

### Months Mind:

Mollie Fitzgerald, Seskin Road. Mass on Sun 24th May at 11am in Leighlinbridge.  
Daniel (Dan) Pender Snr, Craanluskey, Bilboa. Mass on Fri 29th May at 7.30pm in Ballinabranna.  
Brigid Murphy, Tyndall Ave. Mass on Saturday 30th May at 7.30pm in Leighlinbridge.  
Paddy Lawler, Old Leighlin. Mass on Sunday 31st May at 11.00am in Leighlinbridge.

### Anniversaries:

Ciss Pender, Craan	Paddy Foley, Banagagole
Michael Byrne, Tomard	John Byrne, Coolnakisha
Bridie Byrne, Tomard	Pa & Hannah Byrne, Coolnakisha
John Pender, Kilcock	Jim Jenson, New York
John & Elizabeth Byrne, Tomard	Anne Jenson (née O'Brien), Craan & New York
Michael (Mick) Comerford, Craanluskey	Anastasia Kearney, Ballinaboley
Eileen & Joe Cashin, Freshford	Bridget Mahon, Newtown
PJ & Máire O'Hare, Leighlinbridge	Catherine & Michael Meaney, Moanduff
Kay O'Hare, Tassagh, Keady, Co. Armagh	Betty Doran, Old Leighlin
Jim & Nora Browne, Belfast	The O'Connor Family, Cloydagh
Séan O'Lubaigh, Dublin	John Amond, Ballygowan
Elizabeth (Betty) Dunne, Craanluskey	Patrick & Angela Amond, Riverside
Mary McDonnell, Killenane	Martin Curran, Old Leighlin
Una Byrne, Royal Oak	Eileen & Patrick Collins, Ballinaboley & London
Trevor Amond, Ballygowan & Rochford Manor	
Jack & Margaret Carroll, Rathellen & All deceased family members	
Jimmy Walsh, Mayo, Crettyard, formerly Raheendoran	
Kathleen Comerford, Bennekerry	

### Notices:

**Found:** A sum of money was found outside the Church before First Holy Communion Ceremony last Sat morning May 16th. Please contact Old Leighlin N.S. 059 9722166.

**Leighlinbridge Improvement Group:** Congratulations to Mary Bridget Lawlor on receiving the Cathaoirleach Award for her amazing voluntary work in the village. Great work done in village again this week. Meet for weekly clean up at the chemist 6.30, Tuesday 26th May. Tidy Town judging begins in June, thanks again for showcasing the spirit of our village community.

**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. Please see our Facebook page for details: [www.facebook.com/ballinabranna.milford.raheendoran/](http://www.facebook.com/ballinabranna.milford.raheendoran/)

**Carlow Flower Club:** will welcome Margaret O'Keeffe from Kilkenny for our May meeting. Margaret will be talking on "Flower growing and propagating, Woodford Dolmen Hotel @ 8pm Tuesday, 26th May. Margaret has a wealth of gardening knowledge and is full of information on successful growing. The competition on the night for all classes is "Mayflowers, an Arrangement without foam". Visitors welcome €10 visitor entry fee. The Club AGM will be held after the gardening talk.

**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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## LEIGHLIN PARISH NEWSLETTER

24TH MAY 2026  
PENTECOST SUNDAY

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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

Pentecost Sunday commemorates the coming of  
the Holy Spirit to the apostles.

Jesus promised He would send help and guidance  
to the apostles in their work of spreading the  
word of the Lord.

The Holy Spirit was that help.

The Holy Spirit enriched the apostles with gifts  
that transformed their lives and they became  
abundantly equipped to carry on Jesus'  
work on earth.


We ask the Holy Spirit to enrich our lives today  
and shine from us as we try to lead  
by example and live like Christ.



**St Fintan's Church**

	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Ministers</u>
<b>Sun 31st May 9.30am</b>	Watt Dunne	Catherine Ayres
<b>Church Cleaning</b>	Kathleen McNally, Mai Sheehan	
<b>Church Flowers May</b>	Lena Delaney	<b>Papers</b> Lucy McNally

**St Lazerian's Church**

	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Ministers</u>
<b>Sat 30th May 7.30pm</b>	Family Reader	George Donoghue, Jennifer Harkin
<b>Sun 31st May 11.00am</b>	Family Reader	Maisie Mills, Mandy Ryan
<b>Church Cleaning</b>	Marie Roche, Betty Dowling, Mary Monahan, Josie O'Brien	
<b>Church Flowers May</b>	Ann Kelly	
<b>Reader for Week</b>	Wed Angela Roche	Mon, Tue, Thur Benny Mills

**Graveyard Masses for 2026**

Ballinabranna	Friday 26th June	7.30pm
Ballyknockan	Monday 6th July	7.30pm
Tomard	Friday 17th July	7.30pm
Killenane	Friday 24th July	7.30pm
Leighlinbridge	Sunday 2nd August	7.00pm
Old Leighlin	Friday 28th August	7.30pm
Clody	Sunday 6th September	9.30am in Ballinabranna Church

**Retired Priests Collection:** will be taken up at all Masses this weekend.

**Parish Draw:** Next draw will take place on Sunday 31st May. Parish Centre will be open from 9.30am to 5.00pm Monday to Friday to facilitate return of Draw Cards. Thank you for your continued support.

**Lotto Results:**

**Old Leighlin:**

7, 23, 24, 25  
No Winner  
Jackpot €1,900

**Ballinabranna:**

2, 15, 24, 26  
No Winner  
Jackpot € 1,550

**Leighlinbridge:**

5, 7, 9, 26  
No Winner  
Jackpot € 1,600

**17th May 2026**

**Offertory**

L/B € 655  
B/B € 205

**Weekly**

L/B € 820  
B/B € 445

**Shrine**

B/B € 408



**NOTICES**

**Care of the Aged Summer Break:** to Killarney, Co. Kerry on Monday 1st to 5th June. The coach will leave the Church Carpark Leighlinbridge at 9am Monday 1st June and return to the Church Carpark around 5 pm Friday 5th June. Wishing everyone on the holiday a pleasant trip and enjoy the break.

**Leighlin Dementia Friendly Community:** We would like to welcome people living with Dementia and their carers to join us on Friday, May 29th in Leighlin Parish Centre for a cuppa and a chat. 11.00 a.m - 12.30p.m. Looking forward to meeting you.

**Rambling House Ballinabranna:** will take place on Wed May 27th.

**Carlow Regional PTAA:** the monthly meeting will be held in Ballyconnel on Friday 29th May. Commencing with Mass at 7.30pm.

**Why Sunday Matters – Sunday Mass Creates and Celebrates COMMUNION:**

‘Sunday Mass is a vital encounter with the risen Lord, the One who gives our lives ultimate meaning and purpose. Through our baptism we bear the name 'Christian'. This identity shapes who we are and calls us to follow Jesus, who is ‘the way, the truth, and the life’ (John 14:6). Through the celebration of Sunday Mass, we experience a life-giving encounter and **communion** with Christ. Just as the two disciples encountered Jesus on the road to Emmaus and recognised Him in the breaking of the bread (Luke 24:35), so too we meet Him in the Eucharist. Our identity as Christians is not solitary but shared. On Sundays, we gather not only as individuals but as the Church; the Body of Christ. In the celebration of the Eucharist, we affirm our communion with one another and with Christ. Pope Saint John Paul II emphasised that ‘none is as vital or as community-forming as the Sunday celebration of the Lord’s day and His Eucharist.’ This gathering creates a bond of unity, solidarity, and love, as we come together to worship as one body, with one voice, in praise of God.’ ***What does it mean for you to have a real encounter with Jesus in Mass? What does it mean for you to encounter Jesus with others?*** [www.kandle.ie/resources/liturgy-pastoral](http://www.kandle.ie/resources/liturgy-pastoral). Visit the Kandle Facebook page or X account to see a video message from Bishop Denis.

**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. Bus pick up at Lord Bagenal at 7.10am. Contact Maura Hanlon 086 3173687.

**Kilgorey Graveyard Mass:** on this Sunday 24th May at 3.00pm

**Parishes Alive - Becoming Synodal:** Bishop Denis and the Diocesan Pastoral Council invites you to the third annual Parishes Alive Day on Saturday, June 20th from 10am to 4pm in Carlow College, St. Patrick’s.

**Leighlinbridge N.S.:** invites applications for the position of School Caretaker commencing on 1st September 2026. Hours of Work: 15 hours per week during school terms, 5 hours per day on two days per week, 5 flexible hours weekly (may involve some evenings or Saturdays), 7.5 hours per week during school holidays. Appointment will be subject to: Satisfactory references, Garda Vetting, Occupational Health Screening, TUSLA Child Safeguarding Training. Application Requirements: Letter of Application, CV (unbound), Referees (name, role & contact number). For further information and job description: 059-9721796. Applications by post or email only to: Principal, Leighlinbridge N.S., Leighlinbridge, Co. Carlow, R95 YY72 or [leighlinbridge@gmail.com](mailto:leighlinbridge@gmail.com). Please write “Caretaker Application” on envelope or in email subject line. Closing Date for Applications: Thursday 4th June 2026.