### Pray for:

<u>1st Anniversaries:</u> John Minchin, Seskin, Mass on Saturday 5th August @ 7.30pm in Leighlinbridge

#### Anniversaries:

Daniel McGrath, Rathellen Brigid McGrath, Rathellen Bridie Boland, Coolgreaney Jim Hickey, Monemore Michael Dermody, Oldtown Josie Breen (nee McEvoy) Bunclody Bridget 'Bridie' Moore, Rathvinden Patrick & Annie Kelly, Parknakyle William Murphy, Lacken John & Claire Comerford, Seskinrea Mick Lowry, Clogrennane Nan Brennan, Clogrennane Lily Brennan, Clogrennane Angela & Marc Sheehy, Askea Lawn, Carlow



#### **Notices**

**Leighlinbridge ICA:** At present we are preparing for the Tullow Show on August 20th. Every year the ICA guilds in Carlow have a tent at the show and a competition between guilds, with a display of arts and crafts also on exhibition. There are five components to this year's competition, and the ladies will be flexing their creative and craft muscles in anticipation of competing for the coveted Rose Bowl. On Saturday Sept 2nd Leighlin will be having a Hats and Handbags sale. All proceeds of the sale will be given to Women's Aid in Carlow. There will be tea and refreshments as well, and a raffle. There are plans for a day trip to An Grianan in August, the ICA residential college in Termonfeckin County Louth. There will be various classes on offer during the day, and lunch is provided. New members are always welcome.

**Safeguarding:** 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 Fr Tom Lalor, Eileen Johnston, Michael Roche & Liz Dunne.

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# **LEIGHLIN PARISH NEWSLETTER**

## 30TH JULY 2017 17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

#### Contact Details:

Fr Tom Lalor 087 2360355 Deacon Patrick Roche 083 1957783 Parish Centre 059 9722607 Email: info@leighlinparish.ie Web & Live Webcam

#### 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

> <u>Ballinabranna</u> Sunday 9.30am Friday 7.30pm

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

## **Unanswered Questions**

It would be great if we had all the answers. Every one of us has so many unanswered questions. Life can be so unpredictable, unfair & cruel at times. What did I do to deserve this? Why me? Why not somebody else? Why now?

It is easy to blame somebody else or to blame God maybe.

This is understandable, it is unhealthy when

We hold on to blame and never move on with our lives

In the Gospels Jesus never claimed to have all the answers.

Even up on the cross, his last few words were

"My God why have you forsaken me".

The invitation is to live the questions.

We pray for the strength to live with our questions & the strength to walk

forward with our lives even if it is only small steps.

"Ask and you shall receive. Seek and you shall find. Knock and it will be opened to you."

<u>St Fintan's Church</u>			
	Readers	<u>Ministers</u>	
Sun 6th Aug	Terence Farrell	Bridie Keating	
9.30am	Daniel Pender	Daniel Pender	
		Killian Amond	
		Benny Amond	
Altar Servers	Maria Kelly, Paddy Marnane, Sarah Delaney,		
	Keara Minion, Ella Kennedy		
Church Cleaning	Claire Jackson, Loretta McNally, Ann Proctor,		
	Valerie Haughney		
<b>Church Flowers</b>	August	Sally Lawlor	
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		Christine Thompson	No's No Wi
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		Noleen Doyle	Brenna
Altar Servers	Luke Barron, Rory O'Toole, Joey Byrne, Aedan Byrne, Reni Shalomi, Frank Doran		<u>Co</u>
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Church Cleaning	Mary Murphy, Peter Kelly, Lil Drea, Eileen Johnson		E
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August	Ann Kelly	Martin Nevin	L/B€53
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#### Graveyard Masses 2017

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Old Leighlin	-	Friday 25th August, 7.30pm <b>T.B.C</b>	
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<u>Clergy</u> **Invalids:** will be attended on Monday 14th August & Wednesday 16th L/B€545 August in usual order. B/B € 90

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## NOTICES

Parish Office Hours: 9.30am to 1.30pm from Monday 31st July to Friday 1st September to facilitate holidays.

Patrick Kavanagh Fans: We are organising a trip to Iniskeen - Patrick Kavanagh visitor centre - on Thursday 3rd August. If you would like to join us leave in your name to the Parish Centre as soon as possible. Fr Lalor PP.

### Family Picnic - An invitation from

**Bishop Denis:** Bishop Denis invites families and extended families to join him for a family picnic on Sunday, August 27th in Punchestown. A great afternoon of entertainment and fun is being planned so save the date and get your extended family to save it too!

Leighlin Tennis: Are you interested in tennis? We have two good tennis courts that could be much better utilised. We need a few people to organise competitions etc. If you are interested please contact the Parish Office. Fr. Lalor P.P

Set Dancing Classes: are now finished on a Wednesday night in the Parish Centre until the 6th of September.

Blood Donation Clinic: Talbot Hotel, Sun 30th July 12pm - 3.30pm. Mon 31st July to Wed 2nd August 5pm to 8.30pm. Our Lady's Island: Outing on Aug 22nd @ 9.30am, stopping in Raphael's Healing garden, Oylegate on the way. Pick up @ Bagenalstown fire station. Cost €15. Contact Ann Kelly 059-9722013 or Parish Centre.

Activity programmes: Men's & Women's Swimming lessons, Balance Bike Programme, Buggy Buddies, Supreme fitness Summer Shape Up and Bowls & Pitching Games for over 50's To book your place call Tomás on 0599172472 Co. Carlow Local Sports Partnership.

## Leighlinbridge & District Active Retired: Bowls Club continues each Thursday & Friday from 2.30pm in the Parish Centre. New members and beginners especially welcome.

Meeting Place Ballinabranna: Can you volunteer 2 hrs once a month for this community project to serve in the coffee dock on a Tuesday morning .We serve tea/coffee and scones. It is proving to be a great place for local people to meet chat and catch up. Kiddies corner available. Contact Parish Centre 059 97-22607. Find us on Facebook (a) The Meeting Place.

Cards: for all occasions now available in Parish Centre in support of Day Care. Only €1 & €2.

Ballinabranna GAA: will be holding their annual field day on Sunday 6th August. If anyone would like to donate unwanted gifts or good quality children's toys please drop them to the clubhouse before 9pm Fri 28th July. For more details please contact Claire 085 2770096.

St. Willibrord: At its recent meeting, the Board of Carlow Co. Museum expressed a vote of thanks to you and the Parish of Leighlin for assisting with the very successful 'Walk with Willibrord' on Saturday 24th June last. The Board would like to thank you and the Leighlinbridge Parish Centre for providing the pilgrims, including the visitors form Echternach, Luxembourg, with hospitality in the Parish Centre.

County Carlow Military Museum: - The voluntary run museum housed in the old church to the rear of St Dympna's Hospital on the Athy Road, Carlow is open every Sunday from 2 to 5pm. Large range of exhibits and artefacts documenting 800 years of Carlow's military heritage on display. Admission charges apply, all welcome.