

Recent Deaths:

Bernadette (Bernie) Plunkett (née Eyre), Kildare and formerly Gurtahile, Bilboa.
Mollie Fitzgerald (née Kennedy), Seskin Road, Leighlinbridge and formerly of Kernanstown.
Pat Kinsella, Leighlinbridge formerly of Ballyhide, Co Laois.

1st Anniversary:

Sheila Donohoe, Lacken Road, Old Leighlin. Mass on Sun 3rd May at 11am in Leighlinbridge.

Anniversaries:

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| Keith Murphy, Bawnree & Bagenalstown | Bridget Cassidy, Raheny, Dublin |
| Kathleen & Michael McCartney, Raheendoran | Sheila O'Donovan, Bandon, Cork |
| Ned Brennan, Raheendoran | Gerry Holmes, Ballygowan |
| Annie Murphy, High Street | Peggy Farrell, Ballinabranna |
| Pam & Sarah Carpenter, Old Leighlin | Mary Lawlor, Seskin Road |
| Catherine (Kitty) Ryan, 135 Walkin Street, Kilkenny | Kathleen Byrne, Ballinaboley |
| Thomas (Tom) McDonnell, Rathellen | Catherine Flynn, Killenane |
| Frances, Bridget & Ann Kavanagh, Bawnree | |
| Jim & Kitty Fyfe, Ballynolan, Leighlinbridge | |
| Margaret & Thomas Lawlor, Coolnakeeran and all Deceased Family Members | |
| Catherine Fitzgerald, Station Road, Borris formerly of Upper Tomard | |

Notices:

Carlow Flower Club: Our April flower night will be a demonstration by AOIFA Teacher and Judge Elizabeth Murray. Looking forward to seeing all our members and friends on Tuesday April 28th at 8.00pm in the Woodford Dolmen Hotel. There will be a plant sale on the night, and the competition for all classes is "Down by the Sally Gardens". Deposit €20 for those travelling on our outing on May 28th will be collected on the night. Visitors welcome €10

Care of the Aged: 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.

Leighlinbridge Improvement Group: We would love if you could meet us Tuesday 28th April @ 6.30pm. on the Millford Rd opposite Ger Cullen's Butchers for some more Spring gardening tasks that need to be completed. **Waste Prevention Tip week 10/12.** Think about Packaging: When shopping, take a moment to look at packaging. Could you choose products with eco-friendly packaging? E.g. A paper based alternative, or choose loose produce, fruit and vegetables that are not pre-packaged in plastic, just remember to bring your reusable shopping bag.

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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26TH APRIL 2026

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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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

Good Shepherd Sunday

Today, is a special day for everyone in our parish.
We celebrate World Day of Prayer for Vocations.

We ask that we may be filled with joy and
the Holy Spirit as we carry on the mission of Jesus,
our Good Shepherd.

Let us pray for one another that we may be
strengthened in our Christian vocation as married
and single people, priests, deacons, and religious.
May our youth listen to God's call and be encouraged
to respond generously.



NOTICES

St Fintan's Church

| | <u>Readers</u> | <u>Ministers</u> |
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| Sun 3rd May 9.30am | Loretta Stedman | Mary Hegarty |
| Church Cleaning | Angela Carter, Alice Fitzgerald | |
| Church Flowers May | Lena Delaney | Papers Daniel Pender |

St Lazerian's Church

| | <u>Readers</u> | <u>Ministers</u> |
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| Sat 2nd May 7.30pm | Margaret Purcell | Sally Lawlor, Jimmy Farrell |
| Sun 3rd May 11.00am | Family Reader | Maisie Mills, Mandy Ryan |
| Church Cleaning | Liliia, Bernie Price, Rose Arnold | |
| Church Flowers May | Ann Kelly |  |
| Reader for Week | Wed Angela Roche | Mon, Tue, Thur Margaret Lawlor |

Lotto Results:

Old Leighlin:

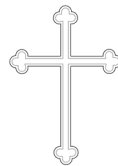
5, 11, 12, 23
No Winner
Jackpot €1,300

Ballinabranna:

1, 6, 15, 18
No Winner
Jackpot € 1,350

Leighlinbridge:

3, 5, 6, 19
No Winner
Jackpot € 1,200



19th April 2026

Offertory

L/B € 595
B/B € 280

Weekly

L/B € 735
B/B € 185

Easter Station

L/B € 120
B/B € 801

Launch – Leighlin Dementia Friendly Community: Minister Jennifer Murnane O'Connor will launch the Leighlin Dementia Friendly Community Action Plan on Thursday 30th April, 7.30pm – 9pm in Leighlin Parish Centre. All are welcome to come and learn how we can work together to make our community a place where people living with dementia feel understood, respected and supported. Light refreshments will be served.
leighlindementiacommunity@gmail.com

Ballinabranna Ramblers: Resuming in Old School Hall Ballinabranna on Wednesday 29th April at 8pm. A great night of music, songs and storytelling to be had. Admission €5. Everyone is welcome and your support would be very much appreciated.

Bingo Fundraiser night: will be held on Friday 1st May at 7pm in Ardough N.S. Bilboa, R93T611. Cash Prizes & Raffle on the night. Jackpot €100. Cash only.

Blessed John Sullivan Mass: Annual Mass of Thanksgiving for the life and work of Blessed John Sullivan SJ (1861-1933) takes place on Sunday, 10th May 2026 at 3pm in Clongowes Wood College, Clane, Co Kildare. Celebrant: Bishop Denis Nulty.

Pilgrimage to Lodi Italy for the 27th International Columban Meeting: Bishop Denis will lead a Pilgrimage from the Diocese of Kildare and Leighlin to Lodi in Italy this July to participate in the 27th International Columban Meeting. Taking place from Friday July 3rd to Monday July 6th 2026, the international gathering forms part of a long-standing annual European tradition honouring Columbanus, the 6th century Irish missionary monk born in the shadow of Mount Leinster near Myshall, County Carlow, whose influence extended across Ireland and mainland Europe. For information and details contact For further information or to book, contact Tully's Travel, Carlow at 059-9136100 or visit www.kandle.ie or www.carlowtourism.com/thecolumbanway

Little Orchard Leighlinbridge Community Childcare: Wish to recruit a Summer Time Educator to join our team. Hours of work 8:30 am till 5:30pm Position start date: 29th of June for the months of July and August. An earlier start date is negotiable. Benefits include: Free onsite parking, One hour lunchbreak. If you have a minimum qualification level QQI level 5 or above or you are on the way to completing your qualifications in a relevant field, and wish to work with School Age children, we invite you to send your CV by way of application to join our team for the attention of Lisa Marie Farrell at littleorchardcommunitychildcare@yahoo.com

Presentation De La Salle College in Bagenalstown: are running a fund raising vehicle run in aid of the School and Eist Cancer Support Services has had to be postponed. **New date Sunday 10th May.** Registration is at 11am, departure is at 1.00pm from Carlow Concrete Tanks, Bagenalstown R21 TH59. Cost is €20.

Yoga: is back with Spring/Summer term next Wednesday 15th April for 8 weeks. Marian is taking bookings now at 08630872450.

Parish Draw: Next Draw takes place on this Sunday 26th April. The Parish Office is open on Sunday from 10am-11am to facilitate return of Draw Cards. Thank you for your continued support. Draw will take place in the Church and via Webcam.

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.