

### Months Mind:

John Amond, Ballygowan. Mass on Friday 15th March at 7.30pm in Ballinabranna.  
Sheila McDonald, St. Josephs Road, Rathornan. Mass on Sunday 17th March at 11am in Leighlinbridge.  
Agnes McArdle, Churchtown, Dublin & Tomard. Mass on Sunday 24th March at 11am in Leighlinbridge.

### 1st Anniversaries:

Mary Doran, Raheendoran & Old Leighlin. Mass on Sunday 17th March at 9.30am in Ballinabranna.  
Kate Byrne, Tomard. Mass on Friday 22nd March at 7.30pm in Ballinabranna.

### Anniversaries:

Alisha Kenna, St. Lazerian's Terrace	John O'Neill, Orchard
Noel Kenna, St Fiaccs, Graiguecullen	Paddy (Pol) Foley & Sons, Milford
Patricia Aylward, Upper Seskin & London	Barry McDonald, South Caroline
Elizabeth Hughes, Ballinabranna	Richard Coady, Rathanna
John McNally, Tobinstown, Tullow	Michael Meaney, Blackbush
Bridie Quaile (née Lawlor), Bilboa Cross & London	Francis Kavanagh, Bawnree
Elizabeth Kinsella, Craanluskey	
Margaret & Jeremiah O'Neill, Knockagarry	
Peggy Gleeson, Gorey, Co. Wexford	
John & Kathleen Moran, Powerstown & their son John, England	
Arthur & Kathleen Lawlor, Craanluskey	
John & Jimmy O'Rourke, Raheendoran & deceased members of Hallissey Family, Portlaw.	

### Notices

**Director of Parish Development:** Kildare and Leighlin Diocese is inviting applications for the full-time position of Director of Parish Development. A job description and information on how to apply can be found on [www.kandle.ie/director-of-parish-development/](http://www.kandle.ie/director-of-parish-development/) . Closing date for applications is 5 pm on 25 March 2024. This is a very important appointment for our diocese, and we ask your prayers that our search to fill this position will be successful.

**National Eucharistic Adoration Pilgrimage to Knock:** Calling ALL ADORERS of the Blessed Sacrament in the Kildare & Leighlin Diocese for the National Eucharistic Adoration Pilgrimage to Knock on Sunday 14th April 2024. Please ring 086 1637311 (Barbara Kinsella) to enquire or book a seat. Full bus details on [www.eucharisticadoration.ie](http://www.eucharisticadoration.ie).

**Safeguarding:** If you have an issue with Safeguarding in the Parish please contact the DLP: 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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## LEIGHLIN PARISH NEWSLETTER

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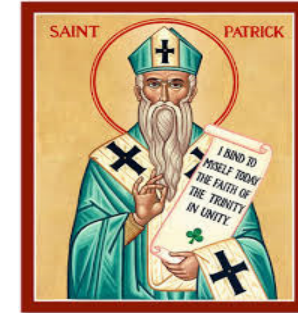
### Mass Times:

#### 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



I arise today, through  
God's strength to pilot me,  
God's might to uphold me,  
God's wisdom to guide me,  
God's eye to look before me,  
God's ear to hear me,  
God's word to speak for me,  
God's hand to guard me,  
God's shield to protect me,  
God's host to save me  
From snares of devils,  
From temptation of vices,  
From everyone who shall wish me ill,  
afar and near.

From St. Patrick's Breastplate

## NOTICES

<u>St Fintan's Church</u>		
	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Ministers</u>
<b>Sun 24th March 9.30am Palm Sunday</b>	Tom O'Keefe Josephine Fitzgerald (Passion Narrator)	Anthony Walsh
<b>Church Cleaning</b>	Claire Jackson, Loretta McNally, Ann Proctor, Valerie Haughney	
<b>Church Flowers March</b>	Angela Carter	<b>Papers</b> Lucy McNally

<u>St Lazerian's Church</u>		
	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Ministers</u>
<b>Sat 23rd March 7.30pm</b>	Lisa Roche	George Donoghue Christine Thompson
<b>Sun 24th March 11.00am Palm Sunday</b>	Family Reader Barbara Kinsella (Passion Narrator)  Angela Roche (other reader)	Kathleen Cummins Noeleen Doyle
<b>Church Cleaning</b>	Lizzie Earl, Oliver Quinn	
<b>Church Flowers March</b>	Mary Redmond	<b>Reader for Week</b> Sister Ethel

### Lotto Results:

#### Old Leighlin:

13, 19, 25, 27  
No Winner  
Jackpot €10,000

#### Ballinabranna:

5, 16, 18, 22  
No Winner  
Jackpot €1,750

#### Leighlinbridge

2, 3, 9, 26  
No Winner  
Jackpot €2,800

### Collections

#### 10th March

#### Envelopes

L/B €755  
B/B €1075

#### Offertory

L/B €565  
B/B €290



**Easter Readers:** a meeting for all Easter readers will take place on Monday 18th March at 8pm in the Parish Centre.

**Easter Penitential Service for all the Parish including the Confirmation Classes:** Tuesday 19th March at 7.30pm in Leighlinbridge Church.

**Chrism Mass:** Bishop Denis invites you to join him for the celebration of the Chrism Mass. It will take place in the Cathedral of the Assumption in Carlow on Monday, 25th March at 7:30pm.

**Easter Mass Cards:** now on sale in the Parish Office. €5 each

**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.

**Parish envelopes:** there are still a numerous amount of envelopes still waiting to be collected from the Parish Office. Please collect them at your earliest opportunity. Thank you.

**Care of the aged Summer Break:** to Westport, Co. Mayo from June 3rd – 7th. Remaining balance for trip please to George Donoghue 087 2145814 or Kathleen McNally 086 3499109 or Mary Kehoe 085 1546136. With last date for payment 23rd April. Thank you.

**Carlow Regional Pioneers:** will hold their monthly meeting in Ballinabranna on Friday 22nd March. Mass at 7.30pm meeting in St. Fintan's Centre.

**The Student Council in Leighlinbridge N.S:** are organising a clothing collection to raise funds to help purchase a net for the back of the pitch. Any unwanted items of clothing or soft toys can be bagged up and sent into the school where they will be stored. On the 19th March, Cash4Clothes will come and collect all of the bags of clothes, weigh the bags and then payment will issue to the school within 4-6 weeks. The clothing makes its new journey all over the world to start its new life in particular in Eastern Europe and Africa. Re-wearable Items of Clothing · Paired Shoes · Handbags · Belts · Towels · Curtains · Blankets · Soft Toys. Duvets and pillows **will not be accepted.** If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school on 059-9721796.

**Leighlinbridge Improvement Group:** have had another busy week. Some beds cleared in The Garden of Remembrance and planted with 30 “Pony Tails” also known as Feather Grass. These will start flowering in May and last until October. The wind makes the grass wave like the hair on a pony’s tail in the wind. 60 Nepeta Faassenii Purrsian Blue also planted. These are a deciduous, shrubby perennial, long flowering, with aromatic leaves, and pollinator friendly. Planters for bridge have been planted with Petunias, we are hopeful that these baskets will cascade in an abundance of colour during the summer.

**Leighlin Parish Men's Shed:** would like to say thank you to Kissane's Pharmacy for donating a new First Aid kit for our Men's shed. We are open for any commissions so please get in touch to discuss any requirements. New members are welcome to join us. Contact the Parish Centre on 059 9722607.

**The Ballinabranna Old School Hall Committee:** will hold an Easter Raffle on Palm Sunday 24th March. Prizes include 1st prize a hamper, 2nd prize an Easter cake, 3rd prize a bottle of whiskey, 4th prize wine glasses and other prizes. Raffle on the day-tickets €2 per strip-3 for €5. Mrs. Bunny will have treats for all the children. Refreshments will be served. Hope to see you there.