

### **Months Mind:**

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

### **Anniversaries:**

Martin Lynch, Old Leighlin  
Josie Lynch, Old Leighlin  
Paddy & Kathleen Lennon, Bagenalstown  
Frances McDonald, The Ridge  
John Monaghan, St Lazerian's Tce  
Maeve Tracey, Seskin Road  
Edward & Margaret McGrath, Ballinaboley  
Gerard Dunne, Craanluskey  
Lil (née Watchorn) Kelly, Craanluskey  
John & Peg Watchorn and their son Seamus, Craanluskey & Leighlinbridge



### **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](mailto:littleorchardcommunitychildcare@yahoo.com)

**Ballinabranna Rambling House:** has donated €606 to the Naomh Bríd Superbowl Project. Sincere thank you to all our supporters.

**Launch of the Age Friendly Carlow Strategic Plan 2025–2029:** and the OPC Christmas Social, featuring special guest actor Patrick Bergin. Wednesday, 10th December 2025 at 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. in VISUAL Carlow. Enjoy the launch presentation, festive refreshments, and seasonal celebrations with the Older People's Council. All are welcome! Please RSVP by 5th December 2025. Contacts e-mail: [agefriendlycarlow@carlowcoco.ie](mailto:agefriendlycarlow@carlowcoco.ie) phone: 087 2145262.

**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.

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### **Mass Times:**

**Leighlinbridge**  
**Confession Sat**

6.30 - 7.15pm

**Saturday 7.30pm**

**Sunday 11.00am**

**Monday 8th 11.00am**

**Tues- Thurs 9.30am**

### **Eucharistic Adoration**

**Wed 2 - 5pm**

**Fri 4 - 8pm**

### **Ballinabranna**

**Sunday 9.30am**

**Monday 8th 7.30pm**

**Confession Fri**

6.30-7.15pm

**Friday 7.30pm**

### **Eucharistic Adoration**

**Wed 2 - 3pm**

**Fri 6.30 - 7.30pm**

## **LEIGHLIN PARISH NEWSLETTER**

**7TH DECEMBER 2025**  
**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

### **The Immaculate Conception**

#### **Monday 8th December**

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary traditionally begins the official countdown to Christmas.

From the moment of her conception to her mother

St Anne, Mary was marked out by God to play a hugely significant role as the Mother of Jesus.

But Mary was not removed or shielded from all life's joys & tribulations.

She too experienced everything that we go through.

Trusting in the Lord, like Mary did, through hard times and difficult decisions is a proclamation of faith and a display in the utmost trust we have in Jesus Christ our Lord.

“O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee”


### **Mass Times:**

**Leighlinbridge 11.00am - Monday**

**Ballinabranna 7.30pm - Monday**

## **NOTICES**

<u><b>St Fintan's Church</b></u>		
	<u><b>Readers</b></u>	<u><b>Ministers</b></u>
<b>Sun 14th Dec 9.30am</b>	Padraig Farrell	Daniel Pender
<b>Church Cleaning</b>	Kathleen McNally, Mai Sheehan	
<b>Church Flowers December</b>	Lena Delaney	<b>Papers</b> Lucy McNally

<u><b>St Lazerian's Church</b></u>		
	<u><b>Readers</b></u>	<u><b>Ministers</b></u>
<b>Sat 13th Dec 7.30pm</b>	Lisa Roche	George Donoghue, Mary Meaney (B)
<b>Sun 14th Dec 11.00am</b>	Aoife Doheny	Maisie Mills, Kathleen Cummins
<b>Church Cleaning</b>	Marie Roche, Betty Dowling, Mary Monahan, Josie O'Brien	
<b>Church Flowers December</b>	Mary Redmond	
<b>Reader for Week</b>	Angela Roche - Wed	Sister Ethel Mon, Tues, Thurs

### **Lotto Results:**

#### **Old Leighlin:**

13, 16, 17, 28  
No Winner  
Jackpot € 6,000

#### **Ballinabranna:**

1, 8, 21, 23  
No Winner  
Jackpot € 2,500

#### **Leighlinbridge**

5, 22, 26, 28  
No Winner  
Jackpot € 1,100

### **Collections**

#### **30th Nov**

#### **Offertory**

L/B € 650  
B/B € 355

#### **Envelopes**

L/B € 420  
B/B € 175

#### **Needy**

L/B € 655  
B/B € 195

#### **October Priests**

L/B € 285  
B/B € 35

**Parish Newsletter:** One newsletter will be published in Thursday 18th December to cover 2 weeks. All notices must be in Parish office by 5 pm on Wednesday 17th December.

**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 will be very much appreciated.

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

**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.

**Carlow Regional PTAA Monthly Meeting:** will be held in Parish Centre 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](http://www.gov.ie/primaryschoolssurvey) Bishop Denis Nulty.

**Stand for Peace – March for Palestine – Saturday December 6<sup>th</sup>:** 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.

Due to requests from parishioners it has been decided the Mass times for the Christmas Vigil are: Leighlinbridge at 7pm and Ballinabranna at 9pm.

**Christmas Carol Service in St. Lazerian's Cathedral,**  
**Old Leighlin:** will be on Sunday 14th December at 7pm.

