

Recent Death:

Fergus Keating, St. Lazerian's Terrace, Graiguecullen
Connie Dunne, Rathangan, Co Kildare

Months Mind:

Michael Flynn, Seskin Road, Mass on Saturday 12th December at 7.30pm
in Leighlinbridge.

Martin Meaney, Monemore, Mass on Sunday 13th December at 11am in
Leighlinbridge.

1st Anniversaries:

Maeve Treacy, Seskin Road, Mass on Saturday 19th December @ 7.30pm in
Leighlinbridge

James Townsend, Raheendoran, Mass on Sunday 20th December @ 9.30am in
Ballinabranna

Anniversaries:

Tom Rudkins, Seskin Road
Molly Dunne, Carlow & Bilboa

Maureen Lawlor, Bilboa

Paddy Coffey, Craanluskey

Brendan Mulvey, Leighlinbridge

Mona Fenlon, Montgomery Street, Carlow

Molly Guntrip (née Lawlor) Bilboa Cross & London

Maureen Murphy, Snugboro

Olive Tonkin, Manchester

Bridget Byrne, Craan

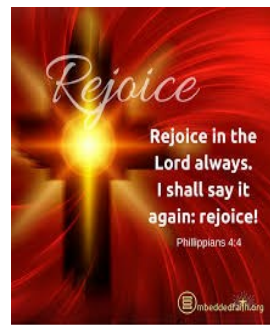
Betty Amond, Ballygowan

Neddy O'Neill, Old Leighlin

Carlow Christmas Light Experience: in association with Ballinabranna GAA and kindly
sponsored by Supermacs Carlow, 10-14th December & 17-20th December. €30 per car.
Ticket only event and advanced booking is required. A spectacle of over 200 Christmas Trees,
Christmas lights, Santa's grotto, elves naughty and nice, hot chocolate and surprises. Book
your tickets on Eventbrite via Ballinabranna GAA Facebook page or www.carlow-christmas-light-experience.myshopify.com

Safeguarding: If you have an issue with Safeguarding in the Parish please contact the DLP:
Mick Daly 085 8021633 or email dlp@kandle.ie Local safeguarding Reps are Eileen Johnston,
Michael Roche & Liz Dunne.

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13TH DECEMBER 2020
3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Christmas Masses

Christmas Eve

Thursday 24th - 4.30pm in Leighlinbridge

Thursday 24th - 7.30pm in Leighlinbridge

Thursday 24th - 9.30pm in Ballinabranna

Christmas Day

Friday 25th - 9.30am Ballinabranna

Friday 25th - 11am Leighlinbridge

St. Stephen's Day

Saturday 26th - 11am Leighlinbridge

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Mass Times:

Leighlinbridge

Sat 7.30pm

Sunday 11am

Mon - Fri 9.30am

Ballinabranna

Friday 7.30pm

Sunday 9.30am



NOTICES

<i>St Fintan's Church</i>	
	<u>Reader</u>
Sun 20th 9.30am	Padraig Farrell
Church Cleaning	Phyllis Walsh, Sally Lawlor
Church Flowers December	Molly Amond
Newspapers 20th	Lucy McNally

<i>St Lazerian's Church</i>	
	<u>Readers</u>
Sat 19th Dec 7.30pm	Maura Devine
Sun 20th Dec 11am	Jennifer Harkin
Church Cleaning	Josie O'Mara, Brigid Monaghan, Phil Byrne
Church Flowers	Mary Redmond
Reader for Week	Peg Rice

Notice: Please be advised the Parish Centre is closed to the public until further notice. The Parish Office staff have access to emails & voicemail messages during normal office hours. We recommend that parishioners continue to communicate with the office through telephone or email. We will publish a Newsletter each week which will be available in the usual outlets and on the Website www.leighlinparish.ie. Tel: 059-9722607 **Mobile: 085-7714309** email: info@leighlinparish.ie

A SPECIAL INVITATION: This year the Cathedral parish invites parishioners from across the whole diocese to join in a livestreamed service of carols, readings and prayers. It will take place at 8:30pm on Sunday, December 20 and will be led by Bishop Denis from Carlow Cathedral. While many of us will miss our traditional carol services, this promises to be a very special moment of shared hope, joy and song as we approach Christmas. Livestream will be available on www.iCatholic.ie

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 2020 contributions.

Needy Collection: As this has been a very difficult year for many, all donations to this collection would be greatly appreciated. Envelope can be placed in collection box in both Churches

Webcam Leighlinbridge: To access Mass online, please log in to Leighlin Parish" and follow the link.

Webcam Ballinabranna: To access Mass online please use the following link <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZSRM1UPdGqg>

Collections: 6th Dec. 2020

	Envelope	Silver
L/B	€1,810	€250
B/B	€ 930	€210

Lotto Results:

Ballinabranna : 2, 5, 20, 24 No Winner. Jackpot €10,000. Reserve €6,500

Old Leighlin: 2, 3, 10, 15 No Winner. Jackpot €10,000. Reserve €10,000. 2nd Reserve €6,350

Samaritans Light Up Campaign:

Samaritans provide a 24-hour helpline service for people who are in distress, struggling to cope and who are in need of emotional support, including those who are feeling suicidal. Every Christmas we mark the Winter Solstice on December 21st with an event called the Longest Night. Through this we let our callers know that we're there for them during their darkest hours, especially over the festive period. This year we are appealing to local authorities, businesses, and church leaders to light up their buildings in green or where colour change is not possible, a light or lantern on to support us. Samaritans can be contacted 24 hours a day, seven days a week, of freephone 116 123 or email jo@samaritans.ie

An Advent Tradition The Nativity Scene

In about 1223 AD St Francis wanted to celebrate the feast of Christmas in a new way, helping people to recall the humble surroundings in which Jesus was born (his nativity). In the town of Greccio, near Assisi, with the help of a local landowner he set up a live crib with stable, hay and animals. The local people came at night with torches and candles to celebrate Mass and, on seeing the scene, to be reminded of God's love for us in sending his only son to be born in the poverty of a manger. St. Francis' initiative at Greccio popularized the making of a Christmas crib in our homes, churches, hospitals, schools and other places



A Blessing Prayer by the Family Crib

God of all people, from the very beginning of creation you have shown us your love: when our need for a Saviour was great you sent your Son to be born of the Virgin Mary. To our lives He brings joy and peace, justice, mercy, and love. Lord, bless our family and all who will look upon this crib in the coming days; may it remind us of the humble birth of Jesus, and lift our thoughts to Him, who is God-with-us, our Emmanuel and the Saviour of all. Amen