

Recent Deaths:

Michael (Mick) Miley, Nurney, Carlow/Milford, Carlow

Month Mind:

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

Anniversaries:

Ellen (Lena) Farrell, The Ridge
Michael (Mick) Comerford, Craanluskey
Thomas Comerford, Old Leighlin
Jim & Ann Jensen (née O'Brien), Craan & USA
Paddy Flynn, Closutton & England
Pauline Fitzpatrick, Rochford Manor, Graiguecullen
Fr Seamus Dunne, Canada
Bridie Muphy, The Grande, Dunboyne Co Meath

Ciss Pender, Craan
Bridie Byrne, Tomard
John Pender, Kilcock
Francis Clark, 27 Seskin Rd
Lena Clark, The Ridge

Notices:

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 Sept 2025. Please phone 059 9722933 or email littleorchardcommunitychildcare@yahoo.com

Carlow Flower Club: Carlow Flower Club will welcome Eva Holmes from Kilkenny for our May meeting. Eva will be talking on "Flowers- growing and arranging". Eva is an AOIFA teacher and demonstrator, the owner of the beautiful Darver House Nursery Eva has a wealth of gardening knowledge. The competition on the night for all classes is "An Arrangement that

Thank you for volunteering: your time as a community in helping to make Leighlinbridge a great place to live and a beautiful place to visit. We are grateful to our invaluable volunteers who do such amazing work keeping the village and it's surrounds litter free. We need more help in maintaining the hard and soft landscapes. Now is a good time to spruce up tired paint-work on fences, buildings and other structures creating a vibrant and well maintained look in the village. If you can offer an hour of your time during the week, it would be greatly appreciated, at the end of the day, you are showing pride in your own village. You can text or call Mary on 086 6027751 or Emily 087 3810272 to find out where meet-ups are taking place each week, and the different projects that are in need of attention. Just a reminder that the Tidy Towns Judges will begin their visits to the village in June.

Safeguarding: If you have an issue with Safeguarding in the Parish please contact the DLP: Kathleen
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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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18TH MAY 2025
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Bealtaine Prayer

Holy is this time of sunshine,
And holy are you, O God,
Who from your burning heart
Drew forth a fiery ball,
And flung it into space.
Your laughter shook the empty cosmos,
And echoed again and again,
Until the darkness of space resounded,
With your love and with fire.
You reached in again and drew forth fire,
And seeded it like yeast,
In each atom, plant and animal,
Each bird, fish, man and woman.
And you gave us a special star, our sun,
A flame with a live-evoking energy,
To make our planet green and fertile,
Sun-soaked in your love.
As we celebrate this magic feast,
Open our eyes to the countless wonders,
And to the sparks of fire-life,
That you have planted in each of us. Amen

NOTICES

<u>St Fintan's Church</u>		
	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Ministers</u>
Sun 25th May 9.30am	Watt Dunne	Betty Hughes
Church Cleaning	Phyllis Walsh, Sally Lawlor	
Church Flowers May	Lena Delaney	Papers Catherine Ayres

<u>St Lazerian's Church</u>		
	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Ministers</u>
Sat 24th May 7.30pm	Margaret Purcell	Mairead Hayden Bridin Lawlor
Sun 25th May 11.00am	Angela Roche	Maisie Mills Peter Kelly
Church Cleaning	Margaret Foley, Kathleen Cummins, Catherine Brennan	
Church Flowers May	Ann Kelly	
Reader for Week	Angela Roche - Wed	Benny Mills Mon, Tues, Thur

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 Hennessy. 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.

Lotto Results:

Old Leighlin:

14, 19, 21, 24
No Winner

Jackpot € 10, 000
Reserve € 1,650

Ballinabranna:

6, 9, 14, 25

No Winner

Jackpot € 1,100

Leighlinbridge

6, 7, 12, 17

No Winner

Jackpot € 4,700

11th May 2025

Offertory

L/B € 625

B/B € 230

Envelopes

L/B € 345

B/B € 175

Trocaire

L/B € 810

B/B € 175

Priests

L/B € 190

B/B € 325

Parish Draw: Next Draw takes place on Sun 25th May. The Parish Office is open Mon-Fri 9.30am-5pm. & on Sun 25th 10am-11am to facilitate return of Draw Cards. Thank you for your continued support.

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.

Leighlinbridge & District Active Retired: will meet on Monday 19th in the Parish Centre at the usual time of 2.30pm. There will be no meeting the following Monday 26th as the Hall will be otherwise engaged and the following Monday will be the June Bank Holiday so there will be no meeting that Monday either. In the meantime the Bowls will continue on Thursdays and Fridays and the Pickle Ball will continue in Old Leighlin on Tuesdays at the Usual time of 1.45.

Congratulations to Our Féile Champions: History was made recently as players from Michael Davitt's and Naomh Bríd captured their first-ever U15 Div. 1 Féile titles in hurling and football - a remarkable achievement for our parish. With many dual players involved, their success is a testament to their talent and dedication. We wish both squads and their management the very best as the hurlers head to Wexford on June 21st and the footballers to Derry on June 28th for the All-Ireland Féile.

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

Care of the Aged Summer Break: to Bundoran is just around the corner the coach will leave from the church , Leighlinbridge on Monday 2nd June at 9.30am sharp and return to the church car park on Friday 6th June around 5.30 pm. To all travelling, enjoy your holiday.

"Parishes Alive - Moving Forward in Hope!" Bishop Denis, together with the Diocesan Pastoral Council, will host a day for lay people and clergy to explore the direction of the Diocese of K & L and how it impacts on the day-to-day life of a parish. We are building on the work done previously by the DPC, the Council of Priests, Faith Development Services, and across parishes. The day will comprise inputs from guest speakers, along with prayer, general discussion, and intentional listening. It takes place on Sat, 21st June 2025 in Carlow College with registration at 9:30am, starting promptly at 10am and concluding at 4 pm. Lunch is included. Booking essential through parishdevelopment@kandle.ie providing your name and parish.

Irish Cancer Society's Transport Service – Volunteer Drivers Needed: The Irish Cancer Society's Transport Service is seeking compassionate volunteer drivers in your community. Your time can help to continue the vital service of providing transport for patients attending cancer treatment appointments. Full training will be provided. There are a number of essential post-drive administration tasks that will require either existing knowledge of basic computer or IT skills, or the willingness to acquire such skills (such as scanning and uploading documents or attending virtual meetings). For more information and to become a volunteer driver, contact Monica at volunteer@irishcancer.ie.