### Recent Death:

Ann Kinsella (nee Pierce), 147 Heather Hills Downs, Portlaoise Road, Graiguecullen, Carlow & formerly Leighlinbridge.

### 1st Anniversary:

Breda Bashrum (nee Flynn), Killenane, Mass on Saturday 29th December at 7.30pm in Leighlinbridge. Blanch Kehoe, Orchard, Mass on Saturday 5th January at 7.30pm in Leighlinbridge.

### Anniversaries:

Patrick Redmond, Clogrennane Deceased members of Ballinabranna GAA Club Dan & Ann Pender, Craan, Leighlinbridge John Pender, Craan Leighlinbridge Adrian Rice, England Mary Nevin, England & Coolnakisha Margaret Conran, Seskin Road, Leighlin Paddy O'Keeffe, Seskin Lower Patrick & Margaret Clarke, The Ridge Bridgit Hughes, The Ridge Mick Brennan, Kilree & Bagenalstown

John Brennan, Moanduff Julia Brennan, Moanduff Billy Byrne, Craan Nan Murphy, Seskin Road Moira Purcell, Lacken Bill Bambrick, Bawnree

### Prayer for Families

Dear Lord, bless our family. Be so kind as to give us the unity, peace, and mutual love that You found in Your own family in the little town of Nazareth. Saint Joseph, bless the head of our family. Obtain for him the strength, the wisdom, and the prudence he needs to support and direct those under his care. Mother Mary, bless the mother of our family. Help her to be pure and kind, gentle and self-sacrificing. For the more she resembles you, the better will our family be. Lord Jesus, bless the children of our family. Help them to be obedient and devoted to their parents. Make them more and more like You. Let them grow, as You did, in wisdom and age and grace before God and man. Holy Family of Nazareth, make our family and home more and more like Yours, until we are all one family, happy and at peace in our true home with You. Amen.

National Catholic Rural Life Conference

<u>Safeguarding</u>: If you have an issue with Safeguarding in the Parish please contact the DLP at 085 8021633 or email dlp@kandle.ie Local safeguarding Reps are Eileen Johnston, Michael Roche & Liz Dunne.

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# **LEIGHLIN PARISH NEWSLETTER**

## **30TH DECEMBER 2018** FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

<u>Contact Details:</u> Fr Pat Hennessy 059 9721463 Deacon Patrick Roche 083 1957783 Parish Centre 059 9722607 Email: info@leighlinparish.ie

## Mass Times:

Leighlinbridge Saturday 7.30pm Sunday 11am

Mon, Tues, Wed & Thurs 9.30am

Eucharistic Prayers Friday 9.30am

Eucharistic Adoration Wednesday 2 - 5pm Friday 5 - 9pm

> Ballinabranna Friday 7.30pm Sunday 9.30am

Eucharistic Adoration Wednesday 2 - 3pm Friday 6.30 - 7.30pm

## A New Year Begins

As the new year starts and the old year ends, there is no better time to make amends, for all the things we sincerely regret, and wish in our hearts we could somehow forget.

We all make mistakes, for its human to err, but no one need ever give up in despair, for God gives us all a brand new beginning, a chance to start over and repent of our sinning.

And when God forgives us we too must forgive,and resolve to do better each day that we live,by constantly trying to be like Him more nearly,and to trust in His wisdom and love Him more dearly.

assured that we're never out of his care, and we're always welcome to seek Him in prayer.

| St Fintan's Church |   |                 |                                |  |
|--------------------|---|-----------------|--------------------------------|--|
|                    | <u>Readers</u>  | Mi              | <u>Ministers</u>               |  |
| Sun 6th Jan        | Tom O'Keefe   | Killian Amond   |                                |  |
| 9.30am             | Padraig Farrell   | Benny Amond     |                                |  |
| Altar Servers      | Grace Lawlor, Niamh Raftery, Kian McDarby,<br>Daniel Walsh, Lydia Keating |                 |                                |  |
| Church             | Brigid O'Keefe, Bridie Keating,   |                 |                                |  |
| Cleaning           | Mary Quinn, Josephine Fitzgerald  |                 |                                |  |
| Church Flowers     | January   | Mary Dunne      |                                |  |
|                    | <u>St Lazerian's Chur</u>   |                 |                                |  |
|                    | <u>Readers</u>  | N               | <u>Ainisters</u>               |  |
| Sat 5th Jan        | Maura Devine  | S               | hauna Murphy                   |  |
| 7.30pm             | Siobhan Haughney  | Ν               | Aary Meaney (B)                |  |
|                    |   | Т               | ommy Lawlor                    |  |
| Sun 6th Jan        | Benny Mills   | Margaret Lawlor |                                |  |
| 11am               | Barbara Kinsella  |                 | Agnes Kavanagh<br>Maisie Mills |  |
| Altar Servers      | Alan Fitzgerald, Victo  | or Harkin,      |                                |  |
|                    | Ruarc O'Neill, James Roche, Casey Farrell,<br>Adam Doyle, Aaron McDonald  |                 |                                |  |
| Church Cleaning    | Dolores Rea, Marie Roche,   |                 |                                |  |
| _                  | Kathy Haughney, Betty Dowling   |                 |                                |  |
| Church Flowers     | Ann Kelly   |                 | Reader for Week                |  |
| December           |   |                 | Martin Nevin                   |  |
|                    |   |                 |                                |  |

<u>Parish Office Opening Hours:</u> office re-opening at 9.30am on Wednesday 2nd of January 2019.

**Fr. Hennessy:** would greatly appreciate if people would let him or the Parish office know when family members are in hospital, so he can visit them. Please contact Fr. Hennessy on 059 9721463 or Parish Centre on 059 9722607.

#### Day Care

Re-Opens on Tuesday 8th January

G.F.C Lotto Old Leighlin No's 11, 13, 20, 27 No Winner Jackpot €10,000 Reserve €10,000 2nd Reserve €4,350 Next week's draw in Annie's Porter

Ballinabranna: No's 1, 6, 15, 26

No Winner Jackpot €10,000 Reserve €10,000 2nd Reserve €2,150

<u>leighlinbridge:</u>

No's 1, 5, 14, 15 No Winner Jackpot €3,300 Next week's draw in Brennan's

<u>Collections</u> <u>23/12/18</u> <u>Envelopes</u> L/B €4250 - 23-25/12 B/B €165 B/B €280 - 16/12

### <u>Offertory</u> L/B €730

B/B€310 B/B€230 - 16/12

## <u>NOTICES</u>

**Parish Envelopes:** It would be appreciated if any outstanding donations to the Parish Envelope collections could be returned as soon as possible. It is coming towards the end of the year and the Parish wishes to complete the 2018 contributions.

### Leighlin Parish Fund-Raising Draw:

is a six-month draw beginning Feb 2019, with a total prize fund of  $\pounds$ 25,200. Tickets are  $\pounds$ 60 each or  $\pounds$ 10 per draw. As always new promotors are required. If you are interested in becoming a promotor, please contact the Parish Centre on 059 9722607. The money raised in our Parish goes towards the upkeep of our Parish. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

**Ballinabranna G.F.C.:** are holding their AGM on Sun 30th Dec at 2pm in Ballinabranna club house. Mass for deceased club members will be held in St. Fintan's Church, Ballinabranna at 9.30am on Sun 30th Dec.

**<u>Rambling House</u>**: A night of music, dancing & story-telling in the Old School Hall in Ballinabranna on Monday 31st December at 8.30pm.

### Whisperings of my Soul by Fr Sean

**<u>Hyland</u>**: is now available in the parish centres of Carlow Cathedral, Askea, Portlaoise, Portarlington, Naas and Newbridge. Smaller parishes are invited to have a representative pick up some books on a sale or return basis from these centres. Price is €15.

Old Leighlin GFC AGM: on Saturday 5th January 2019 at 8.30pm in the community

**Pioneer Magazines:** as we are unable to deliver personally to our members, I would please ask for them to be collected after Masses or in the Parish Centre. Contact Breda on 059 9721875. Thank you.

**Fatima and Lisbon Pilgrimage:** ex Dublin (last remaining seats) for Feast Day of Saint Anthony 9th/14th June 2019. Full board €675 pps, single supplement €32. Medjugorje Pilgrimage for the Youth Festival at August bank holiday weekend 2019, one of the biggest events of the year in Medjugorje, ex Dublin costs €725 pps for 7 nights. Payment can also be made in instalments. Contact James Treacy on 061 921470 or 086 0572216.

### Are you? Struggling with Anxiety or Depression? Finding Life Difficult?

**Isolated? GROW:** is here to help you. Our Mental Health Support groups are free and confidential and open to all, no referral or booking needed. Meeting Times are: Tuesday (@ 10am,Venue:Grow Office Barrack Street Kilkenny, Tuesday @ 7.45pm,Venue: St Catherine's Social Services Centre Joseph's Road Carlow Town (Across from the train station) Wednesday @ 8pm, Venue: Grow Office Barrack Street Kilkenny & Friday @ 10.30am, Venue: Grow Office Barrack Street Kilkenny.



<u>Shrine</u>

B/B€253