

Months Mind:

Josie McAssey, Seskin Road. Mass on 7th December at 11am in Leighlinbridge.

1st Anniversaries:

Bernard (Ber) Landy, Ballinabranna. Mass on Sun 30th Nov at 9.30am in Ballinabranna.

Anniversaries:

Mary Landy, Ballinabranna

John & Ann Heffernan, Clogrennane

Willie & Annie Heffernan, Clogrennane

Michael Heffernan, Rossmore

Theresa Glendon, St. Lazerian's Tce

Jack Lowry (jnr), Clogrennane

Alice Foxe, Ballygowan, Milford

Michael (Mikey) Byrne, Lower Seskin, Leighlinbridge

Seamus Cunningham, 16 Barrowlough, Leighlinbridge

Kathleen Brophy (née Whyte), Fonthill, Milford

Eward, Mary & Lazerian Kelly, Johnduffswood

Nora Murphy, Coolnakeeran

Ned Sheehy, Banagagole

Richard Eyre, Ardough, Bilboa

Paddy Holohan

Notices:

Leighlinbridge National School: used Postage Stamps can be dropped into the School during opening times.

Ballinabranna NS Christmas Fair: Will take place on Friday December 12th in the School from 1pm until 4pm. Join us for Crafts, Music and Delicious Treats.

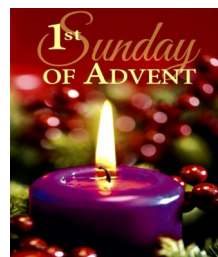
Little Orchard Community Childcare CLG: Wish to recruit a Full Time Early Years Educator, hours of work 8.30am-5.30pm. Closing Date for Applications 12/12/2025 at 12pm. Application for role by Cover letter and CV for the attention of the Manager by email to littleorchardcommunitychildcare@yahoo.com

Leighlin Dementia Friendly Community Group: are undertaking a short anonymous questionnaire to help them understand how they can better support people living with dementia and their carers in our community. This questionnaire is open to everyone, and we would appreciate as many contributions as possible. Copies are available in both Churches & Brennan's Shop, Leighlinbridge; Lynch's Shop, Old Leighlin; Leighlinbridge Parish Centre; Barrow Brew, Milford. Or you can scan here to fill in online



Safeguarding: If you have an issue with Safeguarding in the Parish please contact the DLP: Ailish Higgins 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

Confession Fri

6.30-7.15pm

Friday 7.30pm

Eucharistic Adoration

Wed 2 - 3pm

Fri 6.30 - 7.30pm

LEIGHLIN PARISH NEWSLETTER

**30TH NOVEMBER 2025
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

The Meaning of Advent

Advent marks the beginning of a new Church year and lasts from the fourth Sunday before Christmas, until the celebration of the Nativity of Our Lord, Christmas. The word 'Advent' comes from the Latin word 'Adventus,' meaning 'coming'. Advent is a period of preparation that directs our hearts and minds to the time when Christ will come again and to the remembrance and celebration of the first coming of Christ to us at Christmas.

Family Prayer for Blessing the Advent Wreath

Lord our God,

We praise you for your Son, Jesus Christ;
He is Emmanuel, the hope of the peoples,
He is the wisdom that teaches and guides us,
He is the Saviour of every nation.


Lord our God, let your blessing come upon us
as we light the candles of this wreath.
May the wreath and its light be a sign of
Christ's promise to bring us salvation.
May he come quickly and not delay.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

St Fintan's Church

	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Ministers</u>
Sun 7th Dec 9.30am	Maureen Agars, Tommy Agars	Bridie Keating
Mon 8th Dec 7.30pm	Tom O'Keeffe	Sally Lawlor
Church Cleaning	Phyllis Walsh, Sally Lawlor	
Church Flowers December	Lena Delaney	Papers Declan McDonald

St Lazerian's Church

	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Ministers</u>
Sat 6th Dec 7.30pm	Margaret Purcell	Mairead Hayden, Bridin Lawlor
Sun 7th Dec 11.00am	Angela Roche	Mary Clarke, Kathleen Cummins
Mon 8th Dec 11am	Benny Mills	Anita Dunican, Marie Roche
Church Cleaning	Liliia, Bernie Price	
Church Flowers December	Mary Redmond	
Reader for Week	Angela Roche - Wed	Margaret Lawlor Tues, Thurs

Communion Calls: Will take place on Mon 1st, Tues 2nd & Wed 3rd December in the usual order.

Needy Collection: Will take place this weekend Sat 29th & Sun 30th Nov at all Masses. All donations to this collection would be greatly appreciated. Envelopes can be placed in collection box in both Churches.

Reflecting on the Sunday Readings in Advent: Scripture Reflections for the Sundays of Advent will be available on www.kandle.ie ahead of Advent. Why not join with others in praying and reflecting on these readings in this special season of preparation in our Church. You are welcome to download the resource and gather your own small group.

Lotto Results:

Old Leighlin:

1, 11, 14, 29
No Winner
Jackpot € 5,850

Ballinabranna:

3, 9, 18, 28
No Winner
Jackpot € 2,450

Leighlinbridge

5, 13, 9, 25
One Winner
Jackpot € 1,000

Collections

23rd Nov

Offertory

L/B € 720
B/B € 330

Envelopes

L/B € 345
B/B € 148



NOTICES

Leighlin Parish

Care of the Aged Christmas Party

Sunday 7th December at 1pm in the Lord Bagenal Hotel.

Dinner served at 1.30pm Sharp.

**Please give names to the Parish Office by Dec 3rd,
Phone 059 9722607. Thank You.**

Leighlinbridge Active Retirement: will meet as usual in the Parish Centre on Monday at 2:30 pm. Exercise again this week. The group have booked a short holiday in West Cork from 22nd till 25th March next year and deposits will be required before Christmas to ensure a place. Bowls will continue on Thursdays and Fridays at 2:30pm and Pickle Ball will continue in Old Leighlin Hall on Tuesdays from 2 till 3pm.

Vocation Society of St Joseph's: the monthly meeting will be held in Parish Centre on Tuesday 2nd December at 7.30pm. The 9.30am Mass will be offered for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life for all Bishops & Deceased Priests.

Carlow Regional PTAA Monthly Meeting: will be held in Parish Canter Leighlinbridge Saturday 13th December after the 7.30pm Mass.

Have Your Say on the Future of Catholic Education in your School: The current Department of Education survey on the future of patronage in the primary schools will determine what schools will divest. As this survey is school specific and it relates directly to your school, this is an opportunity for all members of the school communities to 'have their say' and help shape the direction of your school for the next generation. It is important that those who wish for a change in patronage would have their voices heard. It is equally important that those who are already satisfied with the current patronage model and who wish for a Catholic Education for their children, including sacramental preparation within school, would have their voices heard also. For these reasons, and to ensure that an accurate picture emerges, you are invited to participate in this survey if you are a parent, guardian or a prospective parent of a primary school student. Decisions on what schools will retain or lose their Catholic patronage will be influenced by the expressed opinions of those who participate in this survey. Therefore, your opinion and the values you hold dear are important, and your voice needs to be heard about your local school. Please take a few minutes to complete the survey. The closing date is 16th December 2025. The survey may be accessed at www.gov.ie/primaryschoolssurvey Bishop Denis Nulty.

Stand for Peace – March for Palestine – Saturday December 6th As we enter the first week of Advent, we remember that Jesus was born in Bethlehem, in the land we now call Palestine. Though some relief has come with the ceasefire in Gaza, the humanitarian crisis continues, and the occupation of the West Bank persists. One way we can respond, even when we feel helpless, is to come together in peaceful solidarity. Please join the Kilkenny, Carlow, Kildare and Laois Palestine solidarity groups for a peaceful "March for Palestine" on Saturday, December 6th at 1 pm from the Kilkenny Castle Main Gates.