

### **Recent Deaths:**

Michael Griffin, Craanluskey formerly Bradford, England.

### **Months Mind:**

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:**

Brigid Darcy, Ballygowan  
Peg Haughney, St. Lazarian's Tce  
Billy, Ann & McAuliffe Family, Ballynoe, Cork  
James Whyte, Fonthill, Milford  
Josie Lawlor, Raheendoran  
Paddy & Alice Power, Thomastown  
Mary McNally, Nottingham Formerly Craan  
Lena McNally, Nottingham Formerly Craan



### **Notices:**

**Leighlinbridge Improvement Group:** Congratulations to Leighlinbridge Primary School on receiving their Green Flag for Global Citizenship: Litter and Waste. Keep an eye out for their anti-litter posters displayed around the village. Volunteers meet at 6.30 Tuesday 2nd June at The Garden of Remembrance. All welcome as some beds need to be planted.

**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. Please write "Caretaker Application" on envelope or in email subject line. Closing Date for Applications: Thursday 4th June 2026.

**St Catherine's Community Services Centre – Seniors Alert Scheme:** St Catherine's Community Services Centre is accepting applications for the Senior Alert Scheme, which provides socially monitored personal alarms and pendants for older people. The scheme is funded by the Department of Rural and Community Development and administered by Pobal. Applicants must be aged 65 or over. For further details or application forms, contact: Claire Murphy, Older Persons Services Coordinator Phone: 059-9138700 Email: opmanager@catherines.ie

**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

## LEIGHLIN PARISH NEWSLETTER

31ST MAY 2026  
THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

The Trinity in itself is a mystery,  
it goes beyond human  
comprehension as to how  
three beings can in fact be one.

Once illustrated it can become easier to understand.

A three legged stool for example; each leg working to hold the stool up. If one was taken away the other two would not be able to do this task sufficiently.

Think then how could our Father have shown his love on Earth without the help of His Son,  
and how could His Son's message and work be carried through the ages without the help of The Holy Spirit?

This shows that the Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
while distinct from one another are completely united in their will and purpose.

Today we honour this profound mystery and thank God for His gracious foresight to provide us with the means to fulfil Jesus' mission on Earth.




## NOTICES

### St Fintan's Church

	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Ministers</u>
<b>Sun 7th June 9.30am</b>	Josephine Fitzgerald	Anthony Walsh
<b>Church Cleaning</b>	Claire Jackson, Loretta McNally, Ann Proctor	
<b>Church Flowers June</b>	Phil Daly	<b>Papers</b> Catherine Ayres

### St Lazerian's Church

	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Ministers</u>
<b>Sat 6th June 7.30pm</b>	Margaret Purcell	Sally Lawlor, Jimmy Farrell
<b>Sun 7th June 11.00am</b>	Mandy Ryan	Paddy O'Brien, Anita Dunican
<b>Church Cleaning</b>	Margaret Foley, Kathleen Cummins, Margaret Purcell, Catherine Brennan	
<b>Church Flowers June</b>	Mary Redmond	
<b>Reader for Week</b>	Wed Angela Roche	Mon, Tue, Thur Margaret Lawlor

### 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

**Communion Calls:** Mon 1st, Tues 2nd & Wed 3rd June in the usual order.

**Parish Draw:** Next draw will take place this Sunday 31st May. Parish Centre will be open from 10am to 11am to facilitate return of Draw Cards. Thank you for your continued support.

**No Daycare: on Tuesday 2nd June. We hope to see you all back on Tuesday 9th June.**

### **Lotto Results:**

#### **Old Leighlin:**

7, 12, 13, 25  
No Winner  
Jackpot € 2,050

#### **Ballinabranna:**

16, 18, 20, 28  
No Winner  
Jackpot € 1,600

#### **Leighlinbridge:**

2, 3, 8, 23  
No Winner  
Jackpot € 1,700

### **24th May 2026**

#### **Offertory**

L/B € 625  
B/B € 250

#### **Weekly**

L/B € 270  
B/B € 175

**Care of the Aged Day Trip:** is on Wednesday 1st July. Plans are currently being finalised to ensure a wonderful day out for everyone. Full details, including our destination. Itinerary, and booking information, will be shared very soon. The committee and volunteers of Care of the Aged would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who supported our recent fundraising initiative.

**Leighlin Parish Lourdes Fund:** annual church gate collection on Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th June at all Masses, your support will be much appreciated.

**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. Seats are available.

**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. The day will be facilitated by Dr Oonagh O'Brien, CEO of Mount St Anne's Retreat & Conference Centre and Janet Forbes the Youth Director in the Archdiocese of Armagh and a Member of the National Synodal Team. The day will explore how we can become more synodal in practice in our parishes and pastoral areas, taking Baptism as a starting point and leading to practical explorations of key aspects of being synodal, including local decision making. Attendees will be given resources to take away for future use in their Parishes. This promises to be a very engaging and interesting day and will appeal to anyone who is interested in how Parishes and Pastoral Areas develop into the future. Much of it will be interactive and workshop based. Lunch and refreshments will be provided. There is no charge to attend or for the hospitality. Because these are "roundtable" sessions, numbers are limited so early booking is advised. To book or for further information email Pat Roche, Diocesan Director of Parish Development, on parishdevelopment@kandle.ie or phone (office hours) 083-8305681.

**WHY SUNDAY MATTERS – an Invitation to PARTICIPATE:** 'The journey of faith often comes with its own set of challenges. Many, particularly the younger generation, feel disconnected from the Church due to past abuses and how these were addressed. Alongside this, the pressures of modern life, the increasing levels of anxiety and mental health difficulties – especially among young people – together with the lingering effects of the pandemic, have contributed to a sense of distance from the Church. However, Sunday Eucharist continues to be a source of hope, life, and profound meaning. It invites us to participate in the celebration of Christ's death and resurrection, the Paschal Mystery. In this sacred celebration, we have the opportunity to be transformed, to receive God's grace, and to become the best versions of ourselves. As we navigate life, with all its joys and struggles, the Eucharist offers us the community and support we need to flourish and grow in faith. Mass is not just a personal act of devotion; it is a communal act of worship. We go to God together. The Sunday Mass is where the Church is most visibly alive, and where every member of the community plays an essential role. Each person's participation is needed for the Church to truly live. It is important to gather physically for Mass, and although technology is helpful, it can never replace the tangible experience of being with the community as we listen to God's word and receive the Body of Christ.' *How your presence at Mass can contribute to making the Church visible and alive?* [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.