

**Recent Deaths:**

Paul Fitzpatrick, Killenane Lane, Bagenalstown, Carlow.

Elizabeth French (née Herrigan), Garryvadden, Blackwater, Co. Wexford, formerly Leighlinbridge.

Mary Lawlor (née Dermody), Kilbride, Portarlington, 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

Patrick Lennon, Clogrennane, Carlow

Anthony Fennelly, Upper Tomard

Phil Shore, Coon West

Evelyn Wall (née McNally), Tobinstown

Betty Amond, Ballygowan

John Shaw, Old Leighlin

Marky Purcell, Raheendoran

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](http://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](mailto:dlp@kandle.ie) Local safeguarding Reps are Eileen Johnston, Michael Roche & Liz Dunne.

**LEIGHLIN PARISH NEWSLETTER**

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

**St Lazerian's Church**

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

**Confessions for Christmas:**

Ballinabronna, 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

**Ballinabronna:**

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 18<sup>th</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> 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/primaryschoolsurvey](http://www.gov.ie/primaryschoolsurvey)

**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](http://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](http://www.familycarers.ie/christmas) - thank you!

**Noel's Nursery:** Have a selection of wreath's and pot's for sale at Coach House Ballinabronna 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.