

Recent Death:

Mike Kelly, Toronto & formerly Johnduffswood
Martin Heffernan, Tullamore

Months Mind:

Clare Roche, Coolnakisha House, Mass on Saturday 6th March at 7.30pm in
Leighlinbridge

1st Anniversary:

Billy Geoghegan, Northants, England & formerly Church Street, Mass on Sunday 28th
February at 11am in Leighlinbridge
Mary Eyre, Orchard Lane, Mass on Saturday 6th March at 7.30pm in Leighlinbridge
Lil Byrne, Tyndall Avenue, Mass on Sunday 7th March at 11am in Leighlinbridge

Anniversaries:

John Lennon, Knockbawn, Old Leighlin
James & Kathleen Doran, Raheen
Wilhelm Sieber, Banagagole
Frank Flynn, Killenane
Jimmy Flynn, Killenane & Rathaydon
Billy & Hannah McGrath, Rathellen
Christy Dunne, Clogrennane
Tom Dunne, Raheendoran
John & Elizabeth Matthews, Fonthill
Kate Matthews & husband Mick Hyland
Paul & Bernadette Matthews
Peter Matthews
Mick Matthews
Elizabeth Stratten (née Matthews)
Mary-Anne Matthews & husband Alfie King
Roseanne "Colleen" Flynn (née Moore) Rathvinden & Seskin Road
John (Joseph) Moore, Rathvinden & Swindon, England
William & Elizabeth Delaney, Church Street, Leighlinbridge

Willie Brennan, Moanduff
Jacinta Kirwan, Bendenstown, Rathoe
Owen & Mikey Keating, Ballinabranna
Keating Family, Ballinabranna
William Delaney, Craan
James Dermody, Oldtown
John & Pakie O'Neill, The Ridge
Jim Dermody, 13 Seskin Road
Mrs Bridget Redmond, Clogrennane
Hannah & Jim Fitzgerald, Coolnakisha
Mary Fitzgerald, Craan
Margaret Farrell, Craanluskey
Sean Walsh, New Oak Estate

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 &
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Mass Times: Leighlinbridge

No Public Masses
Mass via webcam

Sat 7.30pm
Sunday 11am
Open for Private Prayer
12 - 4.30pm

Mon-Fri 9.30am
Open for Private Prayer
10.30 - 4.30pm

Ballinabranna
No Public Masses
Open for Private Prayer
10.00 - 4.30pm

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28TH FEBRUARY 2021
SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Exploring a Practice for Lent:

Stations of the Cross

What we know as the Stations of the Cross (or the Way of the Cross) has its origins in the practice in the early church of pilgrims walking in the footsteps of Jesus' passion in Jerusalem. Along the way they would stop to pray at places where a significant event is believed to have occurred. It is thought that in the Middle Ages the Franciscans brought this tradition to Europe. This made it possible for the faithful who could not travel to Jerusalem to experience in a virtual way the Stations of the Cross by following a signposted path around the inside and/or outside of the church.

From the 18th century all Catholic churches were permitted to erect the Stations of the Cross within the church building or in the grounds of the church. This led to the visual depictions we see in our churches today, with the number of stations fixed at 14. Of these, only 8 are explicitly mentioned in the gospels. In 1991, Pope John Paul II introduced a new form of this devotion, called the Scriptural Way of the Cross, in which all stations are taken from the gospels.

There are many popular versions of the stations available and people can pray them in a church or at home, privately or with a group. A typical pattern for the 14 stations might look like the following: Naming of the station (E.g. The First Station: Jesus is condemned to die); Response (We adore you O Christ, and we praise you, because by your Holy Cross you have redeemed the world); A short reading from scripture; Reflecting /meditating on the particular station; and Prayer (E.g. Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory Be)

While available to us as a prayer at any time, Lent is a particularly appropriate time to pray the Stations of the Cross.

NOTICES

Webcam

To view Webcam log on to www.leighlinparish.ie. This will open the website home page. Scroll down to see Leighlinbridge and Ballinabranna webcams on right hand side. Click on picture of church and then the red arrow in centre of picture to view.

Mass Times via Webcam

Monday to Friday 9.30am

Sunday 11am

Donations to Parish Collections

Currently the Office are unable to issue the annual envelopes to parishioners. If people would like to donate, they can do so via the Parish website. See "Donate" button on the top right hand side of the homepage.

P.T.A.A. Anyone giving up Alcohol for Lent can take the Short-Term Pledge for 6 weeks. Join online at www.pioneerassociation.ie

Two Quotes from Pope Francis:

'The cross of Christ bears the suffering and the sin of humanity, including our own. Jesus accepts all this with open arms, bearing on his shoulders our crosses and saying to us: 'Have courage! You do not carry your cross alone! I carry it with you. I have overcome death and I have come to give you hope, to give you life.'" Pope Francis, World Youth Day, Way of the Cross, July 26, 2013

'No one is excluded from the joy brought by the Lord...whenever we take a step towards Jesus, we come to realize that he is already there, waiting for us with open arms.' Pope Francis, The Joy of the Gospel

Lotto Results:

Old Leighlin:

10, 21, 24, 25
No Winner.
Jackpot €10,000.
Reserve €10,000.
2nd Reserve €8,000

Ballinabranna:

8, 15, 19, 23
No Winner.
Jackpot €10,000.
Reserve €7,050

Leighlinbridge:

14, 21, 23, 24
No Winner
Jackpot €3,500

Collections:

9th Feb. 2021

Envelope

L/B €585
B/B €250

21st Feb. 2021

L/B € 675
B/B €35

Shrine

L/B €575
B/B €590

COVID-19 Support Line for Older

People: ALONE manage a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open seven days a week, 8am - 8pm by calling 0818 222 024.

Superbowl Maintenance Fund: The Superbowl Complex has proven to be a welcome source of leisure for a large number of people for some time now and in particular over the past year. Joggers / Walkers / Gym users and families are finding the outlet ideal for exercise and gaining the benefits of fresh air in a safe environment. Keeping this facility open has, & continues to, incur ongoing costs so please support us so that everyone can continue to enjoy this fantastic community facility.... Read more & donate here – <https://gofund.me/20fd5c07>. Forward this message to your contacts to help this campaign reach its target!

Ballinabranna Water Co-Op Society:

will hold their AGM on Monday 8th March @ 8pm via Zoom. Shareholders, please email info@ballinabrannawater.ie to register.

Graiguecullen/Killeshin: parish sends a warm invitation to all to tune in via webcam (www.graiguecullenkilleshin.com) to their weekly Lenten services. Rosary is also led by the Poor Clare Sisters daily @11.40am concluding with the Angelus.

Second Sunday of Lent: Some Suggestions for the Week

- + Persevere in your chosen resolutions for Lent and remember their purpose is to bring you closer to God
- + Check that you have a copy of a Catholic edition of the bible in your home and take some time to read from it
- + Pick up at least 5 pieces of litter from the road/countryside
- + Pray the Stations of the Cross
- + Find out how you can help a local charity
- + Cut down on screen time and pay attention to the people around you

