

Recent Deaths:

Brigid Murphy, Tyndall Avenue, Leighlinbridge.
Paddy Lawler, Old Leighlin formerly of Coon.
Daniel (Dan) Pender Snr, Craanluskey, Bilboa.

1st Anniversary:

Sheila Donohoe, Lacken Road, Old Leighlin. Mass on Sun 3rd May at 11am in Leighlinbridge.
Michael (Mick) Miley, The Harrow Cross, Oldtown. Mass on Sun 10th May at 9.30am in Ballinabranna.

Anniversaries:

Ann, Thomas & Thomas (Jnr) Costigan, Craan
Mary Dermody, Seskin Road
Barry Sheehan, Kyleshall, Raheendoran
Patricia Doyle, Craan
George & Mary O'Neill, St. Lazarian's Street
Jim Byrne, 1 Seskin Road
Catherine Whyte, Fonhill, Milford
James Kavanagh, Bawnree
Stephen Bambrick (Snr), Banagagole, Old Leighlin
Elizabeth (Lizzie) Kenna, St Lazerian's Terrace
Margaret Brennan, Lower Seskin
Anne Howell (née Collins), Ballinaboley & London
P.J. Dowling, Tomard
Hugh & Michael Carpenter, Raheen
Paddy Somers, Killenane
Edward, Bridget & Deceased members of the Kelly Family, Seskin



Notices:

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: Waste Prevention Tip 11/12. Use Reusable Cups and Bottles: A reusable water bottle or coffee cup can prevent hundreds of single use items going into landfill each year. Keep a reusable bottle or coffee cup in your bag or car. We meet every Tuesday at 6.30 to engage in gardening tasks in village. We would love your company.

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–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

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3RD MAY 2026
5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May

The Month of Mary

We dedicate May to Our Blessed Mother, whose role was so instrumental to our church.

During spring we hope for growth, and when summer comes we can see the blossoms of that growth and can see the transformation made from seed to flower.

In Mary's womb Jesus was brought to life and so, through Mary, who so graciously said yes to God's call we can find the kind of faith that is needed to earn our salvation and help us to flourish with new life and hope.

*One fervent Hail Mary with love and thought said,
is better than volumes of prayers poorly read.*

*If time and one's duties prevent a long prayer,
Just say one Hail Mary with fervour and care.*

*The Golden Hail Mary which from the heart springs,
the greatest of blessings from Mary it brings.
And we will never know 'Til before Mary's throne,
how that daily Hail Mary brought us to her home.*

NOTICES

St Fintan's Church

	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Ministers</u>
Sun 10th May 9.30am	Family Reader	Greg Fleming
Church Cleaning	Catherine Ayres, Mary Dunne, Mary Brennan	
Church Flowers May	Lena Delaney	Papers Kathleen O'Boyle

St Lazerian's Church

	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Ministers</u>
Sat 9th May 7.30pm	Lisa Roche	Anthony Walsh Bridin Lawlor
Sun 10th May 11.00am	Angela Roche	Paddy O'Brien Anita Dunican
Church Cleaning	Marie Roche, Betty Dowling, Mary Monahan, Josie O'Brien	
Church Flowers May	Ann Kelly	
Reader for Week	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. Thank you.

Lotto Results:

Old Leighlin:

5, 6, 9, 28
No Winner
Jackpot € 1,450

Ballinabranna:

2, 13, 15, 23
No Winner
Jackpot € 1,450

Leighlinbridge:

18, 19, 21, 23
No Winner
Jackpot € 1,300



26th April 2026

Offertory

L/B € 515
B/B € 225

Weekly

L/B € 635
B/B € 180

Easter Collection:

L/B € 220
B/B € 100

Trocaire

L/B € 400

Leighlin Parish Fundraising Draw 2026 April Results:

1st Prize	€2,000	Margaret Cormack
2nd Prize	€1,000	Sean McDonnell
3rd Prize	€200	Kathleen Minchin
4th Prize	€200	Len Roche
5th Prize	€200	James Townsend
6th Prize	€200	Rhona Mulhall & Family
7th Prize	€200	John Maher

Promoter's Prize 4 x €50

Teresa Gahan, Karina Cormack,
Kathleen Thompson, Mary Minchin.

Congratulations!

Kildare & Leighlin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine: Bishop Denis Nulty invites you to join with him and parishioners from across the diocese at the Shrine of Our Lady of Knock on Sunday 7th June 2026, ceremonies begin at 2.30pm in the Basilica.

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

Ballinabranna Clubhouse: Night of Music with John Kelly & Willie Delaney in aid of Carlow Special Olympics Club. On Friday 22nd May at 8.30pm in Ballinabranna Clubhouse. Live music. Great atmosphere. All welcome! Supporting local athletes and community programmes. Performance also by 'Loone Tunes' and 'Cairde le Chéile'. Admission €10. €200 door prize to be won.

The Alzheimer Society of Ireland's National Tea Day, 2026: Tea party will take place in Leighlin Parish Centre on Thursday, May 7th. Time: 10.00 am to 12.30pm. All welcome to come along for cuppa and chat.

4th Carlow Leighlinbridge Scouts & Ventures Bake Sale Fundraiser:

Join us for some delicious homemade treats and support our next big adventure! Venue: Leighlin Parish Centre Saturday 2nd May after 7.30pm Mass and Sunday 3rd May after 11am Mass and Sunday 3rd in Old School Hall Ballinabranna after 9.30am Mass. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Fundraiser for Carlow Alzheimers Bethany House Day Care: Anne McDarby (Carlow) is Walking Cork City 10Km on 31st May 2026. Please go to idonate.ie/fundraiser/annemcdarby to support.