

### Months Mind:

Bonnie Tracey, 14 Poachers Lough. Mass on Sat 10th January at 7.30pm in Leighlinbridge.  
Joan Kennedy (née Claxton), Avondale Drive formerly Fonthill. Mass on Sun 18th January at 9.30am in Ballinabrannta.

### Anniversaries:

Matt Carey, Old Leighlin  
Bill Farrell, Bilboa Cross  
Denis Byrne, Seskin Road  
William Fitzgerald, Upper Tomard  
William Kelly, Ballinabrannta  
Fiona Brennan, Monavea  
Brigid Phelan, Coolcullen  
Patsy Price, Ballinabrannta  
Ned Comerford, Clogrennane  
Edward Keating, Clogrennane  
Julia Nolan, The Ridge  
Frank Burke, Pollerton Road, Carlow  
Theresa McDonald, Seskin Road  
John Pender, Craan  
Dan & Ann Pender, Craan  
Patrick Redmond, Clogrennane  
Joseph Redmond, Clogrennane  
Lena & Thomas Meaney, Church Street and all deceased member of the Meaney Family



### Notices:

**Leighlinbridge Improvement Group:** Wishing you all a Happy New Year. As we step into 2026, take a moment to pause and reflect on the past year while gently looking ahead. January can sometimes carry the expectation of ambitious goals and resolutions, if that feels too much, prioritize kindness towards yourself and others. We thank you for all your support in the past year and we look forward to us all working together this year. We will leave you for now with a line from a poem by the great Irish philosopher and poet from his poem "A winter blessing" This is a time to be slow, lie close to the wall until the bitter weather passes.

**Little Orchard Leighlinbridge Community Childcare:** Wish to recruit for the following positions: Full Time Early Years Educator 8.30am -5.30pm; Early Years Educator 9am-12pm; School Age Childcare Leader 1.30pm-5.30pm. If you have a minimum qualification level QQI level 5 or above we invite you to send your CV by way of application to join our team for the attention of Lisa Marie Carr at [littleorchardcommunitychildcare@yahoo.com](mailto:littleorchardcommunitychildcare@yahoo.com) .

**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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# LEIGHLIN PARISH NEWSLETTER

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THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

## The Baptism of the Lord

Jesus is anointed with the Spirit  
and his power.

He is proclaimed Messiah.  
He now goes about doing good,  
Working the signs that make him known  
as the Servant of God.

He is the one who brings  
Good news to the poor and tells of salvation.

Through our Baptism each one of us  
is ordered to the life of Christ -  
Priest, Prophet and King -  
and the Father looks on us  
with favour.

### Mass Times:

#### Leighlinbridge

Confession Sat  
6.30 - 7.15pm  
Saturday 7.30pm  
Sunday 11.00am  
Mon-Thur 9.30am

#### Eucharistic Adoration

Wed 2 - 5pm  
Fri 4 - 8pm

#### Ballinabrannta

Sunday 9.30am  
Friday 7.30pm  
Confession Friday  
6.30 - 7.15pm

#### Eucharistic Adoration

Wed 2 - 3pm  
Fri 6.30 - 7.30pm



### St Fintan's Church

	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Ministers</u>
<b>Sun 18th Jan</b> 9.30am	Liz Dunne	Loretta McNally
<b>Church Cleaning</b>		Phyllis Walsh, Sally Lawlor
<b>Church Flowers</b> <b>January</b>	Kathleen McNally	<b>Papers</b> Declan McDonald

### St Lazerian's Church

	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Ministers</u>
<b>Sat 17th Jan</b> 7.30pm	Lisa Roche	Anthony Walsh, Sally Lawlor
<b>Sun 18th Jan</b> 11.00am	Barbara Kinsella	Paddy O'Brien, Mary Clarke
<b>Church Cleaning</b>		Lillia, Bernie Price
<b>Church Flowers</b> <b>January</b>	Betty Dowling, Mary Clarke	
<b>Reader for Week</b>	Wed Angela Roche	Mon, Tues, Thurs Margaret Lawlor

**Church cleaners:** urgently needed for Leighlinbridge Church.  
We are down to two teams so any volunteers would be greatly appreciated.  
Please contact the Parish Office on 059 9722607. Thankyou.

### Lotto Results:

#### Old Leighlin:

5, 14, 24, 25

No Winner

Jackpot € 6,750

#### Ballinabronna:

3, 11, 21, 23

No Winner

Jackpot € 2,750

#### Leighlinbridge:

9, 11, 20, 28

No Winner

Jackpot € 1,600

### NOTICES

**Blood Donation Clinic:** will take a place in the Parish Centre, Leighlinbridge on Wednesday 14th January 2026 and Thursday 15th January 2026 at 15:45pm—20:00pm.

**Leighlin Daycare:** Will resume on Tuesday 13th January. Looking Forward to seeing you.

**Leighlinbridge Active Retirement:** will hold a committee meeting on Monday 12th in the Parish Centre at 1-45pm followed by a member meeting at 2-30pm their Annual General Meeting will take place on Monday 26th at 2-30pm. New members for 2026 will be very welcome. In the meantime, Bowls will continue on Thursdays and Fridays at 2-30pm and Pickle Ball will continue in Old Leighlin on Tuesdays from 2 till 3pm.

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

**Ballinabronna GFC AGM:** will be held in Clubhouse on Sunday 25th of January at 2pm. All are welcome.

**Rambling House Ballinabronna:** Will take place on Wed Jan 28<sup>th</sup>.

**Yoga:** takes place on Wednesday nights at 6.45pm – 8.15pm in the Parish Centre. To book your place please contact Marian on 086 3082450.

#### Baptism of Our Lord – what does it mean to say, 'I am baptised'?:

With the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord we mark the end of the Christmas season, as on Monday we begin Ordinary Time. Jesus' baptism was a significant moment in the life of Jesus – a moment that led to a new beginning as Jesus began his public ministry on earth. Reflecting on Jesus' baptism might also be a good time to reflect on our own baptism. Baptism marks for us a new beginning. It is not so much that we were baptised, but rather, that we are baptised. What difference does that make to who we are in the world? What does it mean practically and spiritually for you to say, 'I am baptised'? What might it mean? Synod conversations in Ireland and across the world highlighted the huge importance of baptism. The preparatory document for the 2025 pre-synodal national assembly offers a short reflection paper, by Fr Liam Bergin, outlining a fresh understanding of baptism. It can be read at [www.synod.ie](http://www.synod.ie) or via the QR Code



#### *Baptism of the Lord*

**Society of Saint Vincent de Paul:** Thank you for facilitating our annual collection on December 13th and 14th. We collected €953 in Leighlinbridge, which will help the needy of the area. Thank you for your continuing support.