

Recent Deaths:

Paul Fitzpatrick, Killenane Lane, Bagenalstown, Carlow.
Elizabeth French (née Herrigan), Garryvadden, Blackwater, Co. Wexford, formerly Leighlinbridge.
Mary Lawlor (née Dermody) , Kilbride, Portarlinton, Laois, formerly The Harrow Cross.
Willie Rath, Carlow.

Months Mind:

Joe Purcell, No 2 Orchard Lane. Mass on Fri 19th December in Ballinabranna at 7.30pm.
Mary Lynch (née O'Brien), Tullow & London. Mass on Sun 14th in Ballinabranna at 9.30am.

1st Anniversaries:

Fr. PJ Brady, Killarney, who's 1st Anniversary occurs at this time.

Anniversaries:

Paddy Coffey, Craanluskey	James Townend, Raheendoran.
Patrick Lennon, Clogrennane, Carlow	Maureen Lawlor, Bilboa.
Anthony Fennelly, Upper Tomard	Niall Dermody, Clogrennane
Phil Shore, Coon West	Mona Fenlon, Montgomery Street, Carlow
Evelyn Wall (née McNally), Tobinstown	Brendan Mulvey, Leighlinbridge
Betty Amond, Ballygowan	Pat Foley, Banagagole
John Shaw, Old Leighlin	Neddy O'Neill, Old Leighlin
Marky Purcell, Raheendoran	Brigid Byrne, Craan
Mary & Tom Connolly, Moanduff	
James William (Seamus) Price, Yorkshire formally St. Lazerian's Tce	
Molly Guntrip (née Lawlor), Bilboa Cross & London	
Maureen Murphy, Snugboro, Old Leighlin	
Connie Dunne, Rathangan, Co. Kildare	
Olive Tonkin, Manchester	
Tommy Flynn, Killenane	

Notices:

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

Congratulations: to Barrowlough on winning the County Pride of Place, Medium Housing Estate Award in the Woodford Dolmen on Thursday night. Well done to all who keep the estate so well.

The Three Tenors Live: Friday 19th December at 8.30pm, Holy Family Church, Askea. Tickets €30, available in the Askea Parish Office or the Day Care Centre and also on www.eventbrite.ie . All welcome.

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

14TH DECEMBER 2025

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Christmas Masses 2025

Christmas Eve - Wednesday 24th Dec

Leighlinbridge 7.00 pm

Ballinabranna 9.00 pm

No Eucharistic Adoration on this day

Christmas Day - Thursday 25th Dec

Ballinabranna 9.30am

Leighlinbridge 11.00am

St. Stephens Day - Friday 26th Dec

Leighlinbridge 11.00am

This is the Anniversary Mass for the Parish

No Eucharistic Adoration on this day

No Evening Mass in Ballinabranna

Saturday 27th December

Leighlinbridge 7.30pm

Sunday 28th December

Ballinabranna 9.30am

Leighlinbridge 11.00 am

New Years Day Thursday 1st Jan


Feast of Mary the Mother of God

Leighlinbridge 9.30am

St Fintan's Church

	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Ministers</u>
Sun 21s Dec 9.30am	Cathal Stedman	Padraig Farrell
Church Cleaning	Claire Jackson, Loretta McNally, Ann Proctor, Valerie Haughney	
Church Flowers December	Lena Delaney	Papers Caterine Ayers

St Lazerian's Church

	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Ministers</u>
Sat 20th Dec 7.30pm	Jennifer Harkin, Victor Harkin	Jimmy Farrell, Christine Thompson
Sun 21st Dec 11.00am	Mandy Ryan	Paddy O'Brien, Mary Clarke
Church Cleaning	Margaret Foley, Kathleen Cummins, Margaret Purcell, Catherine Brennan	
Church Flowers December	Mary Redmond	
Reader for Week	Angela Roche - Wed	Mon, Tues, Thurs Benny Mills

Confessions for Christmas:

Ballinabranna, Friday 19th December at 6.30 pm - 7.15pm

Leighlinbridge, Saturday 20th December at 10.30am - 11.30am

Ecumenical Christmas Carol Service in St. Lazerian's Cathedral,

Old Leighlin: will be on Sunday 14th December at 7pm, all welcome.

Lotto Results:

Old Leighlin:

1, 4, 16, 27

No Winner

Jackpot € 6,150

Ballinabranna:

4, 13, 24, 27

No Winner

Jackpot € 2,550

Leighlinbridge

4, 16, 24, 28

No Winner

Jackpot € 1,200

Collections

7th Dec

Offertory

L/B € 560

B/B € 205

8th Dec

L/B €140

Envelopes

L/B € 1380

B/B € 390

Needy

L/B € 395

B/B € 25

Priests Christmas

L/B € 55

B/B €25



NOTICES

Parish Newsletter: One Newsletter will be published on Thursday 18th December to cover the 2 week period over Christmas to New Year's Day. All notices and anniversaries for this issue must be in the Parish Office by 5pm on Wednesday 17th December.

Contributions for the Parish (2025): should reach us by Friday 19th Dec to be included in this tax year, otherwise the monies will go into 2026. Thanking you in advance.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul: Annual collection will take place on the Saturday 13th & Sunday 14th of December, any donations are greatly appreciated.

Fresh Holly Wreaths For Sale: €12 Each, Contact: Marguerite Gaughan on 086 3275291.

#HaveYourSay about your Catholic School: For Attention of Parents of children attending Primary Schools or have yet to start: The Department of Education is currently conducting a Primary School Survey that will determine the future provision of Primary Schools and crucially could lead to lasting changes in your school. In simple, direct terms, you are being asked if you want your school to stay a Catholic school or if you want that to change. Don't leave it to others, have your say before 16 December 2025. See – www.gov.ie/primaryschoolssurvey

Room at the Inn, Christmas Carol Service: Cathedral of the Assumption, Carlow, 5pm Sunday 21st December. Presider; Bishop Denis Nulty. Everyone welcome. Donations on the evening for St. Vincent de Paul.

Give Hope This Christmas with Double the Love: Mary's Meals provides life-changing school meals to more than 3 million children living in some of the world's poorest communities. The promise of a good meal brings hungry children into the classroom, where they can gain an education and better opportunities for the future. It costs just €22 to feed a child with Mary's Meals every day for a school year. Thanks to the Tom Cunningham Trust, donations will be doubled until 12th January 2026 or until the match funding limit has been reached. Together, through Double the Love, we can transform the lives of many more desperately hungry children waiting for Mary's Meals. To donate, go to www.marysmeals.ie or phone 01 853 5163. Every donation is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Family Carers Ireland: have launched their Christmas Raffle and you could win €1,000 cash, €500 select hotels voucher or a hotel voucher. Please support family carers in your community by purchasing a ticket at www.familycarers.ie/christmas - thank you!

Noel's Nursery: Have a selection of wreath's and pot's for sale at Coach House Ballinabranna on Sunday 21st of December from 10am –12pm. Please call if you need any orders before Christmas. We also supply trees and shrubs and bedding plants. Contact: Noel 086 8904505.