

Recent Deaths:

Nora Conneran (née Dooley), Naas, Co. Kildare formerly Raheendoran, Co. Carlow

Months Mind:

Joan Kennedy (née Claxton), Avondale Drive formerly Fonthill. Mass on Sun 18th January at 9.30am in Ballinabranra.

1st Anniversaries:

Fr. Tom Fenlon SMA. Mass on Sun 25th January at 9.30am in Ballinabranra.

Anniversaries:

PJ & Marie O'Hare, Leighlinbridge
 Michael & Eleanor O'Hare, Keady, Co. Armagh
 Liam & Mary Looby, Dublin
 Michael O'Hare, Armagh
 Martin Deevy, Molaise Estate, Old Leighlin
 Edward & Catherine Kane, Moanduff
 Mary Christie, Moanduff
 Tom Darcy, Ballygowan, Milford
 Paddy O'Keeffe, Seskin Lower, Leighlinbridge
 John & Elizabeth Lowry, Clogrennane
 James (Jim) McClean, Coolnakisha
 Michael & Margaret McClean, Coolnakisha & Ranelagh
 Margaret Rudkin, Seskin Rd. & Royal Oak
 Mary & Michael Nolan, St. Lazerian's Tce
 Jim & Kate Keogh & All deceased Family Members
 Margaret Watchorn, Seskin Road
 Peggy (Annie Teresa) Comerford, Craanluskey, Carlow

**Notices:**

Kilquan Drama Group: Present "Who's Been Sleeping In My Bed", By Jimmy Keary on 29th & 30th Jan, 1st, 2nd, 6th, 7th, 8th Feb, in Coon Hall R93 EC89. Doors Open at 7pm. Admission €10.

Carlow Flower Club: Carlow Flower Club's January event will be a flower arranging demonstration by AOIFA Teacher and Demonstrator Betty Cumiskey from Wexford Flower and Garden Club. 8.00pm on Tuesday 27th January '26 at the Woodford Dolmen Hotel. Competition for all classes "No Flowers Please" an all foliage arrangement. Visitors welcome €10

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

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18 TH JANUARY 2026
 SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Peace in our Family!

Lord, What a blessing

Your peace can be to a family.

When life is hard and things difficult

Quarrels can begin, Over just a little thing.

Please help my family

To live in peace with forgiving hearts,

And loving kindness to one another.

Help us always to live in harmony

Not only with friends and neighbours,

But also with the world's poor

By being generous to their needs,

So that your peace

Can abide throughout our world.

Amen.

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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

Ballinabranra

Sunday 9.30am
 Friday 7.30pm
 Confession Friday
 6.30 - 7.15pm
 Eucharistic Adoration

Wed 2 - 3pm
 Fri 6.30 - 7.30pm

St Fintan's Church

	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Ministers</u>
Sun 25th Jan 9.30am	Daniel Pender	Pat Carter
Church Cleaning	Kathleen McNally, Mai Sheehan	
Church Flowers January	Kathleen McNally	Papers Lucy McNally

St Lazerian's Church

	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Ministers</u>
Sat 24th Jan 7.30pm	Margaret Purcell	Mairead Hayden, Bridin Lawlor
Sun 25th Jan 11.00am	Angela Roche	Anita Dunican, Marie Roche
Church Cleaning	Marie Roche, Betty Dowling, Mary Monahan, Josie O'Brien	
Church Flowers January	Betty Dowling, Mary Clarke	
Reader for Week	Angela Roche Wed	Sister Ethel Mon, Tues, Thurs

2026 Weekly Envelopes: are now ready for pick up from the Parish Centre. Opening hours 9.30am - 5pm on Mon - Fri.

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. Thank you.

Lotto Results:

Old Leighlin:

8, 14, 15, 27
No Winner
Jackpot € 6,900

Ballinabranna:

3, 14, 15, 25
No Winner
Jackpot € 2,800

Leighlinbridge:

3, 16, 22, 23
No Winner
Jackpot € 1,700

6th Jan 2026

Offertory

L/B € 225

11th Jan 2026

Offertory

L/B € 650

B/B € 215

Christmas

Collection

L/B € 245



NOTICES

Leighlinbridge Active Retirement: will meet in the Parish Centre as usual on Monday next 19th at 2-30pm. Bowls on Thursday and Friday. Pickleball in Old Leighlin on Tuesdays from 2pm. Their AGM will take place on Monday 26th at 2-30 They are having a night out in the Lord Bagnal on Sat night 31st at 7-30 pm. Places are limited. For details on this phone Michael at 0872675661

Leighlinbridge National School: used Postage Stamps can be dropped into the School during opening times.

Ballinabranna GFC AGM: will be held in Clubhouse on Sunday 25th of January at 2pm. All are welcome.

Rambling House Ballinabranna: Will take place on Wed Jan 28th.

Yoga: takes place on Wednesday nights at 6.45pm – 8.15pm in the Parish Centre. To book your place please contact Marian on 086 3082450.

Catholic Schools Week 2026 – Message from Bishop Denis: As we celebrate Catholic Schools Week 2026, we give thanks for the faith, learning and care that shape daily life in our Catholic schools. This year's theme, "Catholic Schools – Normal Lives, Called to Holiness," reminds us that holiness is lived through simple acts of kindness, respect and love. As Saint (Mother) Teresa said, "We can do small things with great love." In our Catholic schools, children are encouraged to live this message each day through how they treat others and care for their community. We remember and we pray for all of those who attend, support and work in the Catholic Schools in our diocese. The purpose of CSW is to highlight the distinctive role of Catholic Education in forming young people who understand their lives as purposeful and grounded in faith. Catholic Schools share the priorities of Christ towards the weak, the poor, the disadvantaged. I am so proud of our Catholic Schools, I thank all who work in them, all who are formed by them and all who support them. Our schools are inclusive and welcoming to all.

Denis Nulty, Bishop of Kildare and Leighlin

Marriage Enrichment Weekend: Catholic Marriage Encounter in Ireland, Dates: 20 -22 March 2026, Venue: "St Marys" Knock, Co. Mayo. A WEEKEND LIKE NO OTHER. Online: www.marriageencounter.ie

The male domestic abuse: support service offers 1:1 confidential support to men experiencing abuse of any kind from their partner of any gender. Please contact 0832088689 or email laurryan@bagenalstownfrc.ie for more information.

Little Orchard Leighlinbridge Community Childcare: Wish to recruit for the following positions: Full Time Early Years Educator 8.30am -5.30pm; Early Years Educator 9am-12pm; School Age Childcare Leader 1.30pm-5.30pm. If you have a minimum qualification level QQI level 5 or above we invite you to send your CV by way of application to join our team for the attention of Lisa Marie Carr at littleorchardcommunitychildcare@yahoo.com .