

### **Recent Deaths:**

Mary Byrne (née Quealy), Abbeyside, Dungarvan

### **1st Anniversaries:**

John Amond, Ballygowan. Mass on Sunday 9th February at 9.30am in Ballinabranna.

John Kehoe, Rathvinden. Mass on Sunday 9th February at 11am in Leighlinbridge.

### **Anniversaries:**

Michael & Mary McNally, Craanluskey

Martin & Mary O'Brien, Craanluskey

William & Ann Muldowney, Conahy

Annie Kennedy, Rathvinden

Eileen Maher, Clorusk, Bagenalstown

Ned Maher, Royal Oak Rd, Bagenalstown

James Maher, Kyletock

Margaret Hennessy, Coolnakisha

Davy Byrne, Tomard

Annemarie Delaney, Ballinabranna

Mary (Babs) Fitzgerald & deceased family members, Craan

Kathleen Carthy & deceased family members, Craan

Jim & Breda Alyward, Rathornan and deceased members of Alyward & Lyons families

Bernadette (née Nolan) Motley, The Ridge & John Sweeney Park

Margaret Murphy, Lacken

Clare Roche, Coolnakisha House

Tommy Lynch, Old Leighlin

Winnie Byrne, 1 Seskin Road

Rosemary Eyre, Gurthahile

Jonathan Byrne, Tomard

Christina Nevin, Ballinaboley

Brigid Meaney, The Ridge

Kathleen Dolan, The Ridge

### **Notices**

**Kilquan Drama Group present:** "Stop it Nurse" by Sam Cree - *Directed by Benny Mills*. Comedy in Three Acts in Coon Hall (Eir-Code R93 EC89). Play will be Performed on 31st January, 2025, 1st, 2nd, 7th, 8th and 9th Feb, 2025 at 8.00 pm. Doors Open at 7.00 pm. Admission €10.

**Leighlinbridge Improvement Group:** will hold a meeting on Wed 5th Feb at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre. You are all welcome to attend. As you are aware Leighlinbridge Improvement Group is a voluntary organisation and greatly dependent on volunteers. Volunteering will give you the opportunity to share your skills, get out & about, & feel involved in your community, to make new friends and have a say in how Leighlinbridge should improve. We would like to thank all our volunteers who have contributed their time and skills throughout the years.

**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

Saturday 7.30pm

Sunday 11.00am

Mon - Thur 9.30am

#### **Eucharistic Adoration**

Wed 2 - 5pm

Fri 4 - 8pm

#### **Ballinabranna**

Sunday 9.30am

Friday 7.30pm

Confession Friday

6.30 - 7.15pm

#### **Eucharistic Adoration**

Wed 2 - 3pm

Fri 6.30 - 7.30pm

## LEIGHLIN PARISH NEWSLETTER

2ND FEBRUARY 2025

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

### **Jubilee Year 2025 – 'A call to action!'**

The celebration of Jubilee 2025 has now begun throughout the universal Catholic Church on the theme:

'Pilgrims of Hope'.

Everyone is invited to participate in this special year of faith. Specifically, Pope Francis is encouraging each of us to be messengers of hope in our very troubled world during this holy year. In our Christian tradition, the Jubilee has a strong focus on reconciliation & renewal, including reaching out to people on the margins.

It is normally celebrated every 25 years, so that more people can experience it at least once in a lifetime.

In dioceses and parishes around Ireland people are celebrating specific jubilee occasions both locally & in

Rome. Reflecting the Jubilee Year in the Universal Church, the Irish Synodal Pathway will also focus on hope ahead of the national pre-synodal assembly in Kilkenny on 18th October. For further information on

Jubilee 2025 Year of Hope, see the dedicated page on

[CatholicBishops.ie](http://CatholicBishops.ie) for all Jubilee-related updates, including a live calendar featuring events happening across the island. To keep the Jubilee page vibrant, we invite you to contribute by sharing videos & photos from events in your diocese to the Catholic Communications Office in Maynooth on [info@catholicbishops.ie](mailto:info@catholicbishops.ie).


Your contributions will help showcase and amplify the Jubilee celebrations across Ireland.

## NOTICES

### St Fintan's Church

|                                    | <u>Readers</u>                                     | <u>Ministers</u>              |
|------------------------------------|--|-------------------------------|
| <b>Sun 9th Feb<br/>9.30am</b>      | Family reader                                      | Daniel Pender                 |
| <b>Church Cleaning</b>             | Bridie Keating, Mary Quinn<br>Josephine Fitzgerald |                               |
| <b>Church Flowers<br/>February</b> | Angela Carter                                      | <b>Papers</b><br>Teresa Dunne |

### St Lazerian's Church

|                                    | <u>Readers</u>  | <u>Ministers</u>  |
|------------------------------------|---|---|
| <b>Sat 8th Feb<br/>7.30pm</b>      | Lisa Roche  | Russell Harkin<br>Victor Harkin   |
| <b>Sun 9th Feb<br/>11.00am</b>     | Sister Ethel  | Kathleen Cummins<br>Peter Kelly   |
| <b>Church Cleaning</b>             | Margaret Foley, Kathleen Cummins<br>Kay O'Connor, Catherine Brennan |   |
| <b>Church Flowers<br/>February</b> | Ann Kelly   |  |
| <b>Reader for Week</b>             | Angela Roche - Wed  | Benny Mills<br>Mon, Tues & Thurs  |

**Communion calls:** will take place in the usual order on Mon 3rd, Tues 4th & Wed 5th Feb.

**Mass of Anointing of the sick:** Saturday 8th February at 11.00am in Leighlinbridge Church.

**Morning Mass Readers in Leighlinbridge:** Urgently needed. Please contact the Parish Office if you would be able to help with this area. Contact 059 9722607. Thanking you in advance.

**Church cleaners:** urgently needed for Leighlinbridge Church. We are down to two teams so any volunteers would be greatly appreciated. Please contact the Parish Office on 059 9722607. Thank you.

**Lotto Results:**  
**Old Leighlin:**  
1, 22, 24, 25  
No Winner  
Jackpot € 9450

**Ballinabranna:**  
1, 3, 13, 17  
No Winner  
Jackpot €2,050

**Leighlinbridge**  
5, 6, 13, 28  
No Winner  
Jackpot €3,200

**26th Jan 2025**  
**Offertory**  
L/B € 565  
B/B € 275

**Envelopes**  
L/B € 145  
B/B € 515



**Kildare Calls for a Global Pause for Peace 2025:** The people of Kildare, Ireland, call on people worldwide to Pause for Peace for 1 minute's silence/reflection at 12 noon, local time, on St. Brigid's day, February 1<sup>st</sup> each year. By pausing for Peace we send out a message that we actively oppose warfare and the proliferation of arms in our world.

**2025 Weekly Envelopes and Annual Financial report:** are now available from the Parish Centre. Opening hours 9.30am - 5pm on Mon-Fri.

**Lourdes 2025:** Leighlin Parish intends to travel this year to Lourdes. No dates yet.

**Leighlinbridge & District Active Retired: Bowls** on Thurs & Fri & Pickle Ball in Old Leighlin on Thur. No meeting on Mon 3rd Feb as it is a Bank Holiday. The following Mon 10th will be the Annual General Meeting and all members are asked to attend. Membership fees for the coming year are now due and are great value at €25. Deposits for the holiday in Westport need to be paid ASAP.

**Care of the Aged:** Our summer break will be to South Donegal, staying at Allingham Arms hotel, Bundoran. Mon 2nd - Fri 6th June. Rate €485 per person sharing. Single room supplement €30 per night. Deposit of €100 by Tues 25th Mar. Committee members will be in Parish Centre on this date between 10 - 12pm to facilitate. To book your place please contact a committee member.  
George 087 2145814. Ann 087 6917081. Kathleen 086 3499109. Mary 085 1546136.

**Leighlinbridge Housing Association CLG:** has a vacancy in its housing scheme at Orchard Lane, Leighlinbridge. Expressions of interest are invited from applicants who are over 60 and are on a local authority (Council) housing list. For details and an application form please phone Patrick Roche on 083 1957783 during office hours.

**Vocation Society of St Joseph's:** The monthly meeting will be held in Parish Centre on Tues 4th Feb at 7.30pm. The 9.30am Mass will be offered for Vocations to the Priesthood & Religion Life and also for all Bishops Priests and deceased Priests.

**Carlow Regional PTAA:** The monthly meeting will be held in the Parish Centre Baltinglass on Sat 15th Feb Commencing with Mass at 6.00pm in the Church. **Please note time of Mass.**

**Pilates for Men:** will take a place in Parish Centre, Leighlinbridge, beginning Mon Feb 10th, 8:10pm. Contact [www.tmpilates.com](http://www.tmpilates.com) or 087-7731106 to book & for more information & other classes.

**Carlow Region PTAA Annual Dinner Dance:** will take a place at Seven Oaks Hotel Carlow on Sun 23rd Feb 2025. Tickets €30 from Mary Meaney 0866027751.