

1st Anniversary:

PJ Fitzpatrick, Upper Tomard. Mass on Sunday 29th March at 9.30am in Ballinabranna.
Seamus Cummins, Upper Tomard. Mass on Saturday 28th March at 11.00am in Leighlinbridge.

Anniversaries:

Patrick O'Neill, The Ridge, Old Leighlin	Margaret White, Oldtown
William (Bill) O'Neill, The Ridge, Old Leighlin	Michael Bolger, New Road
Michael Clarke, Seskin Road	Denis & Elizabeth Nolan, The Ridge
Paddy Tracey, 15 Seskin Road, Leighlinbridge	Elizabeth Nolan, Coolnakisha
Maurice Lawlor, Seskin Road	Denis Nolan Jnr, The Ridge
John Wynne, The Courthouse, Carlow	P.J. Foley, The Friary
Michael & Nancy Doyle, Ballygowan	Paddy Brennan, Raheendoran
Michael Clarke, The Ridge	William Delaney, Craan
Mary Hayden, Ballylinan	Paddy Carpenter, Knockabrannagh
Michael Meaney, Blackbush	John Wynne, Rathellen
Michael (Mick) Rea, Ballinabranna & Bagenalstown	Bridie Bambrick, Monemore
Sarah (Gretta) Bambrick, Wells, Royal Oak	
Alisha Kenna, St Lazerian's Tce	
Noel Kenna, St Lazerian's Tce & St Fiacc's House	
Joe Walsh, Raheendoran	
Patrick McDonald, Cloydagh	
Patrick Dowling & all deceased Family members, Cloydagh	

Notices:

Carlow Flower Club: are holding a garden talk by Paul Smyth on Tuesday 31st March at 8.00pm in the Woodford Dolmen Hotel. Paul is the head gardener in Bellefield Garden in Shinrone in Offaly, headquarters of the RHSI. Competition on the night for all categories is "Easter Parade". €10 entry fee for non members.

Carlow Social Club: a welcoming space for people living with Alzheimer's or dementia, their families, and carers. When: Friday, 27 March 2026 at 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM.
Where: Bethany House Day Centre, Barrack Street, Carlow, R93 F8K3. Come along for a morning of tea, treats, music, activities, and laughter with great company. This is an opportunity to connect, relax, and make beautiful memories together.

Safeguarding: If you have an issue with Safeguarding in the Parish please contact the DLP: Michele Hughes 086-1710643 or email dlp@kandle.ie
Local safeguarding Reps are Eileen Johnston, Michael Roche & Liz Dunne.

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**22ND MARCH 2026
FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

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Mass Times: Leighlinbridge

Confession Sat
6.30 - 7.15pm
Saturday 7.30pm
Sunday 11.00am
Mon -Thurs 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 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.**

NOTICES

St Fintan's Church

	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Ministers</u>
Sun 29th March 9.30am	Watt Dunne Josephine Fitzgerald	Benny Amond
Church Cleaning	Catherine Ayres, Mary Dunne, Mary Brennan	
Church Flowers March	Mary Dunne	Papers Kathleen O'Boyle

St Lazerian's Church

	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Ministers</u>
Sat 28th March 7.30pm	Lisa Roche Margaret Purcell	Jimmy Farrell Christine Thompson
Sun 29th March 11.00am	Barbara Kinsella Angela Roche	Maisie Mills Kathleen Cummins
Church Cleaning	Marie Roche, Betty Dowling, Mary Monahan, Josie O'Brien	
Church Flowers March	Mary Redmond	
Reader for Week	Angela Roche Wed	Sister Ethel Mon, Tues, Thurs

Ministers of the Eucharist: There is a meeting for All Ministers of the Eucharist in St. Lazarian's Church on Tuesday 24th March at 7.30pm. It is **very important** that everyone be present. Thank You.

Communion calls: Will be on Mon 30th, Tues 31st March, and Wed 1st April in the usual order.

The Parish Centre: will be closed from 3pm on Thursday 26th March. Sorry for any inconvenience.

Lotto Results:

Old Leighlin:

2, 20, 23, 24
No Winner
Jackpot € 8,250

Ballinabranna:

10, 12, 20, 28
No Winner
Jackpot € 1,100

Leighlinbridge:

12, 16, 18, 22
No Winner
Jackpot € 2,500

15th March 2026

Offertory

L/B € 590
B/B € 260

Weekly

L/B € 495
B/B € 120

Parish Draw: First Draw takes place on Sun 29th March. The Parish Office is open Mon-Wed 9.30am-5pm, Thur 9.30am-3pm, Fri 9.30am-5pm & on Sun 29th 10am-11am to facilitate return of Draw Cards. Thank you for your continued support.

Parish Newsletter: All notices for the weekly newsletter must be in the Parish Office by 10am on Thursday. Contact 059 9722607, email: info@leighlinparish.ie

The Ballinabranna/Milford/Raheendoran Tidy Towns group: We hope you can join us for our Spring Clean of the Ballinabranna/Milford/Raheendoran area on Saturday 25th of April. We are meeting in the church car park in Ballinabranna at 10am. Wear high visibility vests and gloves if possible, bags are provided. Last year was a great success in collecting litter and bags of rubbish around the area. Everyone is welcome to join us.

Leighlinbridge Active Retirement: Holiday to Clonakilty from Sunday 22nd March to Wednesday 26th March. Bus leaves Church Car Park on Sunday at 10am.

Chrism Mass: You are invited to join Bishop Denis and the clergy of the diocese for the Chrism Mass in the Cathedral, Carlow, on 30th March at 7:30 pm. This is one of the most important diocesan Masses in the year when the Holy Oils will be blessed and consecrated for use in parishes in the coming year and when the priests of the diocese will renew their priestly promises. Music will be led by Fr Liam Lawton and the Diocesan Choir while tea/coffee will be served in Carlow College, St Patricks afterwards. Come early to get a seat!

Digging Deeper – Living Lent: Reflect on next Sunday's Gospel. Persevere in your chosen resolutions for Lent and remember their purpose is to bring you closer to God. Pray for adults preparing for baptism at Easter. Plant new life in a container or garden bed! Pollinator friendly herbs include chives, lavender, rosemary, oregano and thyme. Remember to 'Share with the hungry' and set aside some of your weekly shop for a food bank or donate the cost. Take some quiet time to do an examination of conscience ahead of going to confession. See kandle.ie for examples of examinations.

Leighlinbridge Improvement Group: Thanks to volunteers and CE Scheme workers for all their hard work last week. It is greatly valued by the community. Area around Carlow road Junction got a big Spring clean, also new pollinator friendly shrub and flower beds were planted up in Inis gardens. An Taisce Community Spring Clean is on Saturday 28th March. Meet Church carpark at 10.00am. All rubbish will be collected by Carlow County Council. The clean up directly benefits the village, building civic pride and a sense of shared responsibility for our local environment. Now on to our Waste Prevention Tip Week 5. Rinse and Recycle: A quick rinse makes a big difference. It only takes a few minutes. Tins, juice cartons/Tetra paks and soft plastics should be clean and dry before going into your recycling bin. Dirty recycling can contaminate whole batches -and may not be recycled at all. Glass can be taken to bottle banks. Check www.mywaste.ie for more information. Small steps can keep Leighlinbridge clean and green.

