## Recent Deaths:

Carmel O'Shea, The Downs, Carlow & Castledermot Co. Kildare

#### Anniversaries:

Pascal Holmes, Upper Seskin Martin Whelan. Tomard Iackie Nevin, Closutton Michael Kelly, Craanluskey Fr Aidan Kennedy, Graiguenamanagh Andy Brennan, Kyleshall Paddy Nolan, St Lazerian's Terrace Nan & Mick Lowry Clogrennane Paddy & Kathleen Byrne, Johnduffswood Edward Earl, Craanluskey

Liam Rooney, Gorey, Co Wexford Edward Cradden, Madlin, Leighlinbridge James Coffey, Craanluskey Eddie Kehoe, Pollerton Elizabeth Murphy, High St Krzysztof Gawlik

Kathleen & Paddy Lennon, St Brigid's Crescent, Bagenalstown Dina Dreeling (nee) Nolan, Gowran & St Lazerian's Terrace Jenny Murphy (nee) McClean, Coolnakisha & Blessington

## Notices

William Farrell Acknowledgement: The Family of the late William Farrell, Ardough, Bilboa would like to thank most sincerely all those who sympathized with them on their great loss. We offer our heartfelt thanks to the many friends and neighbours who attended the wake and burial. For those who telephoned, travelled long distances, sent floral tributes, cards and messages of condolences, we are truly grateful. As it would be impossible to thank everyone individually, please accept this acknowledgement as an expression of our deepest gratitude. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for your intentions.

Please note the following pilgrimages for 2025: Special Kildare/Carlow Pilgrimage (Limited availability) to Fatima EX Dublin Easter 2025. 13th June 2025 for Feast of Saint Anthony. 13th October 2025 for the Miracle of Sun. All flying with TAP Airlines Contact James Treacy 061-921470 email jamestreacyphotography@gmail.com.

Leighlinbridge Meals On Wheels: service delivers a fresh nutritious dinner and dessert every Monday and Thursday to people in need from the Leighlinbridge, Ballinabranna and Old Leighlin area. This 2 course meal only costs €6.50. If there are people in your area who both need and would like this service, just call Laura on 085 6010312 or Margaret on 0872770478.

**Safeguarding:** If you have an issue with Safeguarding in the Parish please contact the DLP: 085-8021633 or email dlp@kandle.ie Local safeguarding Reps are Eileen Johnston, Michael Roche & Liz Dunne.

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# LEIGHLIN PARISH NEWSLETTER

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## **Mass Times:** Leighlinbridge

Confession Sat 6.30-7.15pm Vigil Saturday 7.30pm Sunday 11.00am Mon - Thurs 9.30am Eucharistic Adoration Wed 2-5pm Fri 4-8pm

**Ballinabranna** Fri 12th July 7.30pm **Tomard Graveyard** No Mass in Ballinabranna Sunday 9.30am Eucharistic Adoration Wed 2 - 3pm Fri 6.30-7.30pm

# 14TH JULY 2024

**15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY** 

# **Unanswered Questions**

It would be great if we had all the answers. Every one of us has so many unanswered questions. Life can be so unpredictable, unfair & cruel at times.

What did I do to deserve this? Why me? Why not somebody else? Why now? It is easy to blame somebody else or to blame God maybe.

This is understandable, it is unhealthy when We hold on to blame and never move on with our lives.

In the Gospels Jesus never claimed to have all the answers.

Even up on the cross, his last few words were "My God why have you forsaken me". The invitation is to live the questions. We pray for the strength to live with our questions & the strength to walk forward with our lives even if it is only small steps.



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	<u>St Fintan's Church</u>		Lotto Results: Old Leighlin:
	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Ministers</u>	
Sun 21st July 9.30am	Josephine Fitzgerald	Bridie Keating	- 6, 8, 10, 26 No Winner Jackpot €10,000
Church Cleaning	Lucy McNally, Grace Twomey,		Reserve €5250
	Delphine Picovici		Ballinabranna
Church Flowers July	Mary Hegarty	<b>Papers</b> Catherine Ayres	8,13,19,22 No Winner

<u>St Lazerian's Church</u>		
	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Ministers</u>
Sat 20th July 7.30pm	Jennifer Harkin	George Donoghue, Mary Meaney (B)
Sun 21st July 11.00am	Barbara Kinsella	Kathleen Cummins, Mary Clarke
Church Cleaning	Marie Roche, Betty Dowling, Mary Monahan, Josie O'Brien	
Church Flowers July	Mary Redmond	
Reader of the Week	Mon, Tues, Thurs Benny Mills	Wed Angela Roche

## Graveyard Masses 2024

Tomard	Friday 12th July	7.30pm
Killenane	Friday 26th July	7.30pm
Leighlinbridge	Sunday 4th August	7.00pm
Old Leighlin	Friday 16th August	T.B.C 7.30pm
Clody	Monday 2nd September	7.30pm

July Collections: will be at all masses on Saturday 20th & Sunday 21st July

<u>Old Leighlin:</u>
6, 8, 10, 26 No Winner Jackpot €10,000 Reserve €5250
<u>Ballinabranna:</u>
8,13,19,22 No Winner Jackpot €1500
 <u>Leighlinbridge</u>
4, 8, 10, 21 No Winner Jackpot €4600
<u>Collections</u> 7th July

Envelopes ∠/B€340

<u>Offertory</u> L/B€575



**Parish Office Opening Hours:** from 1st July to 30th August will be open from 9.30am to 1.30pm.

Leighlinbridge & District Active Retired: Please note those travelling to Arás an Uachtaráin on Thursday August 1st, bus will leave the Church car park at 9.30am. The bus is now full. Enjoy your day, Cost €20

Little Orchard Community Childcare: ECCE spaces available for September 2024. Morning Sessions, Jr and Snr ECCE spaces available. Please contact us ASAP on 059 9722933 or Email: littleorchardcommunitychildcare@yahoo.com

<u>Message from Gardai to Parishioners:</u> Important Reminder, please be aware that the Garda do not call your house looking to check if your money is counterfeit and take it from you. Another such theft occurred in Laois today. Stay vigilant and protect yourself from fraud

**<u>The Rambling House Ballinabranna</u>**: are holding a Concert Sat 13th July at 8 o'clock, doors open 7.30pm cost €10. Music by McNally group. Any queries contact Josephine 086 0629220. Thank you. Sponsored by Creative Ireland.

<u>Community Open Space Mapping for Pollinators</u>: New exciting project alert! A team of ecologists from, Flynn Furney Environmental Consultants will be in town to carry out a survey of Urban Pollinator Foraging sites to update and strengthen the County Carlow Green Infrastructure Strategy. The aim of the survey is to identify suitable sites, and in particular, to identify the personnel involved in their management (Who's pushing / driving the lawnmower?). This data is necessary to ensure that "*no pollinator in county Carlow's town and villages will have to travel more than 200 metres in order to find a food source*", by mapping relevant sites, encouraging suitable management practices (which will hopefully up TT marks at the same time), and identifying where gaps in the network exist. The team will be visiting sites and knocking on doors during the third week of July, and your support would be greatly appreciated to facilitate this survey work.

**Pioneer Pilgrimage to Knock:** The Pioneer Pilgrimage to Knock will take place on Sunday 21 July. Mass at 3pm will be followed by Eucharistic Blessing and Procession to the Shrine. Pioneers along with friends and relations of people who are living "one day at a time" with addiction are welcome.

**Catholic Grandparents Association Pilgrimage to Knock:** takes place this year on the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, Sunday 28th July. Archbishop Luis Mariano Montemayor, Papal Nuncio of Ireland will lead the pilgrimage. Anointing of the sick takes place at 2.30pm in the Basilica followed by Mass and a Rosary Procession. All are welcome to attend.

**Deja vu charity shop Bagenalstown:** are having a massive summer clearance sale, in Bagenalstown family resource centre on Friday the 19th July from 10am till 3pm. all items under 3 euros. everything must go.