

**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.  
Kathleen Earl, Clogrennane, Mass Sun16th February at 9.30 am Ballinabranna.  
Agnes McArdle, Churchtown, Mass Sun16th February at 11am Leighlinbridge.  
Frank McArdle, Churchtown, & Formerly Tomard, Mass Sun16th February at 11am LB.

**Anniversaries:**

Clare Allen, Dublin	Fernie Breen, Barrowlough
Maria Lawler, Old Leighlin	Patrick Farrell, Ballinabranna
George Quirke, Lower Coolcullen	Margaret Farrell, Craanluskey, Bilboa
Thomas Dolan, The Ridge	Josephine Mulvey, Leighlinbridge
Philip Dolan, The Ridge	Johnny Miley, Ballygowan
Ellen Keegan, London, Ballygowan	Katy Earl, Craanluskey
Brian Williams, Bagenalstown	
William Dobbs, Craanluskey	
Frances Kane (née Curran), 19 St Lazerian’s Terrace, Leighlinbridge	
Patrick & Annie Kelly, Parknakyle and all deceased family members	
Robert (Bob) Farrell, 23 Rossmore View & 11 Tommy Murphy Park	

**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.

**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

**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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**9TH FEBRUARY 2025  
FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

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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

**The Worry Chart.**

A businessman once made a “Worthy Chart”, on which he recorded all his troubles and woes. After a year of this worrisome task, he decided to tabulate the results.

He found that 40% of his anxieties turned out to be things that were unlikely to happen. Thirty per cent were about decisions he had made - and could not unmake. Twelve per cent of his worries were based on people’s criticism of him, and 10% were about his future health (9 including getting an ulcer from too much worrying). Only half of the latter 10 % were items he had any control over. Finally, the business man concluded that only 8 % of his past year’s worries had been legitimate.

What are you worrying about today?  
How about converting your worry time to prayer time?

It’s amazing how much worry can be alleviated when we talk to God about our concerns and, in effect, given them over to His care. And don’t add worry about how to pray to your list of concerns. If you can’t find words to express your troubles, God knows your heart and mind and hears you even when you don’t speak. Just sit quietly and soak up His goodness.


**Worry is like a rocking chair - it gives you something to do but gets you nowhere.**

## NOTICES

### St Fintan's Church

	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Ministers</u>
<b>Sun 16th Feb 9.30am</b>	Loretta Stedman	Padraig Farrell
<b>Church Cleaning</b>	Phyllis Walsh, Sally Lawlor	
<b>Church Flowers February</b>	Angela Carter	<b>Papers</b> Lucy McNally

### St Lazerian's Church

	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Ministers</u>
<b>Sat 15th Feb 7.30pm</b>	Mary Meaney (M)	Mairead Hayden Bridin Lawlor
<b>Sun 16th Feb 11.00am</b>	Barbara Kinsella	Anita Dunican Marie Roche
<b>Church Cleaning</b>	Liliia, Bernie Price, Oliver Quinn	
<b>Church Flowers February</b>	Ann Kelly	
<b>Reader for Week</b>	Angela Roche - Wed	Sister Ethel 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.

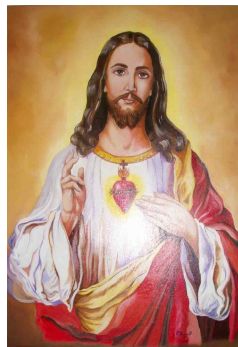
**Lotto Results:**  
**Old Leighlin:**  
2,8,10,11  
No Winner  
Jackpot €9,600

**Ballinabranna:**  
2, ,8, 20, 25  
No Winner  
Jackpot €2,100

**Leighlinbridge**  
7, 10, 11, 14  
No Winner  
Jackpot €3.300

**2nd Feb 2025**  
**Offertory**  
L/B € 740  
B/B € 225

**Envelopes**  
L/B € 1860  
B/B € 220



**Leighlinbridge & District Active Retired:** are holding their AGM on Monday next 10th February in the Parish Centre Leighlinbridge at 2pm. This is an important meeting and all members are asked to attend. Membership fees are also due at this time. Bowling will take place on Thursdays and Fridays as usual at 2-30 pm and Pickle Ball takes place in the hall in Old Leighlin on Tuesdays at 1-45pm.

**International Day of Prayer and Awareness against Human Trafficking:** Pope Francis has called for the 8th of February, the Feast Day of St. Josephine Bakhita, to be recognised as a Global Day of Prayer to reflect on the plight of those who are the victims of modern slavery and human trafficking. He said; “*Saint Bakhita encourages us to open our eyes and ears to see those who go unseen and to hear those who have no voice, to acknowledge the dignity of each person, and to fight trafficking and all forms of exploitation.*”

**St.Brigid and Europe:** Kildare man and Naas parishioner, Liam Kenny, has researched a presentation “St.Brigid and Europe—the diocesan Patron at the heart of the Europe Dream”. Liam developed his presentation having made the surprise discovery on a business visit to Strasbourg in eastern France that there was a devotion in the region to St Brigid. Fascinated by this devotion to St Brigid, long distant from her traditional site in Kildare, he researched the Brigidine presence on the banks of the Rhine. The result is an illustrated presentation and informative commentary which is scheduled for the Cathedral Parish Centre, Carlow R93 XV10 on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30pm. Everyone is invited and welcome to come to this interesting evening which links the Diocesan patron saint with the heart of Europe.

**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. Closing date for application is February 21st 2025. Please phone Patrick Roche on 083 1957783 during office hours.

**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.**

**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.

**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, Killeshin Road to Ballinabranna Clubhouse. Registration from 12.30 - €25

**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.