

### Recent Death:

Maureen Hennessy, Coolnakisha, Leighlinbridge.  
John Smyth, Collafancy, Co. Wicklow

### Months Mind:

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

### Anniversaries:

Michael Byrne, Lower Seskin, Leighlinbridge	Julia Nolan, The Ridge
Noel Cowman, Kilcarrig, Bagenalstown	James Walsh, Ballybar
Frank Flynn, formerly Killenane & Birmingham	Richard Eyre, Ardough
Thomas & Elizabeth Byrne, Coolnakisha	John Glynn, Raheendoran
Jimmy Griffiths, Ballasalla & England	Nora Murphy, Coolnakeeran
John Jackson, Raheendoran	Paddy Holahan, Main Street
John O'Dwyer, Labanasigh, Bagenalstown	
Michael O'Dwyer, Labanasigh, Bagenalstown & formally of Moanduff, Leighlinbridge	

### Notices

**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](http://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](http://www.pioneerassociation.org/calendar)

**Totus Tuus Magazine:** is a Catholic magazine, full of articles from Irish priests and laity, which aims to highlight the beauty and joy of our faith. It is going into its 7th year and is run by donations. If you haven't come across Totus Tuus Magazine and would like a free copy please contact Fiona Kiely on 086 8760058.

**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".

**Safeguarding:** If you have an issue with Safeguarding in the Parish please contact the DLP: Kathleen Sherry 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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### Mass Times:

#### Leighlinbridge

Confession Sat  
6.30 - 7.15pm  
Vigil Saturday 7.30pm  
Sunday 11.00am  
Mon & Thurs 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

26TH NOVEMBER 2023  
OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST,  
KING OF THE UNIVERSE



The Christ of the Gospels does not seem to fit our image of a King.

But if we understand the nature of Christ's teaching, we should not be put off by this notion, because Christ's idea of kingship is not one of power and authority but of service to the least of our brothers and sisters.

He turns our idea of kingship upside down.

He is one who treats everyone equally, who serves rather than is served, who is interested not in possessions or money or status but in people and compassion and justice.

We are called not only to worship Jesus Christ as our King but also to imitate his way of living.

<u>St Fintan's Church</u>		
	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Ministers</u>
<b>Sun 3rd Dec</b> <b>9.30am</b>	Padraig Farrell	Mary Dunne
<b>Church Cleaning</b>	Phyllis Walsh, Sally Lawlor	
<b>Church Flowers</b> <b>December</b>	Phil Daly	<b>Papers</b> Lucy McNally

<u>St Lazerian's Church</u>		
	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Ministers</u>
<b>Sat 2nd Dec</b> <b>7.30pm</b>	Maura Devine	Jimmy Farrell Mary Meaney (M)
<b>Sun 3rd Dec</b> <b>11.00am</b>	Aoife Doheny	Peter Kelly Agnes Kavanagh
<b>Church Cleaning</b>	Margaret Foley, Kathleen Cummins Kay O'Connor	
<b>Church Flowers</b> <b>December</b>	Ann Kelly	<b>Reader for Week</b> 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

**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.

**Talks on the Eucharist:** two evenings will be held in the Cathedral Parish Centre for the next two Wednesday evenings. The topic is understanding and reflecting on the Eucharist. All are welcome to attend. The sessions begin with hospitality at 7 pm and run until 9 pm. Love to see you there.

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

**Lotto Results:**

**Old Leighlin:**

5, 19, 27, 28  
No Winner  
Jackpot €10,000

**Ballinabranna:**

3, 10, 15, 28  
One Winner  
Jackpot €1,000

**Leighlinbridge**

11, 13, 18, 20  
No Winner  
Jackpot €1,300

**19th Nov**

**Envelopes**

L/B €360  
B/B €125

**Offertory**

L/B €620  
B/B €290

**Nov Dead**

L/B €295  
B/B €60

**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:** Meeting on Mon 27th Nov in the Parish Centre at 2.30pm. Christmas Lunch on Wed 29th Nov in the Lord Bagenal Hotel at 1.30pm. Please contact Madeline 086 4080286 or Maura 089 9732183 to book your place. Please note our AGM will be held on Mon 4th Dec. All our members are invited to attend. Registration fee now due. Pickle Ball on Tuesday in Old Leighlin Hall at 2pm. Bowls on Thursday and Friday at 2.30pm in the Parish Centre.

**Rambling House:** to meet at the Old School Hall in Ballinabranna on Wed 29th Nov at 8pm.

**The AGM of Ballinabranna GFC:** will be held on Tues 5th Dec at 7:30pm. All are welcome. All are welcome. Mass for Decreased Members of Ballinabranna GAA will be held on Sun 3rd of Dec in St Fintan's Church at 9:30 am.

**Ballinabranna/Raheendoran/Milford Development Group:** is hosting its AGM on November 30th in the Old School Hall in Ballinabranna at 8pm. Everyone is encouraged to get involved in the organisation and help their area out. If you have any questions about what involvement entails please email us on brmdevgroup@gmail.com or contact Daniel Pender on 0852096811

**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.

**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 Thurs Nov 30th at 3pm. Interested persons can seek more information in relation to the job from the principal of either school.

**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