

Recent Death:

Marie Tracey (née Shore) Donnybrook and formerly Rathellen

1st Anniversaries:

James (Seamus) Price, formerly St Lazerian's Terrace & Yorkshire. Mass on Saturday 16th December at 7.30pm in Leighlinbridge.

Patricia O'Leary, 14 Orchard Lane. Mass on Saturday 16th December at 7.30pm in Leighlinbridge.

Michael Ryan, Ladies Lane, Castlecomer & Tomard. Mass on Sunday 17th December at 11am in Leighlinbridge.

Anniversaries:

Patrick Fitzgerald

John & Kathy, Haughney, Ballinaboley

Patrick, Ann & Matthew Lynch, Banagagole

Maeve Tracey, Seskin Road, Leighlinbridge

Edward & Elizabeth O'Neill, Old Leighlin

Neddy, Margaret & Martin O'Neill, Old Leighlin

John Farrell, Craanluskey, Bilboa

James Townsend, Raheendoran

Andrew & Kathleen Pluck, Raheendoran

John & Susan Nolan, Tinryland

Christy Dolan, The Ridge & Dublin

Ken Power, Manchester & Clomoney, Goresbridge

Elizabeth (Bessie) Power, Clomoney, Goresbridge & formally Rathvinden

Molly Guntrip (née Lawlor, Bilboa Cross & London

Joseph & Sarah Dowling, Knocklongad

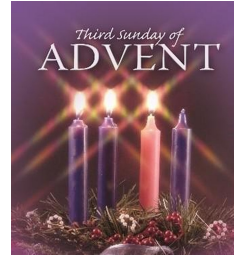
John & Peg Watchorn and their son Seamus, Craanluskey & Leighlinbridge

Notices

Veritas Encourages Shopping for Meaningful Gifts this Christmas: invites you to share the joy through gifts that go beyond the ordinary: meaningful gifts that remind us what Christmas is all about and bring us closer to Our Lord. At Veritas you will find devotional books or beautifully illustrated children's books that will entertain but also fill our hearts, nativity sets, Advent candles, memorial gifts, thoughtful cards, beautiful Christmas decorations, and much more. Visit Veritas stores in Dublin Abbey Street, Blanchardstown, Tallaght, Cork, Limerick, Letterkenny, Derry, and Newry or shop online at www.veritas.ie Share more meaningful gifts this Christmas with Veritas. Wishing you a joyous and blessed Christmas!

Safeguarding: If you have an issue with Safeguarding in the Parish please contact the DLP: 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 - 7.10pm

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 Fri 22nd

6.30 - 7.10pm

Eucharistic Adoration

Wed 2 - 3pm

Fri 6.30 - 7.30pm

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17TH DECEMBER 2023

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Old Leighlin Carol Service

St Lazerian's Cathedral, Old Leighlin

Sunday Dec 17th at 7pm

Christmas Confessions

Fri 15th Dec 6.30pm - 7.10pm - Ballinabranna

Sat 16th Dec - 6.30pm - 7.10pm - Leighlinbridge

Fri 22nd Dec 6.30pm - 7.10pm - Ballinabranna

Sat 23rd Dec - 6.30pm - 7.10pm - Leighlinbridge

Christmas Masses

Christmas Eve - Sunday 24th Dec

Ballinabranna 9.30am
Leighlinbridge 11.00am

Leighlinbridge 7.30pm
Ballinabranna 9.30pm

Christmas Day - Monday 25th Dec

Ballinabranna 9.30am
Leighlinbridge 11.00am

St. Stephens Day - Tuesday 26th Dec

Leighlinbridge 11.00am

Morning Mass - Wed 27th - Thurs 28th Dec 9.30am

Fri 29th December

Ballinabranna 7.30pm

NOTICES

<u>St Fintan's Church</u>		
	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Ministers</u>
Sunday 24th Dec 9.30am	Mary Daly	Bridie Keating
Sun 24th Dec 9.30pm	Mary Dunne	Sally Lawlor
Mon 25th Dec 9.30am	Josephine Fitzgerald	Daniel Pender
Sun 31st Dec 9.30am	Liz Dunne	Padraig Farrell
Church Cleaning	Angela Carter, Alice Fitzgerald	
Church Flowers December	Phil Daly	Papers Seamus Marnane

<u>St Lazerian's Church</u>		
	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Ministers</u>
Sat 23rd Dec 7.30pm	Jennifer Harkin	Mairead Hayden Bridin Lawlor
Sun 24th Dec 11.00am	Sr Ethel	Anita Dunican Marie Roche
Sun 24th Dec 7.30pm	Mary Meaney (M)	George Donoghue Mary Meaney (B)
Mon 25th Dec 11.00am	Barbara Kinsella	Maisie Mills Sr Ethel
Tues 26th Dec 11.00am	Benny Mills	Paddy O'Brien Mary Clarke
Sat 30th Dec 7.30pm	Maura Devine	Jimmy Farrell Mary Meaney (M)
Sun 31st Dec 11am	Aoife Doheny	Kathleen Cummins Noeleen Doyle
Church Cleaning	Margaret Foley, Kathleen Cummins, Kay O'Connor	
Church Flowers December	Ann Kelly	Reader for Week Benny Mills

Parish Envelopes: it would be appreciated if any outstanding donations to the Parish Envelope collections could be return as soon as possible. It is coming towards the end of the year and the parish wishes to complete the 2023 contributions.

Lotto Results:

Old Leighlin:

7, 13, 18, 25
No Winner
Jackpot €10,000

Ballinabranna:

1, 3, 6, 17
No Winner
Jackpot €1,100

Leighlinbridge

7, 9, 23, 26
No Winner
Jackpot €1,600

10th Dec

Envelopes

L/B €1,300 10/12
B/B €245 03/12
B/B €200 10/12

Offertory

L/B € 95 8/12
L/B €700 10/12
B/B €355 3/12
B/B €100 8/12
B/B €285 10/12

Needy

L/B €440
B/B €120

Christmas Station

L/B €335
B/B €135

Leighlinbridge & District Active Retired: all activities closed from Fri 15th Dec.

Reopens Mon 8th Jan 2024.

Active Ages Exercise Class: in conjunction with Eleanor & PFC Bagenalstown 'free class week 12 block' please text Eleanor on 086 1683349 to be accounted for as numbers are limited. Beginning Thursday January 11th 2024.

Áine McGrath remembered: In late October just gone by we lost a very special member of the Éist Cancer Support Centre, who also served on our Board for many years. That person was Áine McGrath. Áine was a lady, highly respected in Leighlinbridge where she lived with her late husband Bob, she is survived by her daughter Deirdre, sons Keith, Robert and extended family. We extend our sincere sympathy to Áines family and friends on their great loss. As a former nurse, she gave freely of her time, helping and supporting many over the years, particularly encouraging those diagnosed with cancer to come to Éist to avail of the support and services we provide. Áine was a brilliant woman to collect money for Éist. She sold so many tickets for our annual Christmas fundraiser at the Arboretum Garden Centre. She distributed our collection boxes all around her area. She also kept an eye on them as they were filling up and made sure she had an empty one to replace it. She never lost an opportunity. Áine also made sure our letter of thanks was displayed in the shops so that donors were thanked. She had the experience of being a former shopkeeper as well who always said thanks. This evening is our opportunity to say thanks to Áine for all she did for Éist. She was special to everybody who had the privilege of knowing her. We loved her and she will be greatly missed in the Éist family.

Today we remember Áine, she is gone but will never be forgotten.

GK Parish Christmas Carol Service: An evening of music, reflection and prayer will take place in St. Clare's Church, Graiguecullen on Monday 18th December @7pm. Our six parish choirs and our Sunday School children will lead us in traditional carols as well as some Christmas classics to help us enter into the festive spirit. All are welcome to attend, entry is free, there will be a collection for SVP Christmas Appeal during the night.

Synod News: Work is beginning towards the next phase of the Synod and the Second General Assembly in Rome next October. There is a dedicated page on the diocesan website: www.kandle/synod where you can keep up to date. You can also find plenty of information at www.synod.ie and on the Vatican website, www.synod.va.

Enjoy this year's digital Advent 2023 calendar on catholicbishops.ie:

To celebrate this holy season, the 2023 digital Advent calendar on the homepage of www.catholicbishops.ie, offers user-friendly resources for schools, parishes and in the home. Each day, open virtual double-doors to reveal short video and audio messages, seasonal crafts and prayers, to assist people of all ages in keeping Christ at the centre of our Christmas preparations.