

**Recent Deaths:**

Julia Bermingham, Ballinaboley  
Michael O’Kelly, Orchard Lane  
Michael McCartney, Raheendoran  
Anastasia (Stasia) Ward (nee Byrne) formerly Ballinabranna  
Kathleen Meagher (nee Clarke) Rathdowney & Leighlinbridge

**1st Anniversaries:**

Lena Clarke, The Ridge, Mass on Sunday 15th May @ 11am in Leighlinbridge

**Anniversaries:**

Barry Sheehan, Raheendoran	Annie & Richard Donoghue, Orchard
Eugene Clarke, Carlow Road	Timothy Donoghue, Orchard
Jack McAssey, High St	Thomas Donoghue, St Brigid’s Crescent
James Kavanagh, Bawnree	Martin & Mary Kelly, Arklow
Kitty Foley, Townaslough	John & Annie Delaney, Paulstown
Margaret Nolan, Bagenalstown	James & Annie Shaw, Maxwell St, Dublin
Jim Carroll, Rathellen	John & Bridget Shaw, The Ridge
Susan & Jimmy Dunne, Ballinabranna	Eddie Keating, Callan & Ballinabranna
Elizabeth Kenna, St Lazerian Terrace	Martin Whelan Snr, Tomard
Sean Quirke, Lower Coolcullen	Bridget Cassidy, Raheny, Dublin
Margaret Brennan, Lower Seskin	Sheila O’Donovan, Bandon, Co Cork
Edward Bridget & all deceased members of the Kelly Family, Seskin	

**Community Garden:** behind Fr Lalor’s house. We gather every Friday morning from 10am to 12noon. Anyone wishing to help in any way please come along.

**The Irish Cancer Society’s:** Volunteer Driver Service is currently seeking volunteer drivers to drive local patients to and from their chemotherapy treatments in our Dublin hospitals. We are looking for volunteers from all over Co. Carlow to pick local patients up at their homes, drive them to the door of the hospital, pick them up again when they are finished their treatment and bring them home. Driver expenses are paid. Telephone Rebecca on 01 2316 642 or email [transport@irishcancer.ie](mailto:transport@irishcancer.ie)

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**8TH MAY 2016  
ASCENSION SUNDAY**

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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 8 - 9pm

Holy is this time of sunshine.  
And holy are you, O God,  
Who from your burning heart  
Drew forth a fiery ball  
And flung it into space.

Your laughter shook the empty cosmos  
And echoed again and again  
Until the darkness of space resounded  
With your love and with fire.

You reached in again and drew forth fire  
And seeded it like yeast  
In each atom, plant and animal,  
Each bird, fish, man and woman.

And you gave us a special star, our sun,  
A flame with a live-evoking energy  
To make our planet green and fertile  
Sun-soaked in your love.

As we celebrate this magic feast,  
Open our eyes to the countless wonders  
And to the sparks of fire-life  
That you have planted in each of us.

**Amen.**

If we love, we know the presence of God. Take time to be aware of God’s loving presence. Be open to the Holy Spirit.  
(John 14:23-29)

<b><u>St Fintan's Church</u></b>		
	<b><u>Readers</u></b>	<b><u>Ministers</u></b>
<b>Sun 15th May</b>	Terence Farrell Betty Hughes	Bridie Keating Pat Carter
<b>Altar Servers</b>	James Lowry, Ros Dermody, Peter Mulleney, Paul Fitzgerald, Eddie Keating	
<b>Church Cleaning</b>	Annie Dermody, Kathleen McNally,	

<b><u>St Lazerian's Church</u></b>		
	<b><u>Readers</u></b>	<b><u>Ministers</u></b>
<b>Sat 14th May</b>	Mary Meaney (M) Margaret Purcell	Mary Meaney (M) Tommy Lawlor
<b>Sun 15th May</b>	Clarke Family	Peg Farrell Kathleen McAulfield Mary Clarke
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Siofra O'Neill, Andrea Dooley, Aedan Byrne, Rory O'Toole, Konrad Slewa, James Maher	
<b>Church Cleaning</b>	Margaret Purcell, Margaret Foley, Hanna Sieber, Mary Sullivan	
<b>Church Flowers May</b>	Breda Aylward	<b>Reader for Week</b> Peg Rice

**"Date for your Diary"** Leighlin Parish Sports Development. Annual Field Day will be held in Superbowl Sunday 26th June 2016. More details in coming weeks.

**Finance Meeting:** Wednesday 11th May @ 7pm in Parish Centre.

**Council Meeting:** Wednesday 11th May @ 8pm in Parish Centre.

**Leighlinbridge Parish Lourdes Pilgrimage:** 28th August - 02nd September 2016. Spiritual Director: Fr Tom Lalor. Cost €729 per person sharing. Single Room Supplement €150. Full Religious Programme while in Lourdes. Deposit €200 p/p. To book contact Tully's Travel 059 9136100 or booking forms at Leighlin Parish Centre.

### **Day Care**

Olive Townsend  
Bridget Monaghan

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

### **Old Leighlin**

No's 5, 23, 25, 26  
No Winner  
Jackpot €3,650  
Next week's draw in Pint Depot

### **Ballinabranna:**

No's 2, 8, 19, 27  
No winner  
Jackpot €10,000  
Reserve €4,350

### **Leighlinbridge:**

No's 1, 5, 10, 21  
No Winner  
Jackpot €1,400  
Next week's draw in Brennan's

### **Collections**

**01/05/16**

### **Weekly Envelope**

L/B €515  
B/B €190

### **Offertory**

L/B €632  
B/B €185

### **Shrine**

B/B €165

## **NOTICES**

### **Communion & Confirmation Cards:**

handmade by Day Care are available to buy from the Parish Centre.

**You are Invited! :** to a Brass Band Concert featuring St. Patricks Brass Band, Leighlin Brass Band and guests, in St Lazerian's Church, Leighlinbridge on Thurs 12th May at 7.30pm. A collection will be made in aid of Leighlin Brass Band instrument fund during the concert. Raffle prizes on the night. Admission is free.

### **World Fairtrade Challenge-13th-15th**

**May 2016:** Be part of the Biggest Fairtrade Coffee break on Earth. Have a Fairtrade cup of coffee during these dates (at home or in a cafe/restaurant) then **register** your cup by going to this website:

**[www.fairtradechallenge.org/ie/](http://www.fairtradechallenge.org/ie/)**

**home/.** The aim of this action is to log all the Fairtrade coffee cups that are consumed during these dates.

**Care of the Aged:** The main fundraiser for Care of the Aged, the Scenic Barrow Walk, will take place on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2016. Walk starts from the Parish Centre at 2pm. Refreshments and free raffle afterwards in the Parish Centre. Sponsorship cards available from committee members. All support welcome.

**St Lazerian's community games:** Well done to Old Leighlin Mens Basketball team winning Midlands Division 2 championship also U18 girls winning Kilkenny/SE league & championship & Midlands league and u18 boys winning Kilkenny/SE championship & U16 girls runners up in Midlands. Congratulations to Amy Dooley and Mickey Bambrick on receiving most valuable player awards in KK/SE and Seamus & Brendan Kinsella & Mickey Bambrick being named on All stars team for Midlands.

### **Leighlinbridge & District Active Retired:**

Committee Meeting Monday 9th in Parish Centre at 2pm. Members meeting at 2.30pm. After the usual refreshments Chair Yoga with Helen Jeffers. Places available for Arklow Bay Hotel summer break 12th-16th June. If interested ring Frances 0868970394.

**Calling all Singers:** Leighlinbridge Gospel Choir have been meeting every second Saturday evening for choir practice and singing at Mass for the last year and a half or so. Its very enjoyable and uplifting for all concerned and we are delighted with the positive feedback we receive. To enhance this we would love for more people to join us. If you are interested, ask any member of the choir or come along for our next practice session. Many thanks.

**Carlow Older Person's Network:** Be Creative Pottery Workshops. Teach Bhríde Tullow - May 11th. Leighlinbridge Parish Centre - May 5th & 12th. St Catherine's Community Services Centre May 9th & 16th. All workshops are 2-4pm and the cost is €5. This covers the cost of the two workshops in each location. To book a place please contact Fiona on 059 9179376.

**Seven Oaks at 11am on 27<sup>th</sup> May:** Family Carers Ireland will hold a coffee morning for parents who are caring for their children. We look forward to seeing you there! For more info please ring Carlow FCI on 086 008 1464.

**St Lazerian's community games:** area athletic trials Sunday May 8th at 3pm in Old Leighlin pitch races for u6 to u14. All participants must be registered to take part forms on pitch for more info check out our facebook page St Lazerian's community games area12. All are welcome.