

Recent Deaths:

Seamus Cummins, Upper Tomard, Leighlinbridge
Sybil Burke (née Shannon), Roscommon
P.J Fitzpatrick, Upper Tomard, Bilboa

Months Mind:

Mary Sullivan, Leighlinbridge Mass Sat 5th April at 7.30pm Leighlinbridge.
Partick Curran, Old Leighlin. Mass on Sat 12th April at 7.30pm Leighlinbridge.
Mary Sheehan, 10 Kyleshall, Raheendoran. Mass on Sun 13th April at 9.30am Ballinabranna.

Anniversaries:

Annie Keating, Clogrennane	Mary Coffey, Craanluskey
Bob McGrath, Rathellen	Mixer Watchorn, Milford
Theresa Byrne, Lower Seskin, Leighlinbridge	Hilary Roche, Rathellen House
Mary Lynch, Old Leighlin	Paddy Earl, Seskin Road
Paddy & Annie Byrne, High Street	Mary Leech, USA & Ballinabranna
Tommy, Elizabeth & Pat Byrne, High Street	
Maria Pöllmann, Banagagole, Old Leighlin & Germany	
Mary McNally, Nottingham, England & Craan, Leighlinbridge	
John & Elizabeth Matthews, Fonthill, their daughter Kathleen & husband Michael Hyland, their daughter Maryanne & husband Alfie, their son Paul & his wife Bernie	
Peter & Mick Matthews, Fonthill	
Elizabeth Matthews, Fonthill	
Margaret Lawlor, Coolnakeeran & all deceased family members	

Notices

Dementia: Dementia is not simply a Health Issue but a Social Issue. It requires a Community Response. Can we become a Dementia Inclusive Community? A meeting will be held in the Parish Centre Leighlinbridge on Tuesday 15th April at 7.30pm. Your input would be very valuable. Families and carers need our support.

Carlow Older Persons Council: Free Information Morning for the over 55's, Monday's 10a.m – 12noon We offer information and advice on a range of issues – Social Welfare, Home Energy upgrades and funding, form filling etc. Private and confidential service. No appointment needed all are welcome. The Old School House, Barrack Street, Carlow, R93 YW10 Phone: 089 260 6828 or email theoldschoolhouse25@gmail.com

Safeguarding: If you have an issue with Safeguarding in the Parish please contact the DLP: Kathleen Sherry 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
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

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6TH APRIL 2025
FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus Christ, The Apple Tree

The tree of life my soul hath seen,

Laden with fruit and always green:

The trees of nature fruitless be Compared with Christ
the apple tree.

His beauty doth all things excel:

By faith I know, but ne'er can tell The glory which I now can see

In Jesus Christ the apple tree.

For happiness I long have sought,

And pleasure dearly I have bought: I missed of all; but now I see

'Tis found in Christ the apple tree.

I'm weary with my former toil,

Here I will sit and rest awhile:

Under the shadow I will be, Of Jesus Christ the apple tree.

This fruit doth make my soul to thrive,

It keeps my dying faith alive;

Which makes my soul in haste to be With Jesus Christ

the apple tree.

Author Unknown




NOTICES

St Fintan's Church

	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Ministers</u>
Sun 13th April 9.30am	Tom O'Keeffe	Catherine Ayres
Church Cleaning	Annie Dermody, Kathleen McNally Mai Sheehan	
Church Flowers April	Kathleen McNally	Papers Catherine Ayres

St Lazerian's Church

	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Ministers</u>
Sat 12th April 7.30pm	Lisa Roche	Anthony Walsh Sally Lawlor
Sun 13th April 11.00am	Barbara Kinsella	Paddy O'Brien Mary Clarke
Church Cleaning	Margaret Foley, Kathleen Cummins Catherine Brennan	
Church Flowers April	Betty Dowling Mary Clarke	
Reader for Week	Angela Roche - Wed	Benny Mills Mon, Tues & Thurs

There is a special collection: being taken up on Good Friday in aid of the struggling Christian community in the Holy Land.

Meeting: for all Readers of the Word of God on Tuesday 8th April in Leighlinbridge Church at 7.30 pm. Readings and Missalettes will be distributed at this meeting for Holy Week & Easter.

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



Lotto Results:
Old Leighlin:
2, 5, 7, 14
No Winner
Jackpot € 10,000

Ballinabranna:
2, 3, 24, 25
No Winner
Jackpot € 2,500

Leighlinbridge
11, 21, 24,26
No Winner
Jackpot € 4,100

30th March 2025

Offertory
L/B € 675
B/B € 215

Envelopes
L/B € 920
B/B € 225

Leighlin Parish Fundraising Draw 2025 March Results:

1st Prize €2000 Mary Brennan
2nd Prize €1000 Mary O'Neill
3rd Prize €200 The Raftrey Family
4th Prize €200 Mary Brennan
5th Prize €200 Mary Brennan
6th Prize €200 Cathal Lawlor
7th Prize €200 Lillian Watchorn

Promoters Prize Full Card 2 x €250
Mai Sheehan, Mary Teresa Hayden
Promoters Prizes 4 x €50
Marie Kelly, Karina Cormack,
George Donoghue, Ollie Quinn

Chrism Mass: You are invited to join with Bishop Denis and the priests of the diocese for the annual celebration of the Chrism Mass on Monday, 14 April at 7:30 pm. Please come early to ensure a seat. Refreshments afterwards in Carlow College, St Patrick's. Music led by Fr Liam Lawton and the diocesan choir.

Pilgrims of Hope in Lent: Pilgrims of Hope in Lent...follow and like the Kildare and Leighlin Diocese Facebook and X (@KANDLEi) accounts for daily posts on hope in Lent.

Daffodil day: Mary Dunne would like to Thank all who donated to Daffodil Day at Ballinabranna Church Friday night. Amount collected was €470.

Spring Clean of the Ballinabranna/Milford/Raheendoran area :We hope you can join us for our on Saturday 5th of April. We are meeting in the church car park in Ballinabranna at 10am. Wear high visibility vests and gloves if possible, bags are provided. Last year was a great success in collecting litter and bags of rubbish around the area. Everyone is welcome to join us.

Ballinabranna Rambling House: Would like thank everyone that supported the night for Down Syndrome. It raised €620.

Care of the Aged: Summer Break to Bundoran 2nd June. Closing date for final payment 29th April 2025. Place give names to George 087 2145814, Ann 087 6917081 or Mary 08501546136. Closing date for trip 1st April 2025.

Eucharistic Adoration: Knock Pilgrimage Sunday April 6th - Bus travelling route - Athy, Stradbally, Portlaoise. Tickets €25.00. Children free. For more information contact Barbara Kinsella 0861637311. See Posters in church.

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/