

Recent Deaths:

David Cleere, Killerig, Carlow
Esther Boles (née Earl), Manchester & formerly Seskin Road, Leighlinbridge. Funeral Mass on Saturday 18th November at 11.00am in Leighlinbridge and burial afterwards in the adjoining Cemetery.

Months Mind:

Aine McGrath, Rathellen. Mass on Saturday 25th November at 7.30pm in Leighlinbridge.

1st Anniversaries:

Christina Doyle (née Kinsella), Raheendoran. Mass on Sunday 19th November at 9.30am in Ballinabranna.

Anniversaries:

Luke Kelly, 19 Seskin Road, Leighlinbridge	Jim O'Brien, Ballinabranna
Martin & Margaret Kelly, Church Street	Roger McGrath, Banagole
Pat Kelly, Church Street	Mary Smyth, Rathornan
Bridget & Michael Glynn, Raheendoran	Mary Campbell, Ballyknockan
Terrance O'Brien, Orchard	Michael Pender, Rathellen
Denis O'Brien, Orchard	Annie Heffernan, Paulstown
Jerry Maher, Cloruske	Sean Heffernan, Paulstown
Patrick & Mary Gorman, Craanluskey	Katie McCarthy, Ballinaboley
Noel & Nancy Hughes, Ballinabranna	Mulrooney Family, Oldtown
Mary Kearney, Rotterdam	John & Kathy Haughney, Ballinaboley
Bob Farrell, Clogrennane	Michael & Mary Farrell & Sons, Co. Meath
Richard & Emily Farrell, Crettenclough	
Sheila M. Brennan, Fern Lodge, Ballyknockan, Leighlinbridge	

Notice

Mary's Meals Christmas Gifts Campaign: With the cost of living crisis, times are that bit harder for us all. The Global School Feeding Movement Mary's Meals have launched our Christmas Gifts Campaign - giving gifts that have a real and tangible impact on those in need. From as little as €5.50, which will provide 50 meals for children in their place of education, we can play our part in changing the lives of those most in need. Visit www.marysmeals.ie to download a gift today or call 01-8535163/089-4339592.

2024 Pioneer Calendar: The 2024 Pioneer calendar is available from Pioneer centres and from Central Office (01 805 4226). The calendar is designed to offer spiritual support and encouragement to families which are being impacted by alcohol and addiction. The calendar is priced at €5. www.pioneerassociation.org/calendar

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

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Mass Times:

Leighlinbridge
Confession Sat
6.30 - 7.15pm
Vigil Saturday 7.30pm
Sunday 11.00am
Mon & Thrs 9.30am
Eucharistic Adoration
Wed 2-5pm
Fri 4-8pm

Ballinabranna

Friday 7.30pm
Sunday 9.30am
Confession Friday
6.30 - 7.15pm
Eucharistic Adoration
Wed 2 - 3pm
Fri 6.30 - 7.30pm

LEIGHLIN PARISH NEWSLETTER

19TH NOVEMBER 2023

33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Who am I, Lord?

While praying one day a girl asked, 'Who are you Lord?'

He answered, 'I am.'

'But who is I am?' she asked, And he replied...

'I am Love, I am Peace, I am Grace,

I am Joy, I am the Way, Truth

and The Light...

I am The Comforter, I am Strength,

I am Safety, I am Shelter,

I am Power, I am the Creator,

I am the Beginning and The End,

I am the Most High.'

The girl, with tears in her eyes looked toward Heaven and said

'Now I understand. But Lord, who am I?'

Then God tenderly wiped the tears

from her eyes and whispered,

'You are Mine.'

<u>St Fintan's Church</u>		
	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Ministers</u>
Sun 26th Nov 9.30am	Tom O'Keefe	Mai Sheehan
Church Cleaning	Bridie Keating, Mary Quinn, Josephine Fitzgerald	
Church Flowers November	Teresa Dunne	Papers Declan McDonald

<u>St Lazerian's Church</u>		
	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Ministers</u>
Sat 25th Nov 7.30pm	Family Reader	George Donoghue Mary Meaney (B)
Sun 26th Nov 11.00am	Benny Mills	Paddy O'Brien Mary Clarke
Church Cleaning	Marie Roche, Betty Dowling, Mary Monahan, Josie O'Brien	
Church Flowers November	Betty Dowling Mary Clarke	Reader for Week Benny Mills

Needy Collection: will take place on 25th & 26th at all Masses. All donations to this collection would be greatly appreciated. Envelope can be placed in collection box in both Churches.

Mass Audits: Bishop Denis Nulty had requested that audits of Mass attendance in the whole diocese should take place on 25th & 26th November and 2nd & 3rd December, an average attendance should be calculated from the attendance on these weekends. These audits are crucial in informing the local decisions of reducing the Mass schedules in the New Year and results should be shared within the parishes

Synod News – Bishop Brendan Leahy and his experience at the Synod:

Bishop Denis is delighted to announce that Bishop Brendan Leahy will give an account of his experience as a delegate at the recent synod assembly in Rome. Bishop Brendan will join us on Saturday morning, 25 November from 11-12.30 in Mount St Anne's, Killenard, County Laois. Anyone who would like to hear from Bishop Brendan is very welcome to join us for this free event, hosted by the diocese.

Christmas Mass Bouquets: now available from the Parish office. €5 each.

Morning Mass Readers in Leighlinbridge: Urgently needed. Please contact the Parish Office if you would be able to help with this area. Contact 059 9722607.

Lotto Results:

Old Leighlin:

1, 4, 6, 20
No Winner
Jackpot €10,000

Ballinabranna:

4, 14, 19, 28
No Winner
Jackpot €5,150

Leighlinbridge

1, 5, 22, 26
No Winner
Jackpot €1,200

12th Nov

Envelopes

L/B €365
B/B €150

Offertory

L/B €537
B/B €270

Shrine

L/B €470

Nov Dead

L/B €670
B/B €220

NOTICES

Leighlin Parish Care of the Aged

Christmas Party

Sunday 3rd December at 1pm in the Lord Bagenal

Dinner served at 1.30pm Sharp

Names to the Parish Centre (059 9722607) by Tuesday 28th Nov.

if you wish to attend.

Leighlinbridge & District Active Retired: Monday 20th Nov, painting with Pat Maher 2.00pm to 4.00pm. AGM on Monday 4th Dec in the Parish Centre at 2.30pm. Registration fee due. Pickle ball on Tues at 2.00pm in Old Leighlin Hall. Bowls on Thurs & Fri at 2.30pm in the Parish Centre.

The AGM of Ballinabranna GFC: will be held on Tues 5th Dec at 7:30pm. All are welcome.

Save the Date: Ballinabranna Old School Hall Committee will hold their annual Christmas Fair on Sun 10th Dec. There will be a wide range of produce for sale, including jewellery, knitted goods, candles, Christmas cards and much more.

Naomh Brid Camogie AGM: will be on Saturday 18th Nov at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre.

Ballinabranna N.S and Scoil Molaise Old Leighlin: are seeking to recruit a joint caretaker for 10 hours a week, between the two schools (5 hours in each). The person would need to be willing to be Garda Vetted and have experience with various aspects of building management. If interested please drop a brief CV into either school by Thursday November 30th at 3pm. Interested persons can seek more information in relation to the job from the principal of either school.

Carlow Flower Club: will hold their Charity Christmas Gala Demonstration on Tues 28th Nov at 8.00pm in the Woodford Dolmen Hotel. The joint demonstrators on the night will be Marie Laird and Roisin Graham. Entry Fee €10 which includes mulled wine on arrival. Lots of ideas for decorating your home for Christmas and all arrangements will be raffled on the night. The event is in support of the Autism Charity "As I Am". Competition title for all classes "A Christmas Door Ring".

Carlow Union of Parishes Advent Talks 2023: Taking place in St Mary's, Haymarket, Carlow on the following dates: Thurs 30th Nov, Fr Peter McVerry. Thurs 7th Dec, Leona O'Callaghan, abuse survivor. Thurs 14th Dec, Carlow Community Choir with Director Mary Amond O'Brien. Sun 17th Nov, Bernard Lynch, LGBTQ+ advocate. All talks take place at 7.30pm, admission is free. For more information please contact 086-4113989 or email paulfitz1000@hotmail.com