

**Anniversaries:**

Tommy Malone, Dorset, England  
Pat & Barney Fitzgerald, Leighlinbridge  
Molly O'Brien, Ballinabranna  
Carmel Amond, Ballygowan  
Peggy Comerford (née Fitzgerald), Craanluskey  
Mary O'Connor, Cloydagh  
Nancy Dowling, Tomard  
William Kelly, Ballinabranna  
Brigid Phelan, Coolcullen  
Patsy Price, Ballinabranna  
Fiona Brennan, Monavea  
Pierce Comerford, Old Leighlin  
Denis Byrne, Seskin Road  
Michael O'Neill, Bawnree  
James O'Neill, Bawnree  
John O'Neill, Bawnree  
Bridget Larkin, Castlewarren  
Sean Foley, Lucan



Pat McGrath, Rathellen  
Barry McGrath, Canada  
Fr Terry McGrath, Canada  
Lorraine McGrath, Canada

**NOTICES**

**Invitation to Meditation:** Carlow Meditation Group meets on Monday evenings from 7pm to 7:45 pm in the Cathedral Parish Centre, College Street, Carlow - excluding bank holidays. Meditation, the universal practice of silent contemplation, can awaken the heart, deepen our spiritual sensitivity and promote our wellbeing. All are welcome - no experience needed. No need to book – just turn up on any Monday evening!

**Pilgrimages:** Special Kildare/Carlow Pilgrimage (Limited availability) to Fatima EX Dublin Easter 2025. Flying with TAP Airlines 13th June 2025 for Feast of Saint Anthony, 13th October 2025 for Miracle of Sun. Contact James Treacy 061921470 [jamestreacyphotography@gmail.com](mailto:jamestreacyphotography@gmail.com) Payment can be made by instalments  
LAST REMAINING SEATS

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

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**12TH JANUARY 2025  
THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

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**Mass Times:  
Leighlinbridge**

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

**Ballinabranna**

Sunday 9.30am  
Friday 7.30pm  
Confession Friday  
6.30 - 7.15pm  
**Eucharistic Adoration**  
Wed 2 - 3pm  
Fri 6.30 - 7.30pm

*Why was Jesus Baptised?*


Jesus bore no sin, at any time in his life,  
and therefore didn't need to be baptised  
in the way we do.  
However he was baptised  
and so set down the marker for the rest of us.  
We are baptised with water, as Jesus was,  
and the Holy Spirit is invited into our lives  
as we become part of the Church family.  
At Jesus' baptism God sent the Holy Spirit to  
Jesus to set him apart and mark him as His son.  
The baptism also introduced us to the Trinity;  
God speaking from heaven,  
Jesus being baptised and  
the Holy Spirit appearing as a dove.  
Baptism sets us apart from others in that we,  
like Jesus, become part of the family of God.  
Jesus' baptism marked the beginning of his  
public ministry as the Son of God.

## NOTICES

### St Fintan's Church

	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Ministers</u>
<b>Sun 19th Jan 9.30am</b>	Tom O'Keeffe	John Kelly
<b>Church Cleaning</b>	Angela Carter, Alice Fitzgerald	
<b>Church Flowers January</b>	Sally Lawlor	<b>Papers</b> Catherine Ayres

### St Lazerian's Church

	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Ministers</u>
<b>Sat 18th Jan 7.30pm</b>	Mary Meaney (M)	Anthony Walsh, Sally Lawlor
<b>Sun 19th Jan 11.00am</b>	Benny Mills	Anita Dunican, Marie Roche
<b>Church Cleaning</b>	Margaret Foley, Kathleen Cummins, Kay O'Connor, Catherine Brennan	
<b>Church Flowers January</b>	Betty Dowling Mary Clarke	
<b>Reader for Week</b>	Angela Roche - Wed	Benny Mills Mon, Tues & Thurs

**Morning Mass Readers in Leighlinbridge:** Urgently needed. Please contact the Parish Office if you would be able to help with this area. Contact 059 9722607. Thanking you in advance.

**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. Thankyou.

### **Lotto Results:**

#### **Old Leighlin:**

No Numbers for draw  
No Winner  
Jackpot €

#### **Ballinabranna:**

4, 8, 11, 27  
No Winner  
Jackpot €1,900

#### **Leighlinbridge**

No Numbers for draw  
No Winner  
Jackpot €

#### **22th Dec 2024**

##### **Offertory**

L/B €720  
B/B €150

##### **Envelope**

L/B €3,610  
B/B €255

#### **5th Jan 2025**

##### **Offertory**

L/B €375  
B/B €155



*Baptism of the Lord*

**Leighlinbridge & District Active Retired:** are back after their Christmas break. Committee meeting in the Parish Centre Leighlinbridge on Monday 13th at 1:45pm followed by members meeting and refreshments at 2:30pm. New members welcome.

**Leighlinbridge National School, Student Enrolment 2025/2026:** will be accepting applicants for admission up to Mon 27th Jan 2025. Please see our school website [www.leighlin.net](http://www.leighlin.net) for a copy of our Admission Policy and Annual Admission Notice. Application forms for admission for the school year 2025/2026 are available as follows. To Download [www.leighlin.net](http://www.leighlin.net)  
On request: by emailing [leighlinbridge@gmail.com](mailto:leighlinbridge@gmail.com)  
From the school: Leighlinbridge NS, Leighlinbridge, Co. Carlow R93 YY72

**Adjourned AGM of Ballinabranna GFC:** will be held on Tuesday 14th of January at 7:45pm in the Club House.

**Ballinabranna Old School Hall:** Music session on Sunday 19th January at 3-5pm. Refreshment served.

**Old Leighlin Book Club:** will take place on Monday 13th January at 7pm in The Community Hall, Old Leighlin. All welcome.

#### **Diocesan Pilgrimage for the Canonisation of Blessed Carlo Acutis:**

Coinciding with the Jubilee for Teenagers, during the Jubilee Year of Hope, the Diocese is travelling for the Canonisation of Blessed Carlow Carlo Acutis 25th - 29th April. This pilgrimage includes a day trip to Assisi, trips to the pilgrims' sites of Rome and of course the Mass on Sunday in St. Peter's Square when Blessed Carlo will be declared the first 'Millennial Saint.' Bishop Denis will join us for the pilgrimage as well as Fr. David Vard. Places are limited and can be booked through Marian Pilgrimages or forms, and itinerary can be collected in Portlaoise Parish Centre.

**Study Theology Online:** is this for you? The Priory Institute provides online Theology courses to degree level. Attend Saturday lectures in Tallaght or from the comfort of your own home. Register before February 11th. Find out more on our website, [prioryinstitute.com](http://prioryinstitute.com)

**Gorgeous 2025 Calendar:** In aid of Down Syndrome Carlow. Cost per Calendar €10, available from Olivia Flanagan, 085 1150060. Your support is very much appreciated.

**Webcam:** To view Webcam log on to [www.leighlinparish.ie](http://www.leighlinparish.ie) This will open the website home page. Scroll down to see Leighlinbridge and Ballinabranna webcams on right hand side. Click on picture of church and then the red arrow in centre of picture to view.