

Month Mind:

Nan Byrne, Tomard. Mass on Friday 10th April at 7.30pm in Ballinabranna.

1st Anniversary:

Seamus Cummins, Upper Tomard. Mass on Saturday 28th March at 7.30pm in Leighlinbridge.
PJ Fitzpatrick, Upper Tomard. Mass on Sunday 29th March at 9.30am in Ballinabranna.

Anniversaries:

Bridie & Jimmy Neville, Coonogue
Noel Purcell, Carlow
Nan Farrell, Upper Seskin
John Sheil, Laois & Yorkshire
Patrick Lawlor, High St. Leighlinbridge
Tommy & Janey Regan, Moanduff
Denis & Kathleen Kelly, London
Johanna Connolly, Ballygowan & all deceased family members
Patrick Delahunty, Ballinaboley
Owen Brennan, Raheendoran
Annie Keating, Clogrennane
Pat Byrne, Ballinabranna
Patrick & Mary Byrne, Castledermot
Vincent Moore, Rathvinden
Pat, Annie & Elizabeth Keating, Craan
Daniel (Dan) McGrath, Bagenalstown Road & All Deceased Members of the McGrath Family



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.

Leighlinbridge Improvement Group: Great work done by volunteers and CE scheme workers on clean up of Church car park and public playground last week. LIG work evenings commence Tuesday 31st March, meet at the Millenium Garden at 6.30pm. Students in the primary school have been very creative making posters, while working on The Green School Theme-Global Citizenship, Litter and Waste. These eco-posters will be on display around the village in the coming weeks. We hope that these posters will make all who live in Leighlinbridge more aware of how their everyday choices and actions impact the environment. Waste Prevention Tip 6/12. Compost At Home. If you have a garden, composting is one of the best waste-reducing habits you can start. Fruit peels, veg scraps, coffee grounds and garden cuttings can all go into a compost bin. Composting diverts waste from landfill, creates free nutrient rich conditioner for use in gardens, feeds the eco-system of the soil and slowly releases nutrients that plants absorb. For more information on composting check www.mywaste.ie

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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Mass Times:

Leighlinbridge
Mon –Wed 9.30am
Eucharistic Adoration
Wed 2 - 5pm
Holy Thursday 5.30pm
Good Friday
Stations of the Cross
10.00am
Passion 5.00pm
Easter Vigil
Saturday 9pm
Easter Sunday 11.00am

Ballinabranna

Eucharistic Adoration
Wed 2 - 3pm
Holy Thursday 7.30pm
Good Friday
Passion 7.30pm
Easter Sunday 9.30am

Easter Ceremonies

Holy Thursday April 2nd

Mass of the Lords Supper
5.30pm in Leighlinbridge
7.30pm in Ballinabranna
Return of Trocaire Boxes

Good Friday April 3rd

Outdoor Stations of the Cross 10.00am in Leighlinbridge
The Passion and Death of our Lord

5.00pm in Leighlinbridge
7.30pm in Ballinabranna

Easter Vigil Saturday April 4th

9.00pm in Leighlinbridge

Easter Sunday April 5th

9.30am in Ballinabranna
11.00am in Leighlinbridge

Easter Monday April 6th

11.00am in Leighlinbridge

NOTICES

St Fintan's Church

	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Ministers</u>
2nd April Holy Thursday 7.30pm	Liz Dunne	Mary Quinn
3rd April Good Friday 7.30pm	Daniel Pender, Mary Dunne	Josephine Fitzgerald
5th April Easter Sunday 9.30am	Maureen Agars, Tommy Agars	Killian Amond
Church Cleaning	Bridie Keating, Mary Quinn, Josephine Fitzgerald	
Church Flowers April	Sally Lawlor	Papers Teresa Dunne

St Lazerian's Church

	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Ministers</u>
2nd April Holy Thursday 5.30pm	Lisa Roche	Anthony Walsh, Sally Lawlor
3rd April Good Friday 5.00pm	Benny Mills, Mandy Ryan	Paddy O'Brien, Mary Clarke
4th April Easter Vigil 9.00pm	Liz Dunne, Barbara Kinsella, Lisa Roche, Margaret Purcell	Mairead Hayden, Bridin Lawlor
5th April Easter Sunday 11.00am	Aoife Doheny	Anita Dunican, Marie Roche
Church Cleaning	Margaret Foley, Kathleen Cummins, Margaret Purcell, Catherine Brennan	
Church Flowers April	Betty Dowling, Mary Clarke	
Reader for Week	Angela Roche Wed	Benny Mills Mon & Tues.

Lotto Results:

Old Leighlin:

1, 18, 26, 27
No Winner
Jackpot € 8,400

Ballinabranna:

1, 2, 8, 22
No Winner
Jackpot € 1,150

Leighlinbridge:

2, 11, 14, 24
No Winner
Jackpot € 2,700

17th March 2026

Offertory

L/B € 420

22nd March 2026

Offertory

L/B € 550

B/B € 210

Weekly

L/B € 360

B/B € 190



All Ministers of the Eucharist are asked to sit at the front of the church on Holy Thursday for the Rite of Commissioning of the Ministers of the Eucharist.

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

Parish Draw: First Draw takes place on Sun 29th March. The Parish Office is open on Sunday 29th 10am-11am to facilitate return of Draw Cards. Thank you for your continued support.

Chrism Mass: You are invited to join Bishop Denis and the clergy of the diocese for the Chrism Mass in the Cathedral, Carlow, on Monday, 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!

Leighlinbridge Active Retirement: Next Monday committee meeting at 1.45pm and members meeting at 2.30pm. We are just back from a lovely holiday in Clonakilty.

Care of the Age: are holding 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 and Ann 087 6917081.

Daffodil Day: Betty Hughes and Mary Dunne would like to thank everyone whos contributed to Daffodil Day at Ballinabranna Church. €865 was raised. Thank you.

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.

Don't BREAK the BRANCH buy a pollinator tree, with a LEAF from us: The first 15 households to apply, will receive €25 towards purchased tree/trees. The Ballinabranna/Milford/Raheendoran Development (Tidy Towns) group have been successful in getting this grant. Planting pollinator friendly trees is an important way to support our pollinators and other biodiversity. Please see our Facebook page for details: www.facebook.com/ballinabranna.milford.raheendoran/

Presentation De La Salle College in Bagenalstown: are running a fund raising vehicle run in aid of the School and Eist Cancer Support Services on Sunday 19th April 2026. Registration is at 11am, departure is at 1.00pm from Carlow Concrete Tanks, Bagenalstown R21 TH59. Cost is €20.