

Recent Death:

John Kehoe, Rathvinden, Leighlinbridge

John Amond, Ballygowan

Kathleen Earl, Clogrennane

Logan Farrell Rice, 10 Feltham Hall, Blackbog Road, Carlow

Julia (Sheila) McDonald, St Joesph's Road, Carlow & formerly Rathornan, Leighlinbridge

Maureen Mullins, Doninga, Goresbridge, Co Kilkenny.

Anniversaries:

Sr Immaculata McCarthy, Convent of Mercy

Betty Brennan, High Street

Charlie & Elizabeth Murphy, High Street

Kathleen Dermody, Ballinaboley & Carlow Road

Patrick Purcell, Raheendoran

Patrick Flynn, Killinane & Birmingham, England

Tommy (Toss) Flynn, Killenane

Michael & Kathleen McCartney, Raheendoran

James & Margaret Dooley, Raheendoran

James Dooley Junior, Raheendoran & England

Michael Dooley, Raheendoran & England

Paddy & Billy Dooley, Carlow

Kathleen O'Neill, Palatine

Nan Purcell, Raheendoran

Paddy & Julia Moore, Graiguecullen

Joe Fenlon, Montgomery St & England

Ronan Lawlor, High Street

Katie Roche, Banagagole Lodge

Anna Quirke, Ballinree, Borris

Reena Bernadette D'Souza, Rathornan

Mai & Jack Dunne, Craanluskey

Susan & Jimmy Dunne, Ballinabranna

Esther Brennan Kyleshall

Gavin Brennan, Kernanstown

Martin & Mary Meaney, The Ridge

Hannah & Jim Fitzgerald, Coolnakisha

Louise Rea, Old Leighlin

Kathleen Coffey, Craanluskey

Brigid Byrne, Killenane

James Cummins, Monemore

Notices

Gambling & Gaming Addiction Information Evening: Guest speaker Tony O'Reilly

Gambling and Addiction Counsellor & Co-Author of 'Tony10' Thursday 29th of February

7pm - 9pm Gleann Na Bearú, Muine Bheag, Co. Carlow, R21Y753 For more information

please contact the centre 059 97 22028 or Áine 083 0089055 ainebfrc@gmail.com

Nourishing our Communities: You are invited to an evening on Tues the 20th of Feb about growing food in our communities, for our communities. The event kicks off with a screening of "Together We Grow" (40 mins), the true story of a community enriched by growing food for their neighbours. A panel discussion, refreshments and chat will follow.

Organised by the Co. Carlow Environmental Network (CCEN), please

contact info@ccen.ie for information. Venue: Presentation de la Salle School, Bagenalstown,

R21 X096 at 7:15pm – 9:30pm FREE admission, book a seat on the CCEN Eventbrite page

through our website: www.ccen.ie/together-we-grow/

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 - 7.15pm

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 Fri 22nd

6.30 - 7.15pm

Eucharistic Adoration

Wed 2 - 3pm

Fri 6.30 - 7.30pm

LEIGHLIN PARISH NEWSLETTER

18TH FEBRUARY 2024

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Fasting this Lent

Fast from hurting words and say *kind* words

Fast from sadness and be filled with *gratitude*

Fast from pessimism and be filled with *hope*

Fast from worries and *trust* in God

Fast from pressures and be *prayerful*

Fast from bitterness and fill your heart with *joy*

Fast from selfishness and be *compassionate*

to others

Fast from grudges and be *reconciled*

Fast from words be silent, so you can *listen*.

Pope Francis



NOTICES

St Fintan's Church

	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Ministers</u>
Sun 25th Feb 9.30am	Josephine Fitzgerald	Mary Hegarty
Church Cleaning	Lucy McNally, Grace Twomey Delphine Picovici	
Church Flowers February	Lena Delany	Papers Liz Dunne

St Lazerian's Church

	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Ministers</u>
Sat 24th Feb 7.30pm	Lisa Roche	Mairead Hayden Bridin Lawlor
Sun 25th Feb 11.00am	Sister Ethel	Peter Kelly Sister Ethel
Church Cleaning	Margaret Foley, Kathleen Cummins Kay O'Connor	
Church Flowers February	Ann Kelly	Reader for Week Sister Ethel

Parish Office: will now be **closed** on Wed afternoons to facilitate personnel changes. Opening hours will now be 9.30-2pm on Wed. Mon, Tues, Thurs & Fri will still be 9.30-5pm.

World Day of Prayer for Survivors & Victims of Sexual Abuse: This year's Worldwide Day of Prayer for Survivors and Victims of Sexual Abuse will take place on 16th February, the first Friday of Lent. The Day of Prayer is an initiative of Pope Francis and was first marked in Irish dioceses in 2017. Blessed candles will be lit in parishes across the country as a reminder to the faithful of the need for atonement and to symbolise repentance; light in the darkness and hope. These 'Candles of Atonement' will be lit in diocesan cathedrals and churches on the Day of Prayer, and thereafter during the celebration of Mass and other liturgies. The lighting of the 'Candle of Atonement', and the following prayer, are based on the very moving Penitential Rite composed and prayed by Pope Francis at the final Mass of the 9th World Meeting of Families on 26th August 2018 at Phoenix Park, Dublin, when the Holy Father implored the Lord's mercy for the crimes of abuse and asked for forgiveness.

Lotto Results:

Old Leighlin:

3, 10, 21, 28
No Winner
Jackpot €10,000

Ballinabranna:

2, 5, 6, 25
No Winner
Jackpot €1,550

Leighlinbridge

12, 16, 20, 24
No Winner
Jackpot €2,500

Collections

11th Feb 2024

Envelopes

L/B €940
B/B €700

Offertory

L/B €600
B/B €235

Leighlinbridge & District Active Retired: meeting on Monday 19th February in the Parish Centre at 2.30pm. Refreshments served by team 2. Followed by exercises with Eleanor at 3.00pm. Please note if you have not paid your affiliation fee is now overdue. Holiday 21st April, 3 nights 4 days to Hillgrove Hotel, Monaghan, €425 pps or €530 Single room. Pickle Ball on Tuesday at 2.00pm in Old Leighlin Hall. Bowls on Thursday and Friday at 2.30pm in the Parish Centre.

Care of the aged Summer Break: the bus is now full so no more bookings available. Deposits must be in by Tues 5th March. A committee member will be at the Parish Centre on Tues 5th March from 10 am -12 pm.

Carlow Region PTAA: Annual Dinner Dance in the Seven Oaks Hotel on Sun 25th Feb 2024. Dinner 1.30pm Sharp. Music by Teresa & The Stars. Tickets €30 available from Mary Meaney 086 6027751 or Sally Lawlor 086 8899087

Carlow Union of Parishes: Are holding a series of talks from 22nd Feb to 20th March in St Mary's Church, Haymarket, Carlow. All are welcome to attend.

Invitation to Meditation: Join Noel Keating and Marian Gaynor on Mon evenings over Lent to discover how meditation, the universal practice of silent contemplation, can awaken the heart, deepen our spiritual sensitivity and promote our wellbeing. No need to book – just turn up! **When:** Each Mon during Lent, from 7 to 7:45 pm beginning on Mon, 19th Feb 2024 **Where:** Cathedral Parish Centre, College Street, Carlow.

Kilquan Drama Group: present "Separate Beds" by Sam Cree directed by Benny Mills for "One Extra Night" Due to Popular Demand. Comedy in Three Acts in Coon Hall (Eir-Code R93 EC89) on 23rd February, 2024 at 8.00 pm. Doors Open at 7.00 pm. Admission €10.

The Care of the Aged & The Lourdes Invalid Fund: would like to thank Olivia and friends who participated in the 12 Pubs of Christmas in Leighlinbridge. The total raised was €680, thank you to all who donated.

Rescheduled community meeting: is taking place in Ballinabranna GAA clubhouse on Thursday 22nd of February at 8.30pm to brainstorm projects for the community. All are welcome to attend and have their voice heard and share your ideas! If you would like any further information you can contact Daniel Pender on 0852096811

Money Found: on Orchard Lane. Please contact the Parish Office on 059 9722607.

Accord Catholic Marriage Care Service CLG seeking marriage preparation facilitators: ACCORD Catholic Marriage Care Service CLG is currently recruiting volunteers to train as marriage preparation programme facilitators. If you have a positive attitude towards marriage in the Catholic Church. If you have the enthusiasm to be part of the Accord team in supporting couples who are preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage Accord wants to hear from you!. Successful applicants will receive professional training and will be part of a team delivering marriage preparation programmes locally. Contact Aisling on 01 505 3112 or by email to marriagepreparation@accord.ie www.accord.ie