

### **Month's Mind:**

John (Sean) O'Neill, Bawnree, Old Leighlin. Mass on Sat 28th Feb at 7.30pm in Leighlinbridge.

Sheila Amond, Raheendoran. Mass on Sun 1st March at 9.30am in Ballinabranna.

Caroline Doyle, Raheendoran. Mass on Fri 6th March at 7.30pm in Ballinabranna.

Michael Connolly, Craan. Mass on Sat 7th March at 7.30pm in Leighlinbridge.

Bernadette (Ber) O'Kelly (née Walshe), Camogue House, Newcastle, Wicklow.

### **1st Anniversary:**

Mary Sullivan, 42 Ballyknockan Manor. Mass on Sun 8th March at 11am in Leighlinbridge.

### **Anniversaries:**

Breda Donoghue, The Ridge

Jack Donoghue, The Ridge

James & Kathleen Doran, Raheen

Billy & Hannah McGrath, Rathellen

John & Mary Lennon, Knockbawn, Old Leighlin

Joan Ryan, Tomard

Christy Dunne, Clogrennane

Tom Dunne, Raheendoran

Maria Pöllmann, Banagagole, Old Leighlin & Germany

Wilhelm Sieber, Banagagole, Old Leighlin

Elizabeth (Bess) Buckley (née McGrath), formally Rathellen, Bagenalstown Road

Michael (Mick) Buckley, Carlow

All Deceased members of the McGrath & Cullen Families

Margaret Farrell, Craanluskey, Bilboa

Michael & Mary Lillis, St Brigid's Crescent, Bagenalstown

Willie Brennan, Moanduff, Leighlinbridge

Jacinta Kirwan, Bendenstown, Rathoe

Delaney Family, Church Street

Billy & Alice Geoghegan, Northamptonshire, England

### **Notices:**

**Leighlinbridge Improvement Group:** As part of our Tidy Towns Sustainability programme, we are sharing a waste prevention - Tip Of the Week. This is week 2. Plan before you Shop: Move away from impulsive buying to mindful consumption. Check what you already have at home before heading to the shops, make a list. Planning meals helps cut food waste and saves money. The Garden of Remembrance got its first Spring Clean this week, well done to all involved.

**Safeguarding:** If you have an issue with Safeguarding in the Parish please contact the DLP:

Michele Hughes 086-1710643 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**

**1ST MARCH 2026**

**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

### **LEIGHLIN PARISH FUND-RAISING DRAW**

Six Monthly Draws—Total Prize Fund €25,200

€60 per ticket or €10 per Draw.

Two Extra Draws In March For Promoters

with Full Card. Prize €250 each.

1st Prize €2,000, 2nd Prize €1,000,

3rd - 7th Prize €200.

The first draw will be held on Sun 29th March

and all remaining draws on the last

Sunday of April, May, June, July & August.

Each draw will take place in

Leighlinbridge Church via Webcam

after 11am Mass.

All enquiries to Leighlin Parish Centre.

Tel 059 9722607

**Draw cards can be collected in Parish Centre**

**Monday to Friday between**

**9.30am and 4.30pm**

**New promoters required.**

**This would help greatly to ease the work load.**

**The Parish is forever grateful to all the Promoters for  
there continued support over the years.**

### **Contact Details:**

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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

## NOTICES

<u>St Fintan's Church</u>		
	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Ministers</u>
<b>Sun 8th March 9.30am</b>	Loretta Stedman	Bridie Keating
<b>Church Cleaning</b>	Kathleen McNally, Mai Sheehan	
<b>Church Flowers February</b>	Mary Dunne	<b>Papers</b> Lucy McNally

<u>St Lazerian's Church</u>		
	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Ministers</u>
<b>Sat 7th March 7.30pm</b>	Family Reader	Jimmy Farrell, Christine Thompson
<b>Sun 8th March 11.00am</b>	Benny Mills	Anita Dunican, Marie Roche
<b>Church Cleaning</b>	Marie Roche, Betty Dowling, Mary Monahan, Josie O'Brien	
<b>Church Flowers March</b>	Mary Redmond	
<b>Reader for Week</b>	Angela Roche Wed	Sister Ethel Mon, Tues, Thurs

**Communion Calls:** will be on Mon 2nd, Tues 3rd & Wed 4th March in the usual order.

**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. Thank you.

**2026 Weekly Envelopes:** are now ready for pick up from the Parish Centre. Opening hours 9.30am - 5pm on Mon - Fri.

**Lotto Results:**

**Old Leighlin:**

7, 14, 18, 23  
No Winner  
Jackpot € 7,800

**Ballinabranna:**

21, 24, 25, 27  
One Winner  
Jackpot € 3,100

**Leighlinbridge:**

8, 9, 14, 18  
No Winner  
Jackpot € 2,300

**22nd Feb 2026**

**Offertory**

L/B € 740  
B/B € 200

**Weekly**

L/B € 605  
B/B € 165



**Leighlinbridge Active Retirement:** On Monday 2nd March Marina da Costa, sustainable energies, will present ways to upgrade your home and give info on grants available. Holiday payment is due now and to be paid urgently. If you are interested in attending the Easter social on March 27th -12.30 to 3.30pm in SETU give your name so that a group booking is made. Our monthly meeting will be held on March 9th. Bowls are played in the parish centre on Thursdays and Fridays afternoon and Pickleball is played in Old Leighlin Community Centre every Tuesday 1.45pm. New players are welcome.

**Vocation Society of St Joseph's:** The monthly meeting will be held in Parish Centre on Tuesday 3rd March at 7.30pm. The 9.30am Mass will be said that morning for Vocations to the Priesthood and for our Priests and Religious Life.

**Care of the Age:** are doing a fund raiser on the 9th May. Sponsor cards are available from Committee Members to support our cause. Walk will start at 2:30pm. Meeting up in the Parish Centre at 2pm Saturday 9th May. Walking from there to the Superbowl for walk around the track. Returning to the Parish Centre for refreshments and free raffle for all attending. Its been 5 years since we last held a fundraiser. Your support will be very much appreciated. Committee Members contact: George 087 2145814, Kathleen 086 3499109, Ann 087 6917081 and Mary 085 1546136.

**Ballinabranna Water Co-Op Society:** will hold their AGM on Monday 2nd March at 8pm in the Ballinabranna GAA Clubhouse.

**Trócaire:** Last year, Trocaire worked with over 40,000 people in at-risk communities across Rwanda, helping vulnerable families build resilience against climate change by: Supporting over 2,500 women to receive training in sustainable resource management. Providing over 20,000 families with fuel-efficient cookstoves to reduce firewood use. Planting over 320,000 trees across the country.

**St Columbanus Lecture - Columbanus, The Irish, and Rome on Tuesday 3rd of March 2026 at 6.30pm in Carlow College – St Patrick's College, College Street, Carlow Town, R93 A003:** Dr Damian Bracken, U.C.C., will deliver a lecture on 'Columbanus, The Irish, And Rome'. The lecture is presented by Carlow College and Carlow County Museum, which is operated by Carlow County Council. This concludes the Ireland and the Birth of Europe Exhibition that is currently on display in the Museum in partnership with The Irish Department of Foreign Affairs. All are welcome to attend the lecture, and admission is free.

**Sharing from the Table of the Lord: Training day for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:** Would you like to become a Minister of Holy Communion in our parish? The next diocesan training day will be led by Julie Kavanagh and Fr Thomas O'Byrne in the Cathedral Parish Centre from 10am - 4pm on Saturday, 7 March. This day is for new ministers and existing ministers who would like to renew their training. If you'd like to take part, please contact the parish office to book your place. Attendees are asked to bring a packed lunch.