

Recent Death:

Agnes McArdle, Churchtown Dublin and formerly Tomard.
Brian Williams, Gleann na Bearu, Bagenalstown
Sr Raphael, Little Sisters of the Poor, Dalkey Co Dublin
Kathleen Earl, Clogrennane

Anniversaries:

Martin Heffernan, Tullamore
Owen & Mikey Keating, Ballinabranna
Marie Burke, Oak Park, Carlow
James & Kathleen Doran, Raheen
James, Bridget, Dennis Nolan, Closutton
Sheila Walsh, Closutton
Stephen, Mary, Paddy, Christy Nolan, Closutton
John & Mary Lennon, Knockbawn, Old Leighlin
Mary McGrath, Carlow Road
Bill Moore, Ballinaboley
Seamus Paul Wallek, Castlecomer & Leighlinbridge

John Kelly, Killenane
Bridget Dolan, Ballinabranna
Elizabeth Delaney, Crossard, Wolfhill
Mary Fitzgerald, Craan
William Brennan, Moanduff
Jacinta Kirwan, Bendinstown, Rathoe

Notices

Want to ENERGISE YOUR COMMUNITY? Would you like to help people in your community reduce their energy costs and lower their carbon emissions? Would you like to better use community buildings? Sustainable Energy Communities (SEC) is a FREE support programme for communities where communities can learn about how to make energy improvements and avail of funding. At present, there are over 100 Sustainable Energy Communities across the Southeast. If you are interested in finding out more about Sustainable Energy Communities, please view posts on our Facebook page or email brmdevgroup@gmail.com. www.facebook.com/ballinabranna.milford.raheendoran

Carlow Flower Club: Our guest demonstrator for February will be Brenda Joyce from Doddervale Flower Club in south Dublin. Brenda is an AOIFA demonstrator, teacher and judge, and she will be demonstrating some beautiful Spring arrangements all of which will be raffled on the night. The competition for all categories is "A Spring Cascade" Looking forward to seeing lots of members and visitors on Tues 27th Feb at 8.00pm in the Woodford Dolmen Hotel. Non-members €10

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

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25TH FEBRUARY 2024
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

<u>St Fintan's Church</u>		
	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Ministers</u>
Sun 3rd March 9.30am	Betty Hughes	Mai Sheehan
Church Cleaning	Bridie Keating, Mary Quinn Josephine Fitzgerald	
Church Flowers March	Angela Carter	Papers Kathleen O'Boyle

<u>St Lazerian's Church</u>		
	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Ministers</u>
Sat 2nd March 7.30pm	Celma Aughney	George Donoghue Mary Meaney (B)
Sun 3rd March 11.00am	Barbara Kinsella	Anita Duncan Marie Roche
Church Cleaning	Lizzie Earl, Oliver Quinn	
Church Flowers March	Mary Redmond	Reader for Week Benny Mills

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.

Peace Mass: in Carlow Cathedral on Thurs 29th Feb. Starting at 7 p.m. Rosary, Divine Mercy, followed by Mass and Benediction. All are welcome.

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

Vocations Webinar: There is a webinar on Vocations taking place on Tuesday 5th March from 8-9pm. The Webinar is hosted by 'The Hook of Faith' platform (www.thehookoffaith.com) and is organised in collaboration with the National Vocations Office. The webinar is entitled '*The Last Priest in Ireland? It Depends on You*'. It is a follow up of a RTE documentary broadcast in January entitled '*The Last Priest in Ireland*'. The keynote speaker will be Breda O'Brien. There will be a panel of responders. The webinar is a Church response to the programme and an opportunity for dialogue about the future of vocations to the priesthood in Ireland. The provocative title aims to promote a desire to create a culture of vocations for which we are all responsible. The initiative is part of the year of prayer and promotion to the diocesan priesthood 'Take the Risk for Christ'.

Lotto Results:

Old Leighlin:

14, 17, 23, 27
No Winner
Jackpot €10,000
Reserve €2,100

Ballinabranna:

1, 4, 20, 24
No Winner
Jackpot €1,600

Leighlinbridge

2, 9, 13, 24
No Winner
Jackpot €2,600

Collections

18th Feb 2024

Envelopes

L/B €580
B/B €205

Offertory

L/B €585
B/B €240

Leighlinbridge & District Active Retired: Committee meeting on Monday 26th February at 2pm. Members meeting at 2.30pm. Refreshments followed by exercises with Eleanor at 3pm. Pickle Ball on Tues at 2pm in Old Leighlin Hall. Bowls on Thurs & Fri at 2.30pm in the Parish Centre.

Care of the aged Summer Break: the bus is now full so no more bookings available. Deposits of €100 must be in by Tuesday 5th March. Please contact George Donoghue 087 2145814 or Kathleen McNally 086 3499109 or Mary Kehoe 085 1546136 to pay your deposit. A committee member will also 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 Sunday 25th February 2024. Dinner 1.30pm Sharp. Music by Teresa & The Stars. Tickets €30 available from Mary Meaney 086 6027751 or Sally Lawlor 086 8899087.

The AGM of Leighlinbridge Improvement Group: will take place on Wednesday 28th Feb at 7.30 pm in Leighlin Parish Centre. All in the community are welcome to attend and plan for 2024 work to keep village looking beautiful for the year.

Ballinabranna Water Co-Op Society: will hold their AGM on Monday 4th March at 8pm in the Ballinabranna GAA Clubhouse, Ballinabranna.

Rambling House: meet at the Old School Hall in Ballinabranna on Wednesday 28th February at 8pm.

Carlow Older Persons Forum: are hosting an Information Roadshow for over 55's on Tues 27th Feb, 10:30am-12:30pm, Lord Bagenal Hotel, Leighlinbridge. For more info phone (087) 2145262, Email: agefriendlycarlow@carlowcoco.ie

Are you caring for a loved one at home with additional needs? A spouse, partner, child, close relative or neighbour? Then you are a family carer! Become a member of Family Carers Ireland, the national charity supporting Ireland's 500,000+ family carers nationwide. Contact 057 93 70221 and hear how we can support you or for more info visit www.familycarers.ie.

Annual Trócaire Lecture: You are invited to attend The St. Patrick's College Maynooth Annual Trócaire Lecture, the theme this year is Climate Justice and Catholic Social Teaching: 'Everything is connected' and 'No one is saved alone' (Laudate Deum, 19). Registration for this free event is required. Please register to attend **in person** at this link: <https://forms.gle/3qAuyM4orvtT1mtL8> to attend **online** at this link: <https://bit.ly/3ShykIv> The event will feature **Rev. Agbonkhianmeghe Orobator SJ**, former president of the Jesuit Conference of Africa and Madagascar and current Dean of the Jesuit School of Theology of Santa Clara University, California. The event will take place in Renehan Hall at **St. Patrick's College, Maynooth, on Tuesday, the 5th of March, at 7p.m. GMT**. It will also be live-streamed for those who cannot attend in person. For further enquiries please contact Frances Harnan frances.harnan@trocaire.org