

Recent Deaths:

Ryan Kearney, Ballinaboley, Leighlinbridge

1st Anniversaries:

Joe Dooley, England, Raheendoran. Mass on Sunday 20th July at 9.30am in Ballinabranna.
Sheila McKenzie, Bagenalstown. Mass on Saturday 12th July at 7.30pm in Leighlinbridge.
Terry McDonagh (née Bolger), Dublin & Leighlinbridge.

Anniversaries:

Shiela Bolger, New Road	Mary Carey, Old Leighlin
Kathleen & Paddy Lennon, St. Brigid's Crescent	Denis Carey, Old Leighlin & New York
Fr Aidan Kennedy, Graiguenamanagh	Paschal Holmes, Upper Seskin
Eddie Kehoe, Mountain View, Carlow	
James Coffey, Craanluskey	
Nan & Mick Lowry, Clogrennane	
Jackie Nevin, Closutton	
Ann Kiely, Tomard	
Annie Brennan, Raheendoran	
Eddie McGrath, Finglas West Dublin	
Edward Earl, Craanluskey	
Bridget Dermody, Oldtown, Nurney	
Jenny Murphy (née McClean), Coolnakisha & Blessington	
Edward Cradden, Madlin, Leighlinbridge	
Martin Whelan, Tomard & Mansfield	
Andy Brennan, Kyleshall	



Notices:

Ballinabranna 20Km Vehicle Run: which took place on Sunday 29th June to raise funds for the restoration of St. Fintan's Assembly Centre. A huge thank you to all involved!
We raised €3,550.00

24 Hour Silent Vigil for Gaza: From 12 noon Saturday 19th July to 12 noon Sunday 20th July at Clane Church Plaza space. Prayer, silence and reflection in solidarity with the people of Gaza. More details from our Suaimhneas Centre, Clane.

National Grandparents Pilgrimage 2025: Celebrating The World Day for Grandparents & the Elderly. Sunday 27th July. Plenary Indulgence granted for the occasion. Those unable to join us in person can take part online at www.knockshrine.ie/watch.
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Safeguarding: If you have an issue with Safeguarding in the Parish please contact the DLP: Kathleen Sherry 085-8021633 or email dlp@kandle.ie Local safeguarding Reps are Eileen Johnston, Michael Roche & Liz Dunne.

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Mass Times: **Leighlinbridge**

Confession Sat
6.30 - 7.15pm
Saturday 7.30pm
Sunday 11.00am
Mon - Thurs 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

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13TH JULY 2025
FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY
TIME

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.



NOTICES

<u>St Fintan's Church</u>		
	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Ministers</u>
Sun 20th July 9.30am	Family reader	Mai Sheehan
Church Cleaning	Annie Dermody, Kathleen McNally Mai Sheehan	
Church Flowers July	Teresa Dunne	Papers Kathleen O'Boyle

<u>St Lazerian's Church</u>		
	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Ministers</u>
Sat 19th July 7.30pm	Margaret Purcell	Antony Walsh Sally Lawlor
Sun 20th July 11.00am	Aoife Doheny	Maisie Mills Peter Kelly
Church Cleaning	Marie Roche, Betty Dowling Mary Monahan, Josie O'Brien	
Church Flowers July	Betty Dowling, Mary Clarke	
Reader for Week	Angela Roche - Wed	Benny Mills Mon, Tues, Thur

Graveyard Masses 2025

Killenane	Friday 25th July	7.30pm
Leighlinbridge	Sunday 3rd August	7.00pm
Old Leighlin	Friday 22nd August	T.B.C
Clody	Sunday 7th September	9.30am in Ballinabranna Church

Leighlin Parish Choir: are seeking new members. If interested, contact any choir member.

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:
11, 16, 19, 20
No Winner
Jackpot € 2,800

Ballinabranna:
2, 16, 17, 24
No Winner
Jackpot € 1,450

Leighlinbridge
No numbers



6th June 2025
Offertory
L/B € 525
B/B € 215

Envelopes
L/B € 650
B/B € 110



Parish Centre Opening Hours: from 1st July to 31st August will be open from 9.30am to 2.00pm.

Discussion on the life of Matt Talbot: Carlow Cathedral Parish Centre on Thursday 17th July at 7.30 pm. All welcome.

Carlow Regional PTR: Will be having their Spirituality Day in Cuan Mhuire Athy Sunday 13th July commencing at 10.30 am. The next monthly meeting of Regional PTR will be held in Ballymurphy on Saturday 19th July. Mass at 7.30 pm.

Leighlinbridge Active Retirement: will not be meeting on Mondays from now until September. They are taking a break for July and August. Pickleball in Old Leighlin is also cancelled until September. Bowls will meet as usual on Thursdays and Fridays until the end of July.

Hope - for our Pilgrim Journey: The Priory Institute two week on-line Summer School is reflective, informative and interactive and will run from 11th August. The course includes eight recorded presentations and two on-line zoom discussions and is very flexible as it is delivered entirely online. Find out more and register <https://prioryinstitute.com/events/2025-online-summer-school;-hope-for-our-pilgrim-journey>

Praise Resounds Concert: A gathering of reflection, music and song, celebrating the legacy of Saint Columbanus, Saturday 12th July at 8.00 pm in the Cathedral of the Assumption, College Street, Carlow. Tickets still available for this event at <https://www.kandle.ie>

Columban Day Celebrations: This weekend the Diocese of Kildare and Leighlin will celebrate St Columbanus at various events in Myshall and Carlow town. While most events are now fully booked all are very welcome to the XXVI Columbanus Day Mass in the Cathedral of the Assumption, Carlow at 10.30am on Sunday 13th, Bishop Nulty will be the chief celebrant and will be joined by fellow Bishops from Ireland and Europe. Full programme details on <https://www.kandle.ie>

Community Text Alert: To keep our text alert system running, we're asking for a €10 contribution (covers membership until end of 2025). You can pay online (details will be sent via text), or leave €10 in an envelope with your name, address, and mobile number in the parish office. Thank you for supporting this important community safety service. For queries, contact Michael Doran, Seamus Somers, Martin Nevin, or Eileen Johnston.

Top Ten Ways to Help Pollinators: Plant pollinator friendly trees: Native trees and shrubs such as Willow, Hawthorn, Rowan, Crab Apple, and Holly support huge numbers of insects including pollinators. **Why:** Trees that blossom in Spring are a low-maintenance, vital source of food for pollinators. Trees contribute to a healthy climate and biodiversity, supporting a rich variety of organisms such as lichens, mosses, birds, mammals, and insects. **Where:** Anywhere there is space. pollinators.ie/top-ten-ways-to-help-pollinators/