

### **Recent Deaths:**

Miriam Eustance (Née Dunphy), Formerly of Moanduff & England

### **Anniversaries:**

Patrick E. Brennan, Fern Lodge, Ballyknockan  
Joe Comerford, Seskinrea, Old Leighlin  
Mixer Watchorn, Milford  
Henry Eyre, Gurtahile  
Christina Sheehy, Banagagole  
Paddy Earl, Seskin Road  
John McDonnell, Killenane  
Breda McDonnell, Killenane  
James (Jim) Brennan, Ballyknockan

Bob McGrath, Rathellen  
Mary-Ellen Carey, Old Leighlin  
James Minchin, Seskin Cross  
Jeremiah & Mrs Maher, Moanmore  
Patricia O'Rourke, Dublin  
Con Murphy, Dublin  
Mary McDonnell, Ballinaboley

### **Notices:**

**Leighlinbridge Improvement Group:** A big thank you to all who helped with clean ups in village this week. Some dates for your diary, **LIG Meeting Wednesday 15th April, 7.30pm Parish Centre** all welcome. **Bike clinic, Saturday 25th April, Parish Centre 10.00am -2.00pm.** Now our **Waste prevention Tip 8-12. Repair Before You Replace:** Repairing items before replacing them is a key sustainable practice that reduces waste, minimises CO2 emissions and saves resources by extending product lifecycles. Before throwing something away, ask yourself can this be fixed? A loose chair leg, a small tear, a faulty plug-many items can be repaired with a little time and effort. [www.fixmystuff.ie](http://www.fixmystuff.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.

**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/](http://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.

**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**

Mon–Thurs 9.30am  
Confession Sat  
6.30-7.15pm  
Saturday 7.30pm  
Sunday 11.00am

#### **Eucharistic Adoration**

Wed 2 - 5pm  
Fri 4-8pm

#### **Ballinabranna**

Confession Friday  
6.30-7.15pm  
Friday 7.30pm  
Sunday 9.30am

#### **Eucharistic Adoration**

Wed 2 - 3pm  
Fri 6.30-7.30pm

## **LEIGHLIN PARISH NEWSLETTER**

**12TH APRIL 2026  
2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER**

### **St Lazerian**

He was born at the end of the 6th century.  
His early life was spent in Scotland.  
Returning to Ireland he became a disciple of  
St. Fintan (Taghmon),  
others say he was under the care of a Saint in Killeshin (Nuri).  
He went to Rome & remained there for 14 years where he was  
ordained a priest by Pope Gregory the Great.  
He returned to Ireland, attended  
Synod of Magleen near Tullamore.  
He wanted Easter celebrated according to Roman custom.  
He was sent back to Rome in 630 to have the question settled.  
Council of Nice settled the question  
(1st Sunday after 1st full moon after 21st March).  
He was made Bishop by Pope Honorius 1 in 630.  
He returned to Ireland & became Bishop of Leighlin.  
He was the 1st Bishop of Leighlin.

He held a synod in Leighlin in 634 where he announced the new  
systems of celebrating Easter which were opposed by Fintan.

He founded a monastery in Old Leighlin of 1500 monks.  
He died the 18th April 639 & was buried in Old Leighlin.

### **Molaise Day:**

Saturday 18th April.


Our Ecumenical Service will begin in the Old Leighlin Cathedral  
at 5pm & processing to the Holy Well.

## NOTICES

### St Fintan's Church

	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Ministers</u>
<b>Sun 19th April 9.30am</b>	Padraig Farrell	Loretta McNally
<b>Church Cleaning</b>	Kathleen McNally, Mai Sheehan	
<b>Church Flowers April</b>	Sally Lawlor	<b>Papers</b> Lucy McNally

### St Lazerian's Church

	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Ministers</u>
<b>Sat 18th April 7.30pm</b>	Jennifer Harkin/ Zeta Harkin	Mary Meaney(M), DJ Hanley
<b>Sun 19th April 11.00am</b>	Mandy Ryan	Mary Clarke, Helen Jordan
<b>Church Cleaning</b>	Marie Roche, Betty Dowling, Mary Monahan, Josie O'Brien	
<b>Church Flowers April</b>	Betty Dowling, Mary Clarke	
<b>Reader for Week</b>	Wed Angela Roche	Mon, Tue, Thur Sister Ethel

**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.

**Mass Readers in Leighlinbridge:** Urgently needed. Please contact the Parish Office if you would be able to help with this area. Contact 059 9722607. Thanking you in advance.

#### **Lotto Results:**

#### **Old Leighlin:**

1, 3, 5, 9  
Winners x 2  
Jackpot € 1,000

#### **Ballinabranna:**

4, 13, 23, 24  
No Winner  
Jackpot € 1,250

#### **Leighlinbridge:**

5, 9, 13, 25  
One Winner  
Jackpot €1,000

#### **5th April 2026**

#### **Offertory**

L/B € 1190  
B/B € 350

#### **Weekly**

L/B € 385  
B/B € 260

#### **Easter Station**

L/B € 2450  
B/B € 860

#### **Trocaire**

L/B € 2305  
B/B € 1519

**Care of the Aged:** are holding a fund raising walk on the 9th May. Sponsorship 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.

**Carlow Regional Pioneers A.G.M.:** will be held in Tinryland on Friday 24th April. Mass on at 7.30pm.

Annual Dinner Dance in Seven Oaks Hotel on Sunday 26th April. Music with Teresa and The Stars. Dinner 1.30pm sharp. Tickets €30.

**Lough Derg 2026 Pilgrimage:** Three day Pilgrimage in the tradition of prayer, fasting & vigil. Friday 29th May until Saturday 15th August (pilgrims can begin pilgrimage on any day until Thursday 13th August). Admission: €85. Booking Advised. Concessions available for students, seniors & groups. Contacts: tel: +353 (0)71 9861518, email: info@loughderg.org

**2026 Naomh Bríd Membership Now Open:** Join our One Club community - welcoming all ages, all abilities (Hurling & Camogie)! Be part of something special this year. Sign up today: [https://naomhbridgaa.clubzap.com/membership\\_products](https://naomhbridgaa.clubzap.com/membership_products)

**SOLEMN NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP:** The 21st Annual Solemn Novena will take place in St. Clare's Church, Graiguecullen commencing on Monday 13th April and will run for nine consecutive Monday nights until 8th June. Each night we begin by praying the Rosary at 7pm led by our beloved Poor Clare sisters followed by Mass at 7.30pm celebrated by our Parish Priest Fr. John Dunphy. All are welcome. Each night a guest speaker will share their own faith story.

**13th April** Mary Hulgraine: Two time All-Ireland Football Champion & Woman of Deep Faith

**20th April** Br. Tom Walsh: De La Salle Brother and Teacher

**27th April** Bernard Dunne: Former World Boxing Champion

**4th May** Jim Breen: Founder of Pulse Learning & Cycle Against Suicide

**11th May** Davy Fitzgerald: Hurling Manager, former player & winner of Two All-Ireland titles

**18th May** Br. Richard Hendrick: Capuchin Franciscan priest-friar and mindfulness teacher

**25th May** Edward Hayden: TV Chef and Broadcaster

**1st June** Katelyn Cummins: Rose of Tralee 2025

**8th June** Bishop Denis Nulty: Bishop of Kildare and Leighlin Diocese

**Theology Open Day:** The Priory Institute provides online Theology courses to degree level. Attend Saturday lectures in Tallaght or from the comfort of your own home. To find out more about our Open Day on Saturday 18 April visit: <https://prioryinstitute.com/events/open-day-on-saturday-18-april>