles represent the four Sundays of Advent. Purple is traditionally a colour of penance and prayer while the rose pink candle that is lit on the Third Sunday (Gaudete/Rejoice Sunday) marks our joy as we move ever closer to Christmas.

#### A Blessing Prayer

Loving God, let your blessing come upon us as we light this wreath. May it be a sign of hope for us as we prepare for your coming and may it turn our hearts to you in the days ahead. Give us your peace and love as we wait in joyful hope. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

See [kandle.ie](http://kandle.ie) for a short video on making a wreath for your home