

### **Recent Deaths:**

Margaret (Peg) Burke (née McGrath), Roscommon & Carlow Road, Leighlinbridge  
Paddy O'Keeffe, Bagenalstown & Seskin Lower

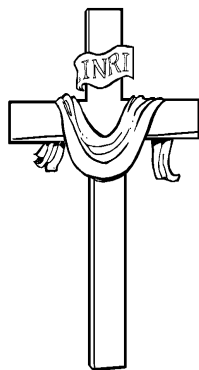
### **First Anniversary:**

Matt Carey, Old Leighlin, Mass Saturday 7th January at 7.30pm in Leighlinbridge

### **Anniversaries:**

Billy Byrne, Craan  
Frank Burke, Carlow  
Richard Whyte, Milford  
Martin Byrne, Ballinabranna  
James McDonald, Coolnakisha  
John O'Neill, Augharue  
Pake O'Neill,  
Mai & Bill Taylor, Australia  
Ann Brennan, Ballyknockan  
Patrick O'Neill, Bawnree  
Margaret Farrell, Townasock  
Pierce Comerford, Old Leighlin  
William Kelly, Ballinabranna  
Fiona Brennan, Monavea  
Bridget Phelan, Coolcullen  
Ned Comerford, Clogrennane  
Ned Keating, Clogrennane  
William Fitzgerald, Upper Tomard  
John Farrell, his brother & Parents, Athboy, Co Meath.

James & John O'Neill, Bawnree  
Sean Foley, Lucan  
Kathleen Higgins Nolan, Main Street



### **Acknowledgment**

The Family of the late Paddy O'Keeffe (Seskin Lower) would like to sincerely thank all those who sympathised with them following their recent sad loss. A special word of thanks to Fr Lalor, Deacon Patrick Roche and Fr Foley (Bagenalstown Parish) who celebrated the funeral Mass. The family would also like to thank Helen Lynch and the Leighlin Parish Choir, the ladies from the Parish Tea Team and Leighlinbridge GAA Club for their Guard of Honour. Thank you also to our extended family, neighbours and friends for their kindness and support which was deeply appreciated by the O'Keeffe family.

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### **Mass Times:**

Leighlinbridge  
Saturday 7.30pm  
Sunday 11am  
Wednesday 9.30am

Eucharistic Prayers  
Mon, Tues, Thurs &  
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

# LEIGHLIN PARISH NEWSLETTER

8TH JANUARY 2017  
BAPTISM OF THE LORD

### *Why was Jesus Baptised?*

Jesus bore no sin, at any time in his life, and therefore didn't need to be baptised in the way we do.

However he was baptised and so set down the marker for the rest of us.

We are baptised with water, as Jesus was, and the Holy Spirit is invited into our lives as we become part of the Church family.

At Jesus' baptism God sent the Holy Spirit to Jesus to set him apart and mark him as His son. The baptism also introduced us to the Trinity; God speaking from heaven, Jesus being baptised and the Holy Spirit appearing as a dove.

Baptism sets us apart from others in that we, like Jesus, become part of the family of God. Jesus' baptism marked the beginning of his public ministry as the Son of God.

*Baptism  
of the Lord*

<b><i>St Fintan's Church</i></b>		
	<b>Readers</b>	<b>Ministers</b>
<b>Sun 15th Jan 9.30am</b>	Tom O'Keefe Padraig Farrell	John Kelly Loretta McNally Sally Lawlor Pat Carter
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Ciara Kinsella, Paul Fitzgerald, Niamh Fitzpatrick, Kerri Mulleney, Daniel Picovici	
<b>Church Cleaning</b>	Annie Dermody, Kathleen McNally	
<b>Church Flowers</b>	<b>January</b>	Phil Daly

<b><i>St Lazerian's Church</i></b>		
	<b>Readers</b>	<b>Ministers</b>
<b>Sat 14th Jan 7.30pm</b>	Breda Brennan Celma Haughney	Seamus Somers George Donoghue Jimmy Farrell Tommy Lawlor
<b>Sun 15th Jan 11am</b>	Ann Nolan Jennifer Harkin	Margaret Lawlor Agnes Kavanagh Maisie Mills Paddy O'Brien
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Michael Brophy, James McDonald, Grace O'Dwyer, Amber Ryan, Jean Connolly Tadhg O'Neill	
<b>Church Cleaning</b>	Margaret Purcell, Margaret Foley, Hanna Sieber, Mary Sullivan	
<b>Church Flowers</b>	<b>January</b>	<b>Reader for Week</b>
	Breda Aylward	

**Church Cleaning:** Helpers needed for Leighlinbridge & Ballinabranna. Anyone interested in giving an hour or two of their time (once every 5/6 weeks) please contact Parish Centre 059 9722607.

There will be an Epiphany themed Carol Service of Carols and Lessons in Holy Trinity, Bilboa, this Sunday, January 8th, at 3pm. All are most warmly invited to attend.

### **Day Care**

Karen Dooley  
Agnes Kavanagh  
Mary Brennan

### **G.F.C Lotto Numbers:**

### **Old Leighlin**

No's 1, 12, 14, 28  
No Winner  
Jackpot €8,900  
Next week's draw in Matty's

### **Ballinabranna:**

No's 3, 13, 26, 28  
No winner  
Jackpot €10,000  
Reserve €6,100

### **Leighlinbridge:**

No's 7, 21, 27, 28  
No Winner  
Jackpot €2,100  
Next week's draw in Brennan's

### **Collections**

**01/01/17**

### **Weekly Envelope**

L/B €210

### **Offertory**

L/B €705  
B/B €200

### **Clergy**

L/B & B/B €805

### **Shrine**

B/B €400

## **NOTICES**

**Meals on Wheels Meeting:** All volunteers are asked to attend a meeting on Tuesday 10th January at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre.

**Leighlinbridge N.S.** are collecting postage stamps for the Missions. Please collect your stamps from all your Christmas post and drop them in to the school office.

***Could you foster a child? Families needed to care for children 0-18 from short term to long term care. Visit [www.fiveriversireland.ie](http://www.fiveriversireland.ie) for further information or call 01-8665290***

**Carlow Mental Health Association:** We realise that January can be a challenging month for us all so Carlow Mental Health Association will be in the Shaw Room of the Carlow Library each Thursday in January 2017 from 10-12 giving out information on building resilience and signposting people to the relevant mental health services that are available locally. There will be a relaxation type activity each Thursday at 11 for half an hour. No need to book just drop in. Also as part of our agenda of reducing stigma around mental health we are supporting the Visual with the campaign "First Fortnight" by showing a film in the Visual called "Infinitely PolarBear" on Tuesday Jan 17<sup>th</sup> at 8pm. Information stand and question and answers session will be held on that evening as well. Tickets €5 from the Visual.

**Stott Pilates:** 8 weeks Course, Leighlin Parish Centre starting Monday 16th January 7-8pm. Pre booking is essential. Contact Mary @ 0872374170 for more Information.

**Knitting and Crochet** weekly classes resume in Leighlin Parish Centre Friday night's 7.30-9.30pm. See Facebook.com/leighlincraftclub. New members very welcome.

### **Leighlinbridge and District Active**

**Retired:** Committee Meeting Monday 9th in Parish Centre at 2 pm, Members Meeting 2.30pm. Refreshments followed by Session 1 Interior Design course to be given by Margaret Mellett. Please note that Registration Fee is due this month.

**"BROADWAY Musical Show"** - Fundraiser for Naomh Brid Hurling and Camogie set for March 4th 2017, Lord Bagenal. Male / Female volunteers needed NOW to join a group and be part of the show with your friends. Great fun guaranteed. Give us a call 085 1962840 or any of the club officers.

**Speech and Drama classes** will resume on the 11th of January in McGrath Hall Bagenalstown. Classes will take place on Wednesdays from 4pm. For more information call/text [085 1145360](tel:0851145360) or email [allstarsspeechanddrama@gmail.com](mailto:allstarsspeechanddrama@gmail.com). Limited spaces available.

### **Leighlin Parish Development Ltd CE**

**Scheme:** Leighlin Parish Development Ltd CE Scheme are currently recruiting for their new scheme due to start in February 2017. We currently have the following vacancies 1 Care Support Worker in Leighlinbridge, 1 Administration Assistant in Leighlinbridge, 2 Environmental Operatives in Bagenalstown and 2 Environmental Operatives in the Family Resource Centre also in Bagenalstown. If you are aged 25 years or over and currently in receipt of a Social Welfare payment for 12 months or more you are eligible to participate on a Community Employment Scheme, why not make an enquiry with us today and see if you are eligible. Please contact John Doran on 086-1616507 or Karen Plant in the Office for an Application Form on 086-8247767.