

Recent Deaths:

Pat Byrne, Tinryland and formerly Ballinabranna

Month Mind:

PJ Fitzpatrick, Upper Tomard, Bilboa, Mass on Sun 18th May at 9.30 am in Ballinabranna
Seamus Cummins, Tomard, Mass on Sat 10th May at 7.30pm in Leighlinbridge
Shiela Donoghue, Lacken, Old Leighlin, Mass on Sun 18th May at 11 am in Leighlinbridge

Anniversaries:

Patricia Doyle (née Hogan), Craan	Joseph Farrell, Upper Seskin
Catherine Ryan, 135 Walkin St, Kilkenny	Babs Farrell, Clogrennane
Catherine & Thomas O'Brien, Craanluskey	Pat Ayres, Ballinabranna
Elizabeth Kenna, St. Lazarian's Terrace	Martin Whelan Snr, Tomard
Bridget Cassidy, Raheny, Dublin	John Murphy, High Street
Sheila O'Donovan, Bandon, Cork	Paddy Foley, Banagagole
Aine Purcell (née O'Connell) Ballyfin & Rathellen	Jack McAssey, High Street
Dan O'Connell	
Eddie Keating, Ballinabranna & Callan	
Edward, Bridget & deceased members of the Kelly Family, Seskin	
Mick & Patsy Dunphy & their Son in law Joe O'Leary, Durrow, Laois	
Breda & Frank Lanigan, Carlow	

Notices:

Pilgrim Walks In Glendalough: At the Glendalough Hermitage Centre, we are delighted to offer parish groups from all localities a pilgrim experience in the beautiful valley of Glendalough, visiting the sacred sites associated with the 6th Century Saint Kevin and the monastic settlement which flourished through the "Golden Age of Celtic Christianity". Our project was initiated in the Jubilee Year 2000 by the Archdiocese of Dublin at the beginning of the third millennium, with the purpose of 'restoring Glendalough as a place of pilgrimage' and during this Jubilee Year 2025, we invite all 'Pilgrims of Hope' to experience a life-giving day in the Valley of the Seven Churches. Our own parish church, St. Kevin's of Laragh has been designated as an additional Jubilee Church during this year. More details and bookings available by emailing failte@glendaloughhermitage.ie

Top Ten Ways to Help Pollinators: Plant pollinator friendly trees: Native trees and shrubs such as Willow, Hawthorn, Rowan, Crab Apple, and Holly support huge numbers of insects including pollinators. **Why:** Trees that blossom in Spring are a low-maintenance, vital source of food for pollinators. Trees contribute to a healthy climate and biodiversity, supporting a rich variety of organisms such as lichens, mosses, birds, mammals, and insects. **Where:** Anywhere there is space. pollinators.ie/top-ten-ways-to-help-pollinators/

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

LEIGHLIN PARISH NEWSLETTER

11TH MAY 2025

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Good Shepherd Sunday

Today, is a special day for everyone in our parish.

We celebrate World Day of Prayer for Vocations.

We ask that we may be filled with joy
and the Holy Spirit as we carry on the mission
of Jesus, our Good Shepherd.


Let us pray for one another that we may be
strengthened in our Christian vocations
as married and single people,
priests, deacons, and religious.

May our youth listen to God's call and be encour-
aged to respond generously.



NOTICES

<u>St Fintan's Church</u>		
	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Ministers</u>
Sun 18th May 9.30am	Josephine Fitzgerald	Killian Amond
Church Cleaning	Bridie Keating, Mary Quinn, Josephine Fitzgerald	
Church Flowers May	Lena Delaney	Papers Lucy McNally

<u>St Lazerian's Church</u>		
	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Ministers</u>
Sat 17th May 7.30pm	Jennifer Harkin Russell Harkin	George Donoghue Christine Thompson
Sun 18th May 11.00am	Family Reader	Anita Dunican Marie Roche
Church Cleaning	Marie Roche, Betty Dowling Mary Monahan, Josie O'Brien	
Church Flowers May	Ann Kelly	
Reader for Week	Angela Roche - Wed	Sister Ethel Mon, Tues, Thur

Lotto Results:
Old Leighlin:
 3, 4, 9, 11
 No Winner
 Jackpot € 10,000
 Reserve € 1,500
Ballinabranna:
 3, 16, 17, 27
 No Winner
 Jackpot €1,000

Leighlinbridge
 5, 7, 11, 23
 No Winner
 Jackpot € 4,600

4th May 2025

Offertory
 L/B € 625
 B/B € 270

Envelopes
 L/B € 485
 B/B € 90



Carlow Regional Pioneer's: Will be holding their 50th Celebrations on Saturday 31st May in Leighlinbridge Parish Centre after the 7.30 Mass. Anyone wishing to attend give names to Mary Meaney 086 6027751 or Sally Lawlor 086 8899087 on or before 23rd May's 25.

Book Club: Old Leighlin Hall Mon 12th May at 7pm.

Bus to Knock: Sunday 25th May pick up The Lord Bagenal Inn at 7.25 am. Contact Maura Hanlon 086 3173687

Solemn Novena To Our Lady Of Perpetual Help, St, Clare's Church Graiguecullen:

The 20th Annual Solemn Novena will take place in St. Clare's Church, Graiguecullen whose theme for this year is Pilgrims of Hope, commencing on Monday 28th April 2025 and will run for nine consecutive Monday nights until 23rd June 2025.. There are petition boxes in St. Clare's Church in Graiguecullen. Petitions can also be sent by email to gkparish@gmail.com.

Kildare and Leighlin Diocese: Jubilee of Hope 2025. One day Retreat to Lough Derg led by Bishop Denis Nulty. Sat 17th May 2025. To book for further information 087 1302587

Little Orchard Community Childcare CLG: Wish to recruit a Full Time Early Years Manager to lead our team. Hours of work 8:00am - 5:30pm Monday-Friday. To apply for this position along with your CV to littleorchardcommunitychildcare@yahoo.com. Full Job Specification available on request from littleorchardcommunitychildcare@yahoo.com

Little Orchard Community Childcare CLG: have Limited ECCE spaces available from September 2025. Please **phone** 059 9722933 or **email** littleorchardcommunitychildcare@yahoo.com

Vocation Sunday: 'The Church needs pastors....capable of saying yes to the Lord with trust and hope. 'Pope Francis This Vocations Sunday we find ourselves embarking on a new era in the life of the Church. Please pray that young men and women hear and respond generously to the Lord's call to the priesthood and religious life and that the Church will always have pastors who care for God's people with the heart of Christ himself.

Dementia Inclusive Community: Follow up meeting Thursday May 15th at 8pm in Leighlin Parish Centre. To discuss future plans for the group.

Dementia Inclusive Community: How can you (as an individual), your business, sporting club or community organisation help create a dementia inclusive community in your local area? Participate in one of The Dementia Awareness Induction Workshops that will be run locally. This give you an insight into how your organisation can help to build a Dementia Inclusive Community in your area today! Book your place for The Dementia Awareness Training Today! Training will take a place in Bethany House, Carlow on Friday 23rd May at 2pm, 4pm, 6pm. Contact for booking: Tara Rice, tara.rice@alzheimer.ie , 087 6338484

Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2025: Leighlin Parish are travelling to Lourdes for 4 nights October 7th 2025. **Please note change of date.** Spiritual director Fr. Pat Hennesy. Cost € 725per person sharing, €180 single room supplement. Accommodation half board at Hotel Eliseo. A deposit of €200 to be paid immediately to Tully's Travel Ltd. Carlow to confirm booking on 059 9136100

Leighlin Parish Lourdes Pilgrimage Draw: All names of parishioners in Leighlin Parish who wish to enter a draw for a free trip to Lourdes, please leave your name to Parish Centre 059-9722607 before May 16th 2025. Anyone successful enough to obtain a place in the draw & needs help will have to be accompanied by a family member or friend. Pilgrims depart on Tuesday 7th October for 4 nights returning on Sat 11th October 2025.

Kilgorey Crettyard Graveyard Mass: Sunday 18th May 2025 at 3pm.