

### Recent Deaths:

Mrs Lily Doherty, Birmingham, England

### Anniversaries:

Thomas & Elizabeth Byrne, Coolnakisha	Kitty Long, Closutton
Norah Murphy, Coolnakeeran & Old Leighlin	Jim & Sheila Butler, Tullow
Peg Watchorn, Manchester, England	Ned Sheehy, Banagagole
Paddy Lennon, St Brigid's Crescent	Molly Dunne, Bilboa & Carlow
Luke & Jane Kelly, Carrig, Garryhill	Richard Eyre, Ardough
Jack Lowry Jnr., Clogrennane	
Kathleen Brophy, (Nee Whyte), Fonthill, Millford	
James & Catherine, Seamus & Brian Walshe, Ballybar & Park	

### Notices

**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.

**Bosca Nollaig:** is a local campaign set up to provide gift boxes to children experiencing homelessness and poverty in Ireland this Christmas. Fill a shoe box with treats, a small gift/book plus essential clothing items like hats, gloves, scarves and personal care items (toothpaste/toothbrush/hair bands/slides/ brush/comb). Please indicate on the box whether for a boy/girl and the age range of the recipient. **No cash to be enclosed.** Boxes can be dropped off at the locations below from 2nd-6th December: Ballinabranna National School Parish Centre, Leighlinbridge. Boxes will then be personally delivered to Barnardos and St. Vincent De Paul for distribution to children in need in time for Christmas. Please support. For further information please contact Nicola Doyle on 087-7796359.

**Christmas Party:** Carlow Older Persons Forum Annual Christmas Party, Tuesday 10th December, 11am-1pm, Seven Oaks Hotel, Carlow. All welcome RSVP Text: 089-4062356 or email [info@carlowolderpersonsforum.com](mailto:info@carlowolderpersonsforum.com)

**Eist Cancer Support Centre:** in conjunction with Brain Tumour Ireland, are hosting a Brain Tumour Support Group on Tuesday 3rd December 2019 at 7.00 pm. in their Centre at The Waterfront, Mill Lane, Carlow. This Support Group is for those diagnosed with a Brain Tumour and their families. For further details please call Eist on 059 9139684.

**Safeguarding:** If you have an issue with Safeguarding in the Parish please contact the DLP at 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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# LEIGHLIN PARISH NEWSLETTER

1ST DECEMBER 2019  
1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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### Mass Times:

#### Leighlinbridge

Saturday 7.30pm  
Sunday 11am

Mon, Tues, Wed  
& Thurs 9.30am

#### Eucharistic Prayers

Friday 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

### *The Meaning of Advent*

Advent marks the beginning of a new Church year and lasts from the fourth Sunday before Christmas, until the celebration of the Nativity of Our Lord, Christmas.

The word 'Advent' comes from the Latin word '*Adventus*,' meaning 'coming'.

Advent is a period of preparation that directs our hearts and minds to the time when Christ will come again and to the remembrance and celebration of the first coming of Christ to us at Christmas.

### *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

Tues 3rd - St. Francis Xavier  
Wed 4th - St. John Damascene  
Fri 6th - St. Nicholas  
Sat 7th - St. Ambrose

<u>St Fintan's Church</u>		
	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Ministers</u>
<b>Sun 8th Dec 9.30am</b>	Mary Daly Watt Dunne	Mary Quinn Josephine Fitzgerald
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Katie Sweeney, Abbie Condell, Naomi Picovici, Nicole Brennan Hennessy, Katie Jordan	
<b>Church Cleaning</b>	Lucy McNally, Grace Twomey, Delphine Picovici	
<b>Church Flowers</b>	<b>December</b>	Mary Dunne
<u>St Lazerian's Church</u>		
	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Ministers</u>
<b>Sat 7th Dec 7.30pm</b>	Martin Nevin Sharon Tuite	Shauna Murphy Mary Meaney (B) Tommy Lawlor
<b>Sun 8th Dec 11am</b>	Ann Nolan Jennifer Harkin	Sister Of Mercy Kathleen McAufield Mary Clarke
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Julia Bandyk, Emily Hennessy, Bob Phelan, Ruby Brennan, Roisin Meaney, Dominika Szczotka	
<b>Church Cleaning</b>	Margaret Purcell, Margaret Foley, Hana Sieber, Mary Sullivan, Kay O'Connor	
<b>Church Flowers December</b>	Mary Redmond	<b>Reader for Week</b> Martin Nevin

**Food Collection restarts on 1st Dec:** Collection boxes in aid of St. Claire's Hospitality Kitchen will be in both Churches and Schools.

**Pro-Life Trust Collection:** will be on Sat 30th Nov and Sun 1st Dec. at all Masses.

**Saint Vincent DePaul collection:** will be on Sat 7th & Sun 8th Dec. at all Masses.

**Invalids:** will be attended Monday 2nd, Tuesday 3rd and Wednesday 4th December in the usual order.

### Day Care

Karen Dooley  
Ann Ball

### G.F.C Lotto Old Leighlin

No's 3, 16, 17, 20  
No Winner  
Jackpot €10,000  
Reserve €10,000  
2nd Reserve €10,000  
Next week's draw in  
Annie's Porterhouse

### Ballinabranna:

No's 7, 8, 22, 25  
No Winner  
Jackpot €10,000  
Reserve €10,000  
2nd Reserve €4,450

### Leighlinbridge:

No's 11, 12, 22, 28  
No Winner  
Jackpot €4,200  
Next week's draw in  
Brennan's

### Collections Envelopes 24/11/19

L/B €715  
B/B €180

### Offertory

L/B €640  
B/B €250

### Nov Dead List

L/B €350  
B/B €30

## NOTICES

### Leighlin Parish will mark and celebrate the following occasions during 2020:

1. The 200th anniversary of St. Fintan's Church, Ballinabranna on Sunday 16th February with Mass at 2pm.
2. The 250th anniversary of St. Lazerian's Church, Leighlinbridge on Sunday the 19th April with Mass at 11am.

**There is an open meeting in Old School Hall in Ballinabranna on the 4th December at 7.30pm** to begin to organize the Ballinabranna celebration. We do hope for a good turn out and to get as many people involved as possible.

### Station Mass:

#### Augharue & Bilboa

Monday 2nd December at 8pm in Sheerin's, The Ridge

**Naomh Bríd Hurling Club AGM:** will be held in the Parish Centre on 1st December at 6pm. All welcome.

**Lourdes Invalid Christmas Draw:** at the Old School Hall in Ballinabranna.

Sunday 1st December after 9.30 Mass.

**Carlow Regional Pioneers:** Monthly meeting in Rathvilly on Friday 6th December. Mass in Church at 7.30pm

**Monthly Tea and Coffee's:** now served in Old School hall in Ballinabranna after 9.30am Sunday Mass.

### Care of the Aged 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 most welcome. There will be a practice on Mon 2nd Dec at St. Lazerian's Church at 7pm. Please come and support us for this festive event.

**Knitting & Crochet Club:** Annual Christmas Shopping trip to Cork. Sat 7th Dec Contact Loraine 0876443961.

### Leighlinbridge and District Active Retired:

Committee Meeting Monday 2nd December in Parish Centre at 1.45pm; Members Meeting 2.30pm. This is followed by Refreshments and session 3 of Pilates with Therese Meaney. Day trip to 'Craft and Design' Show in RDS Wed. Dec. 4th. We plan to travel by public transport. For enquiries phone Madeleine 086/4080286. Bowls Players meet each Thursday and Friday at 2.30pm.

**Ceili:** in Leighlin Parish Centre on Sunday 8th December from 3-6pm. Music by Ui Bhriain.  
**A short Climate Change Talk:** is taking place in Ballinabranna school on Mon 9th of Dec. from 7pm to 7.30pm. It is suitable for everyone - adults & 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.

**St Lazerians Community Games:** will hold an e-vetting night on Thursday Dec 5th in Old Leighlin Hall from 7-8.30pm for coaches and volunteers for the coming year. All new coaches & volunteers welcome

**Carlow Neuromuscular Clinic:** For Muscular pain, sciatica, frozen shoulder, disc and bone injuries, fallen arches etc. Contact Tony Devine 086 3566180.

**Carlow Voices:** will hold their Christmas concert *Remembering Decembers* at 4.30pm on Sunday 15th December in St Mary's Church, Haymarket. Under the direction of Mary Amond O'Brien, the choir has put together a wonderful repertoire for this concert. It promises to be a wonderful afternoon of music, guaranteed to set the perfect note for the festive season. Adm: €12, €10 concession & children are free of charge. Tickets are available from any choir member or call 085 7352791

**Fresh Holly Wreaths:** orders now being taken for fresh holly wreaths. €10 each. Contact Marguerite Gaughan 086-3275291