

### **Recent Deaths:**

Bernadette Reddy (née Fleming), Green Road, Carlow.

Mary (Molly) Donoghue (née Staunton), Conway Park, Bagenalstown, Co. Carlow.

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

Sadie O'Mara, Rathellen. Mass on Sun 22nd Feb at 11am in Leighlinbridge.

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

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

### **1st Anniversary:**

Seamus Coleman, Closutton. Mass on Sat 21st Feb at 7.30pm in Leighlinbridge.

### **Anniversaries:**

Louise Rea, Old Leighlin

Reena Bernadette D'Souza, Rathoran, Leighlinbridge

Julia Carpenter, Bawnogue, Leighlinbridge & all Deceased Family members

Kathleen Coffey, Craanluskey

Margaret & Raymond O'Leary, St. Lazerian's Tce, Leighlinbridge

John Kelly, Killenane

Seamus Paul Wallek, Castlecomer & Rathellen

Martin Heffernan, Tullamore

Jimmy & Susan Dunne, Ballinabranna

Andy & Ester Brennan, Kyleshall

Gavin Brennan, Kernanstown

Jack & Mai Dunne, Craanluskey

Kathleen & Michael McCartney, Raheendoran

Andrew Mullins, The Berries, Athlone

Jim & Hanna Fitzgerald, Coolnakisha

Mary Fitzregard, Craan

Charles Murphy (Snr), High Street

### **Notices:**

**Leighlinbridge Improvement Group:** As part of our Tidy Towns Sustainability Programme, we will be sharing a Waste Prevention - "TIP OF THE WEEK" over the coming weeks. These are small, practical actions you can take to help reduce waste, make better use of our brown and recycling bins, and support a cleaner, greener village for everyone. If each household makes one small change, it can add up to a big difference across our community. We would love if you follow along, share the tips with your friends, and try one or two at home. Together, we can do more with less. Week 1. Use the Brown Bin well, food scraps, coffee grounds, vegetable peelings, egg shells and tea bags, all belong in the Brown Bin. Keeping food waste out of the black bin reduces landfill and helps create compost.

**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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### **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**

**22ND FEBRUARY 2026**

**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**



### **LENT**

*Do you feel like your soul could use a good spring cleaning?*

*Lenten prayers can help!*

*Each year during the season of Lent,  
we prepare to celebrate the passion, death,  
and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

*The 40 day penitential period of prayers, fasting  
and almsgiving (acts of charity) marks our*

*Lenten journey from Ash Wednesday until Easter.*

*Lent offers us a wonderful opportunity for spiritual  
renewal,*

*just as spring approaches!*

## NOTICES

<u>St Fintan's Church</u>		
	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Ministers</u>
<b>Sun 1st March 9.30am</b>	Cathal Stedman	Anthony Walsh
<b>Church Cleaning</b>	Phyllis Walsh, Sally Lawlor	
<b>Church Flowers February</b>	Mary Dunne	<b>Papers</b> Declan McDonald

<u>St Lazerian's Church</u>		
	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Ministers</u>
<b>Sat 28th Feb 7.30pm</b>	Jennifer Harkin	George Donoghue Mary Meaney (M)
<b>Sun 1st March 11.00am</b>	Angela Roche	Paddy O'Brien Mary Clarke
<b>Church Cleaning</b>	Liliia, Bernie Price	
<b>Church Flowers March</b>	Mary Redmond	
<b>Reader for Week</b>	Angela Roche Wed	Margaret Lawlor Mon, Tues, Thurs

**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.

**New Readers:** urgently needed for both Saturday 7.30pm and Sunday 11am Mass. Please contact the Parish Centre 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:**

8, 17, 24, 26  
No Winner  
Jackpot € 7,650

**Ballinabranna:**

10, 11, 19, 28  
No Winner  
Jackpot € 3,050

**Leighlinbridge:**

2, 18, 24, 26  
No Winner  
Jackpot € 2,200

**15th Feb 2026**

**Offertory**

L/B € 680  
B/B € 270

**Weekly**

L/B € 975  
B/B € 170



**The Leighlin Fairtrade group:** are delighted to host a Fairtrade Coffee Morning on Sunday February 22nd at 10am in Brennan Shop & Pub. Everyone is welcome to the event. February has been coined Fairbruary to encourage people to buy Fairtrade products. From chocolate to coffee, bananas, flowers and cotton your spending choices can contribute to better working conditions for farmers and workers around the world. Please spread the word and we look forward to seeing you on Sunday!

**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.

**Carlow Regional PTAA:** monthly meeting in Goresbridge. Mass at 7.30pm Saturday 21st February.

**Carlow Flower Club:** will hold a flower arranging demonstration by Brenda Joyce on Tuesday 24th February at 8.00pm in the Woodford Dolmen Hotel. Non members welcome to attend, Fee for non-members €10. Competition on the night for all classes "Spring Awakening"

**Marriage Enrichment Weekend:** Catholic Marriage Encounter in Ireland, Dates: 20 -22 March 2026, Venue: "St Marys" Knock, Co. Mayo. A Weekend like no other. Online: [www.marriageencounter.ie](http://www.marriageencounter.ie)

**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.

**Purple Day (or Epilepsy Awareness Day):** will take place on Thursday 26th March. In Ireland today, over 45,000 people live with epilepsy. For further information, please visit [www.epilepsy.ie](http://www.epilepsy.ie)

**Invitation to Meditation:** Carlow Meditation Group meets on Monday evenings from 7 pm to 7:45 pm in the Cathedral Parish Centre, College Street, Carlow - excluding bank holidays. Meditation, the universal practice of silent contemplation, can awaken the heart, deepen our spiritual sensitivity and promote our wellbeing. All are welcome - no experience needed. No need to book – just turn up on any Monday evening!  
(Noel Keating, 087 2251183)