

Recent Deaths:

Jean Dooley, England.

Month Mind:

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

Anniversaries:

Mary Coffey, Craanluskey
Mary Lynch, Old Leighlin
Hilary Roche, Rathellen House, Leighlinbridge
Paddy, Annie, Tommy & Pat Byrne, High Street
Elizabeth Murphy (Née Byrne), High Street
Teresa Byrne, Lower Seskin
Patricia Alyward, London & Upper Seskin
Thomas Lakes, Seskin Road
Annie Keating, Clogrennane
Patrick Kelly Snr, Kilcruit
Daniel Gorman & Mary Glynn, Ballygowan



Notices:

Leighlinbridge Improvement Group: Thank you to everyone who took part in the recent An Taisce Spring Clean. The Leighlinbridge Pollinator Group will meet in the Parish Centre on Thursday 9th April from 6-8pm, with advice on creating pollinator-friendly gardens and free seed distribution. A further Leighlinbridge Improvement Group meeting will take a place on Wednesday 15th April at 7.30pm; all are welcome. **Waste Prevention Tip 7/12. BUY WHAT YOU NEED.** Remember to plan your shopping, buy only what you need, and check your cupboards to help reduce food waste. For more information, visit www.stopfoodwaste.ie

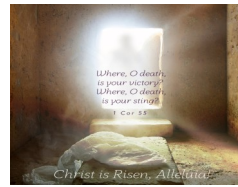
The Ballinabranna/Milford/Raheendoran Tidy Towns group: We hope you can join us for our Spring Clean of the Ballinabranna/Milford/Raheendoran area on Saturday 25th of April. We are meeting in the church car park in Ballinabranna at 10am. Wear high visibility vests and gloves if possible, bags are provided. 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/

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. Local safeguarding Reps are Eileen Johnston, Michael Roche & Liz Dunne.

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Mass Times: Leighlinbridge

Confession Sat
6.30-7.15pm

Monday 11.00am
Tue –Thurs 9.30am
Saturday 7.30pm
Sunday 11.00am

Eucharistic Adoration

Wed 2 - 5pm
Fri 4-8pm

Ballinabranna

Confession Friday
6.30-7.15pm

Sunday 9.30am
Friday 7.30pm

Eucharistic Adoration

Wed 2 - 3pm
Fri 6.30-7.30pm

LEIGHLIN PARISH NEWSLETTER

5TH APRIL 2026
EASTER SUNDAY

A thought for Easter 2026 ...

*“The Mass of Chrism reminds us of our calling,
a calling that is rooted in our baptism.
All of us are, as this year’s Confirmation theme
runs, ‘Loved, Chosen, Necessary’. Baptism allows
us all to belong, and the synod Synthesis reminds
us ‘belonging’ is critical to our faith journey.
Every one of you in the Cathedral this night is
needed in our Church. Lay Pastoral Ministers do
not replace the clergy. Lay Pastoral Ministers do
not replace the lay faithful already immersed in the
life of their parish. The clergy do not replace the call
of every baptised person. The Church of Kildare &
Leighlin needs everyone”*

(Chrism Homily 2026)

May each one of you grow to realise
the profound calling that is your baptism
this Easter and may your Easter be filled
with light, peace and joy.

Every blessing,
✠Denis

NOTICES

St Fintan's Church

	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Ministers</u>
Sun 12th April 9.30am	Tom O'Keeffe	Betty Hughes
Church Cleaning	Phyllis Walsh, Sally Lawlor	
Church Flowers April	Sally Lawlor	Papers Declan McDonald

St Lazerian's Church

	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Ministers</u>
Sat 11th April 7.30pm	Tadhg Rubion-Owens	Jimmy Farrell, Christine Thompson
Sun 12th April 11.00am	Stacey D'Souza	Maisie Mills, Mary Clarke
Church Cleaning	Liliaa, Bernie Price, Rose Arnold	
Church Flowers April	Betty Dowling, Mary Clarke	
Reader for Week	Wed Angela Roche	Mon, Tue, Thur Margaret Lawlor



Lotto Results:

Old Leighlin:

10, 11, 20, 27
No Winner
Jackpot € 8,550

Ballinabranna:

12, 18, 24, 25
No Winner
Jackpot € 1,200

Leighlinbridge:

5, 6, 25, 27
No Winner
Jackpot € 2,800

17th March 2026

Offertory

B/B € 310

29th March 2026

Offertory

L/B € 655

B/B € 515

Weekly

L/B € 3160

B/B € 275

Shrine

B/B € 457

Easter Station

L/B € 430

B/B € 110

Leighlin Parish Fundraising Draw 2026 March Results:

1st Prize	€2,000	Chris Coughlan.	<u>Promotor Full Card Prize 2x €250</u>
2nd Prize	€1,000	Siobhan Quinn.	Mary Hayden & Eddie Nolan
3rd Prize	€200	Martin Comerford.	
4th Prize	€200	Kayla Dunne.	<u>Promotor's Prize 4 x €50</u>
5th Prize	€200	Joe Byrne.	Liam Geraghty, John Kelly,
6th Prize	€200	Catherine Ayres.	Faith Amond, Marie Kelly.
7th Prize	€200	Natasha & Stuart.	

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.

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

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 Hulgaine: 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

Little Orchard Community Childcare: Seeking Board of Management Members. Contact Service Manager Lisa Marie Farrell at 059 9722933.