

Anniversaries:

Paudge Amond, Ballygowan
Michael Sheehy, Old Leighlin
Margaret (Peggy) Hayden, Bawnree
Edward Woods, Lower Seskin
Ray Rattigan, Banagole & Dublin
James & Catherine McClean, Coolnakisha
Jenny Murphy (née McClean), Coolnakisha & Blessington
Molly Tracey (née McClean), Coolnakisha & London
Joseph Whyte, Fonthill, Milford
Mary Leech, Ballinabranna & USA
John & Bridget Lawlor, Bilboa Cross
Harry Brennan, High Street
Peter, Bridget & Tom Mulrooney, Bawnogue
Annie Kearney, Bawnogue
Ned Irwin, Bawnogue

Joe Murphy, Seskin Road
Brigid Nevin, Ballinaboley
Denis P. Reidy, Carlow & Australia
Angela Dermody, Milford
William Meaney, The Ridge
Bridget Meaney, The Ridge



Notices:

Leighlinbridge Improvement Group: Join us for spring gardening tasks on 21st April at 6:30pm in the Millennium Gardens - all welcome. Thank you to everyone who helped with last week's work around the village. Be sure to view the fantastic posters displayed locally, created by primary school students as part of their Green Flag Global Citizenship project. The school is very proud of this programme, and the artwork encourages us all to be mindful of litter and waste - well done to all involved. **Reminder: Free volunteer led bicycle repair & education clinic, Saturday 25th April, Leighlin Parish Centre 10.00am-2.00pm. Waste Prevention Tip -Week 9-12. Refill and Reuse.** Choose refill and reuse options where possible - every small step helps.

Carlow Flower Club: Our April flower night will be a demonstration by AOIFA Teacher and Judge Elizabeth Murray. Looking forward to seeing all our members and friends on Tuesday April 28th at 8.00pm in the Woodford Dolmen Hotel. There will be a plant sale on the night, and the competition for all classes is "Down by the Sally Gardens". Deposit €20 for those travelling on our outing on May 28th will be collected on the night. Visitors welcome €10

Top Ten Ways to Help Pollinators: Plant pollinator friendly trees: Native trees and shrubs such as Willow, Hawthorn, Rowan, Crab Apple, and Holly support huge numbers of insects including pollinators. Why: Trees that blossom in spring are a low-maintenance, vital source of food for pollinators. Trees contribute to a healthy climate and biodiversity, supporting a rich variety of organisms such as lichens, mosses, birds, mammals, and insects. Where: Anywhere there is space.

Safeguarding: If you have an issue with Safeguarding in the Parish please contact the DLP: Michele Hughes 086-1710643 or email dlp@kandle.ie. Local safeguarding Reps are Eileen Johnston, Michael Roche & Liz Dunne.

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Mass Times: Leighlinbridge

Mon–Thurs 9.30am
Confession Sat
6.30-7.15pm
Saturday 7.30pm
Sunday 11.00am

Eucharistic Adoration

Wed 2 - 5pm
Fri 4-8pm

Ballinabranna

Confession Friday
6.30-7.15pm
Friday 7.30pm
Sunday 9.30am

Eucharistic Adoration

Wed 2 - 3pm
Fri 6.30-7.30pm

LEIGHLIN PARISH NEWSLETTER

19TH APRIL 2026
3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Recreate the World

Creator God,
Because of your abundant love
You chose to bring light & order
into the formless void,
To create a world of unsurpassed beauty,
And you saw that it was good.
We ask that you continue to recreate the world,
With that same attentive love,
To bring light into today's ever increasing
chaos & darkness,
Where we have failed to be stewards & carers
of your creation.
Replenish our hearts so that we too
can renew the face of the earth

Amen.

Everyday Personal Testimonies of Adoration

"After a visit to the adoration chapel, I feel renewed peace and tranquillity in my mind and heart. There is something special and sacred praying before the Blessed Sacrament!"

NOTICES

St Fintan's Church

	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Ministers</u>
Sun 26th April 9.30am	Cathal Stedman	Pat Carter
Church Cleaning	Claire Jackson, Loretta McNally, Ann Proctor	
Church Flowers April	Sally Lawlor	Papers Catherine Ayres

St Lazerian's Church

	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Ministers</u>
Sat 25th April 7.30pm	Russel Harkin	George Donoghue Jennifer Harkin
Sun 26th April 11.00am	Sister Ethel	Tommy Lawlor Marie Roche
Church Cleaning	Margaret Foley, Kathleen Cummins, Margaret Purcell, Catherine Brennan	
Church Flowers April	Betty Dowling, Mary Clarke	
Reader for Week	Wed Angela Roche	Mon, Tue, Thur Benny Mills

Lotto Results:

Old Leighlin:

8, 11, 12, 20
No Winner
Jackpot € 1,150

Ballinabranna:

4, 5, 15, 21
No Winner
Jackpot € 1,350

Leighlinbridge:

4, 5, 9, 11
No Winner
Jackpot € 1,100

12th April 2026

Offertory

L/B € 600
B/B € 230

Weekly

L/B € 300
B/B € 135

Easter Station

L/B € 435
B/B € 30

Trocaire

L/B € 285
B/B € 43

Shrine

L/B € 450

Yoga: is back with Spring/Summer term next Wednesday 15th April for 8 weeks. Marian is taking bookings now at 08630872450.

Carlow Regional Pioneers A.G.M : will be held in Tinryland on Friday 24th April. Mass on at 7.30pm.

Annual Dinner Dance in Seven Oaks Hotel on Sunday 26th April. Music with Teresa and The Stars. Dinner 1.30pm sharp. Tickets €30.

Accord Carlow: has availability for their May and June Marriage Preparation Courses at St Catherine's Community Centre. Accord's Marriage Preparation course builds on your individual and couple strengths, and offers you practical techniques and psychological insights to enhance your relationship and to integrate these practices into the Sacramental vision of your married life together. Book online at Accord.ie and select Carlow.

Parishes Alive – Becoming Synodal: The third annual Parishes Alive Day will take place on the 20th of June 2026 in Carlow College, St Patrick's from 10am to 4pm with lunch included. Full details of the speakers and content, as well as booking instructions, will be published around the middle of May. Pat Roche, Diocesan Director of Parish Development.

Dr Daniel William Cahill: upcoming lecture and exhibition: A lecture about Dr Daniel William Cahill (1796-1864), an Arles native, prominent Catholic priest and celebrated science lecturer will take place at Carlow College, St Patrick's on Thursday, 23 April starting at 7:30 p.m. All are welcome to attend and admission is free of charge. The talk, organised by the Delany Archive, will be delivered by Dr Diarmid Finnegan, Queen's University Belfast. Plus: The Delany Archive is also running a small exhibition exploring Cahill's life. It will be available for viewing at Carlow College, St Patrick's between 23 April - 31 July 2026 during office hours, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Monday – Friday.

Little Orchard Leighlinbridge Community Childcare: Wish to recruit a Summer Time Educators to join our team. Hours of work 8:30 am till 5:30pm Position start date: 29th of June for the months of July and August. An earlier start date is negotiable. Benefits include: Free onsite parking, One hour lunchbreak. If you have a minimum qualification level QQI level 5 or above or you are on the way to completing your qualifications in a relevant field, and wish to work with School Age children, we invite you to send your CV by way of application to join our team for the attention of Lisa Marie Farrell at littleorchardcommunitychildcare@yahoo.com

Presentation De La Salle College in Bagenalstown: are running a fund raising vehicle run in aid of the School and Eist Cancer Support Services has had to be postponed. **New date Sunday 10th May.** Registration is at 11am, departure is at 1.00pm from Carlow Concrete Tanks, Bagenalstown R21 TH59. Cost is €20.

Parish Draw : Next Draw takes place on next Sunday 26th April. The Parish Office is open Mon-Fri 9.30am-5pm & on Sunday 26th 10am-11am to facilitate return of Draw Cards. Thank you for your continued support. Draw will take place in the Church and via Webcam.

Church cleaners: urgently needed for Leighlinbridge Church. We are down to two teams so any volunteers would be greatly appreciated. Please contact the Parish Office on 059 9722607. Thank you.