

### **Recent Deaths:**

Frances Clarke, Seskin Road, Leighlinbridge  
Ann Connolly (née O'Reilly), Gillingham, Kent & formerly Clonmelsh, Milford  
Tony O'Brien, Manchester  
Michael Delaney, The Ridge.

### **1st Anniversaries:**

Breda Donohue, The Ridge, Mass on Sat 1st March at 7.30 pm Leighlinbridge

### **Anniversaries:**

Reena Bernadette D'Souza, Rathornan	Mai & Jack Dunne, Ballinabranna
John and Maudie Byrne, New Road	Esther Brennan, Kyleshall
James Cummins, Monemore	Gavin Brennan, Kernanstown
Billy & Hanna McGrath, Rathellen	Jimmy & Susan Dunne, Ballinabranna
John Kelly, Killenane	Kathleen Coffey, Craanluskey
Louise Rea, Old Leighlin	Martin Heffernan, Tullamore
Frank Flynn, Killenane	Andrew O'Neill, Crossard Wolfhill
Bridget Byrne, Killenane	Elizabeth Delaney, Crossard Wolfhill
Bridget Dolan, Ballinabranna	Martin & Mary Carpenter, Wells
Charlie Murphy Snr, High Street	Anna Quirke, Ballinree, Borris
John Byrne, Isle of Man formerly New Road	Mary Fitzgerald, Craan
Marie Burke, Oak Park, Carlow	Hannah Fitzgerald, Coolnakisha
Owen & Mikey Keating, Ballinabranna	
Keating Family, Ballinabranna	

### **Notices**

**Marriage Encounter Weekend 28-30 March 2025:** Restore, Renew, Rekindle. We welcome you to our next Marriage Enrichment Weekend Friday 28th- 30<sup>th</sup> March 2025  
Venue: Knock, Co. Mayo [www.marriageencounter.ie](http://www.marriageencounter.ie)

**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 086 6027751.

**Samaritans Information Night:** Ever wondered about volunteering with the Samaritans, or exactly what is expected of a listening volunteer? Then why not come along to Lamberts Coffee House in Dublin Street on Wednesday 26th February between 6 and 8pm and meet some existing volunteers to find out what we do in Carlow to contribute to answering the 1500 calls for help received every day. We are actively looking for people who wish to help others and have 3 hours to spare per week, full training will be provided.

**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 - Thurs 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

23RD FEBRUARY 2025  
SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The Lord Forgives

Happy those whose offence is forgiven,  
whose sin is remitted.

O happy those to whom the Lord imputes no guilt,  
in whose spirit is no guile.

I kept it secret and my frame was wasted. I groaned all day  
long, for night and day your hand was heavy upon me.  
Indeed my strength was dried up as by the summer's heat.  
But now I have acknowledged my sins; my guilt I did not  
hide, I said: "I will confess my offence to the Lord."

And you, Lord, have forgiven the guilt of my sin.

So let faithful men and women pray to you  
in the time of need.

The floods of water may reach high  
but they shall stand secure.

You are my hiding place, O Lord;  
you save me from distress.


Rejoice, rejoice in the lord, exult, you just!  
O come, ring out your joy all you upright of heart.

## NOTICES

### St Fintan's Church

	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Ministers</u>
<b>Sun 2nd March 9.30am</b>	Mary Dunne	Killian Amond
<b>Church Cleaning</b>	Claire Jackson, Loretta McNally, Ann Proctor, Valerie Haughney	
<b>Church Flowers March</b>	Mary Dunne	<b>Papers</b> Lucy McNally

### St Lazerian's Church

	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Ministers</u>
<b>Sat 1st March 7.30pm</b>	Margaret Purcell	Jimmy Farrell, Mary Meaney (M)
<b>Sun 2nd March 11.00am</b>	Benny Mills	Paddy O'Brien, Mary Clarke
<b>Church Cleaning</b>	Margaret Foley, Kathleen Cummins, Kay O'Connor, Catherine Brennan	
<b>Church Flowers March</b>	Mary Redmond	
<b>Reader for Week</b>	Angela Roche - Wed	Benny Mills Mon, Tues & Thurs

**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.

**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.

**Lotto Results:**  
**Old Leighlin:**  
3, 14, 24, 26  
No Winner  
Jackpot €9,900

**Ballinabranna:**  
5, 6, 12, 14  
No Winner  
Jackpot €2,200

**Leighlinbridge**  
5, 10, 26, 27  
No Winner  
Jackpot €3,500

**16th Feb 2025**  
**Offertory**  
L/B € 605  
B/B € 230

**Envelopes**  
L/B € 325  
B/B € 135

**Shrine**  
L/B €575  
B/B €300



**Leighlinbridge & District Active Retired:** Bowling will take place on Thurs and Fri as usual at 2-30 pm in the Parish Centre. Pickle Ball takes place in the hall in Old Leighlin on Tuesdays at 1-45pm.

**2025 Naomh Bríd Membership Now Open:** Join our One Club community - welcoming all ages, all abilities (Hurling & Camogie)! Be part of something special this year. Sign up today: [https://naomhbridgaa.clubzap.com/membership\\_products](https://naomhbridgaa.clubzap.com/membership_products).

**Naomh Bríd Hurling & Camogie 2025 :** Registration evenings: Fri 28th Feb 6pm to 8pm in the Parish Centre and Sat 29th Feb 6pm to 8pm in Ballinabranna Clubhouse.

**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.

**Ballinabranna Ramblers:** are holding a fund raising night for Leighlin Parish Care of the Aged in Ballinabranna GAA Club House on Wed 26th Feb at 8 pm a night of music, song, dance & story telling. Refreshments & Raffle on the night. Admission €5.  
**Please note change of venue**

**Michael Davitt's:** 50-year history book launch on Friday 21st February at 8pm in Parish Centre. Books available on the night €30. All are welcome.

**The Childminding Development Grant:** of up to €1,000 is currently available to registered and unregistered Childminders caring for children in the Childminder's home, including those planning to open a childminding business in 2025. It aims to assist Childminders to enhance the safety and quality of their childminding service through the purchase of toys, safety equipment, childcare equipment and IT equipment. For further information or to receive an application form, please contact Eilish/Jean at Carlow CCC on 059 9140244 or email [eilish@carlowccc.ie](mailto:eilish@carlowccc.ie). Grant applications close on Friday, 4th April.

**Charity Vehicle Run:** Sunday 23rd February 2025 in aid of Ballinabranna N.S. & Eist Cancer Support. All vehicles welcome. Leaving @ 2pm from The Leinster Mart, Killeslin Road to Ballinabranna Clubhouse. Registration from 12.30 pm - €25

**Top Ten Ways to Help Pollinators:** Don't mow, let it grow! Reduce mowing to allow native wildflowers like Dandelions, Clover and Birds-foot Trefoil to naturally return over time. By reducing mowing – even to once a month – you will help them to slowly return, one pocket at a time. Where? Everywhere! Even tiny biodiversity margins are valuable. [pollinators.ie/top-ten-ways-to-help-pollinators/](http://pollinators.ie/top-ten-ways-to-help-pollinators/)