

### **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 Ballinabranna.

### **Anniversaries:**

Matt Carey, Old Leighlin  
Bill Farrell, Bilboa Cross  
Denis Byrne, Seskin Road  
William Fitzgerald, Upper Tomard  
William Kelly, Ballinabranna  
Fiona Brennan, Monavea  
Brigid Phelan, Coolcullen  
Patsy Price, Ballinabranna  
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

Bill Bambrick, Bawnree, Old Leighlin  
Carmel Amond, Ballygowan  
Nancy Dowling, Tomard  
Pierce Comerford, Old Leighlin  
Pat & Barney Fitzgerald, Craan  
Claire Kavanagh, Milford  
Ann (Nan) Brennan, Ballyknockan  
Pat McGrath, Rathellen, Leighlinbridge  
Ann McNally, Craan, Leighlinbridge



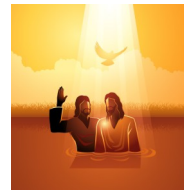
### **Notices:**

**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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### **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

### **Ballinabranna**

Sunday 9.30am  
Friday 7.30pm

Confession Friday  
6.30 - 7.15pm

### **Eucharistic Adoration**

Wed 2 - 3pm  
Fri 6.30 - 7.30pm

## **LEIGHLIN PARISH NEWSLETTER**

**11TH JANUARY 2026  
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.



**St Fintan's Church**

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

**St Lazerian's Church**

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

**Lotto Results:**

**Old Leighlin:**

5, 14, 24, 25  
No Winner  
Jackpot € 6,750

**Ballinabranna:**

3, 11, 21, 23  
No Winner  
Jackpot € 2,750

**Leighlinbridge:**

9, 11, 20, 28  
No Winner  
Jackpot € 1,600

**4th Jan 2026**

**Offertory**

L/B € 552  
B/B € 265

**Christmas**

**Collection**

L/B € 250  
B/B € 30



*Baptism of the Lord*

**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.

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

**Rambling House Ballinabranna:** 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



**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.

**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.