

### Recent Deaths:

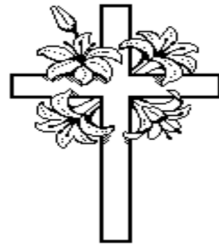
Annie McDonald, Johnduffswood  
John McDonald, Annagar, Old Leighlin

### Months Mind:

Aaron Clarke, Seskin Road. Mass on Sat 14th Dec at 6pm in Bagenalstown

### Anniversaries

John Monaghan, St. Lazerian's Terrace, Leighlinbridge  
Tom Fitzgerald, Tomard  
Theresa Glendon, St Lazerian's Terrace  
Sean McNally, Carlow Road, Leighlinbridge  
Betty Amond, Ballygowan  
Niall Dermody, Clogrenane  
Mary & Tom Connolly, Moanduff  
Fr Paddy Maher, late of Clorusk, Bagenalstown



### Notices

**Carlow Choral Society Christmas Concert:** "Joy to the World", Cathedral of Assumption Carlow, Sat 14th Dec, 8 pm. Whitbourn's Missa Carolae, Handel's Hallelujah chorus -Zadok the Priest, O Holy Night and Sing along Carols. Accompanied by Dublin Brass ensemble, Yvonne Collier, Conductor Blanaid Murphy. Tickets €20, children free, available from [www.eventbrite.ie](http://www.eventbrite.ie), Hosey's Post Office, Staplestown Rd Carlow, Choir members and on the door.

**Christmas can be a very difficult time:** and many in our community can feel stressed and overwhelmed during this period. Carlow Mental Health Association in partnership with Mental Health Ireland are offering a limited amount of FREE places on our Health & Wellbeing workshop, taking place on 10th December, 9.30am in An Gairdin Beo. The 4 hour workshop will offer practical tips and support advice about keeping you well over the Christmas period. Places can be booked by calling 085-8181353 or emailing [carlowmentalhealth@hotmail.com](mailto:carlowmentalhealth@hotmail.com) Remember to book early as places are limited!!

**Carlow Family Support Group - You Are Not Alone:** Drugs and Alcohol abuse effects families regardless of status in life. You did not cause it, you can't control it and you can't cure it. Help is available for those who live with this dreadful disease call 085-7872730.

**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

Saturday 7.30pm  
Sunday 11am

Mon, Tues, Wed  
& Thurs 9.30am

#### Eucharistic Prayers

Fri 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

## LEIGHLIN PARISH NEWSLETTER

8TH DECEMBER 2019  
2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### Family Prayer for Blessing the Advent Wreath

Lord our God,

We praise you for your Son, Jesus Christ;  
He is Emmanuel, the hope of the peoples,  
He is the wisdom that teaches and guides us,  
He is the Saviour of every nation.

Lord our God, let your blessing come upon us  
as we light the candles of this wreath.

May the wreath and its light be a sign of  
Christ's promise to bring us salvation.

May he come quickly and not delay.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

### Weekly Saint Dates

Mon 9th - The Immaculate Conception of Bleses Virgin Mary  
Saturday 14th - St John of the Cross

<u>St Fintan's Church</u>		
	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Ministers</u>
<b>Sun 15th Dec 9.30am</b>	Seamus Marnane Conal O'Boyle	John Kelly Loretta McNally
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Rachel Ayres, Karen Ayres, Laura Ayres, Oliver Walsh, Katie Farrell, Blair Doyle, Teresa Dermody	
<b>Church Cleaning</b>	Brigid O'Keefe, Bridie Keating, Mary Quinn, Josephine Fitzgerald	
<b>Church Flowers</b>	<b>December</b>	Mary Dunne

<u>St Lazerian's Church</u>		
	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Ministers</u>
<b>Sat 14th Dec 7.30pm</b>	Maura Devine Siobhan Haughney	Mary Meaney (M) Len Roche Kathleen Lawlor
<b>Sun 15th Dec 11am</b>	Benny Mills Barbara Kinsella	Marie Roche Kathleen Cummins Noleen Doyle
<b>Altar Servers Sat 7.30pm</b>	Mollie Nolan, Shauna Nolan, Jane Kavanagh, Ruarc O'Neill Alan Fitzgerald, Adam Doyle	
<b>Alter Servers Sun 11am</b>	Ava Nolan, Hannah Roche, Tommy McDonald, Robbie Honeyball, Ciaran Bambrick, Matthew Jordan	
<b>Church Cleaning</b>	Lizzie Earl, Oliver Quinn, Ann Dooley, Maura Devine	
<b>Church Flowers December</b>	Mary Redmond	<b>Reader for Week</b> Sister Of Mercy

**Anniversaries & Notices:** for the newsletter dated Sun 22nd and Sun 29th Dec need to be left into the Parish Centre office by **10am** on **Thurs 19th Dec**. All anniversaries for this period will be printed on a separate sheet and placed on the noticeboard at the back of the Church.

**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 2019 contributions.

### Day Care

Ann Honeyball  
Agnes Kavanagh

### G.F.C Lotto Old Leighlin

No's  
No Winner  
Jackpot €10,000  
Reserve €10,000  
2nd Reserve €  
Next week's draw in

### Ballinabranna:

No's 4, 9, 10, 13  
No Winner  
Jackpot €10,000  
Reserve €4,600

### Leighlinbridge:

No's 2,8,15,18  
No Winner  
Jackpot €4,300  
Next draw in  
Brennan's

### Collections

1/12/19

### Envelopes

L/B €550

B/B €545

### Offertory

L/B €610

B/B €195

### Shrine

B/B €290

### Nov Dead List

L/B €80

### Christmas Stations

L/B €1085

B/B €455

## NOTICES

### Memo on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, 2019, Not a Holyday of Obligation this Year:

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is normally a holyday of obligation. But if 8th December is the Second Sunday of Advent, the solemnity is transferred to Monday 9th December, and is *not* a holyday of obligation. This happens this year.

**Ugairish Project:** I want to say a very sincere thank you to all who attended the coffee morning in aid of Ugairish. This fund-raiser brought in a total of €2,372.00 A truly amazing amount. People have been really generous. I wish to say thanks to everyone and assure you that every cent of your money will go directly to supporting the school in Balle, Uganda. May God reward your generosity. Fr Tom Lalor.

**Patrick Kavanagh:** An evening with the Christmas poems of Patrick Kavanagh. Venue: Fr. Lalor's house, Tinryland on Tuesday 10th Dec at 8pm. All welcome.

### Care of the aged fundraiser Carol

**Service Fundraising Event:** will take place at the Arboretum on 8th December from 2-4pm. Any volunteers who would like to join in are more than welcome. Please come and support us for this festive event.

**A short Climate Change Talk:** is taking place in Ballinabranna school on Monday 9th of December from 7pm to 7.30pm. It is suitable for everyone - adults and children. The talk discusses the seriousness of the Climate Emergency and highlights changes that everyone can make to reduce their carbon footprint and to live more sustainably. Everyone is invited to attend. It is free of charge.

### Leighlinbridge & District Active Retired:

Meeting Monday 9th in Parish Centre at 2.30pm. Refreshments followed by last session of Pilates with Terese Meaney. Many thanks to all who sold the 48 books of tickets for National Raffle. We are pleased to announce that our group won the special Holiday Prize to Northern Ireland. This draw will take place here on Monday 16th Dec. Bowls Players meet each Thursday and Friday at 2.30pm.

### There will be a Celebration of Christmas Variety Concert:

in the Arboretum Garden Centre, Leighlinbridge, on Wednesday 11th December 2019 at 8pm in support of the Eist Cancer Support Centre, Carlow. The special guest will be country singer, Derek Ryan. The Castlecomer Male Voice Choir, Paprika & other guests will also take part. The compere will be Eimear Ni Bhraonain. There will be a mulled wine reception at 7.30 pm. There will also be a door prize. Tickets @ €20 are for sale at the Eist Centre 059 9139684 or at the Arboretum Garden Centre. Also we have a new selection of Christmas Cards with local scenes of Carlow town and county (6 per pack) for €5 available at the Centre.

### Enrolments for Scoil Molaise, Old Leighlin:

for September 2020 will take place from Monday 9th December to Friday 13th 2019. Enrolment forms can be downloaded from school website [www.oldleighlin.com](http://www.oldleighlin.com) or collected from the school office. You can also ring the office on 059 9722166 to request a form. Expressions of interest are being taken for our second special class opening in September 2020. If you would like to be considered for a place in, our special class please contact the school office on 059 9722166. Please also see our enrolment policy on [www.oldleighlin.com](http://www.oldleighlin.com). A report must be submitted for your child.

**Scoil Molaise, Old Leighlin:** will be holding their Annual Christmas Carol Service in St. Lazerian's Church, Leighlinbridge on Mon the 16th Dec at 6:30pm. All Welcome. The Parents Association will be holding a raffle on the Night with a range of fantastic prizes to be won. All support greatly appreciated.