

1st Anniversaries:

Joe Dooley, England, Raheendoran. Mass on Sunday 20th July at 9.30am in Ballinabranna.
Eamon Coughlan, Bawnree, Old Leighlin. Mass on Sat 26th July at 7.30pm in Leighlinbridge.
George Gahan, Townasock. Mass on Sunday 27th July at 11am in Leighlinbridge.

Anniversaries:

David, Annie & Molly Gahan, Townasock
Seamus Doran, Harrow Cross, Oldtown, Nurney
Michael Murphy, Coolnakeeran
The Willis Family, Tallow, Co. Waterford
Jenny O'Neill, Orchard
Pat Nolan, St Lazerian's Terrace
Dina Dreeling (née Nolan), Gowran
Teresa Kelly, Johnduffswood
Sr Anthony McCabe, Convent of Mercy
Mary Whyte, Fonthill, Milford
Oliver O'Neill, 3 Kyleshall, Raheendoran



Notices:

Youth Pilgrimage To Croagh Patrick: 23rd August 2025 For young adults (16-35) in the Diocese of Kildare & Leighlin. Join us for a day of faith, challenge and community as we undertake the ancient pilgrimage to the summit of Croagh Patrick on 23rd August. Buses will depart from: Naas, Carlow and Portlaoise. This spiritual journey offers an opportunity for prayer, reflection and connection with fellow young Catholics. Whether you're seeking personal renewal, physical challenge or simply to experience this sacred tradition, all are welcome. Spaces are limited. Registration is essential and a short meeting for all 16-18 year old pilgrims and a parent/guardian will take place on Thursday 14th August at 7.30pm in Portlaoise, Naas and Carlow. For full details and to register, visit: kandle.ie.

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/

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

No Mass on Friday

Confession Friday
6.30 - 7.15pm

Eucharistic Adoration

Wed 2 - 3pm
Fri 6.30 - 7.30pm

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20TH JULY 2025

16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Number One

What has become of Adam and Eve?

And what was their sin?

Firstly they are alive and well within each one of us
and struggling to take a hold of us.
They are everyman & everywoman.

Secondly they became carried away with their own
happiness.

Instead of enjoying being the apple of God's eye they
sought to eat the fruit of the tree & spit in God's eye.

They fell victims to the basic temptation,
the craving to become their own Gods.

This urge is pulsing within us too.

To make a God of myself in a world of my own, this is the
principal & most common root temptation with which we
have to cope today & always.

It is subtle & worms its way into every corner of life.
No wonder then that the number One Commandment is
"I am the Lord your God,
you shall not have false Gods before me".

This is the first because it is the most important,
when we live up to it everything else fits into place.



<u>St Fintan's Church</u>		
	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Ministers</u>
Sun 27th July 9.30am	Conal O'Boyle	Mary Dunne
Church Cleaning	Claire Jackson, Loretta McNally, Ann Proctor, Valerie Haughney	
Church Flowers July	Teresa Dunne	Papers Teresa Dunne

<u>St Lazerian's Church</u>		
	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Ministers</u>
Sat 26th July 7.30pm	Lisa Roche	George Donoghue, Christine Thompson
Sun 27th July 11.00am	Family reader	Paddy O'Brien Mary Clarke
Church Cleaning	Margaret Foley, Kathleen Cummins Margaret Purcell	
Church Flowers July	Betty Dowling, Mary Clarke	
Reader for Week	Angela Roche - Wed	Sister Ethel 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

July Collections: will be at all masses on Saturday 26th & Sunday 27th July.

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:
2, 20, 23, 27
No Winner
Jackpot € 3,000

Ballinabranna:
5, 20, 21, 27
No Winner
Jackpot € 1,500

Leighlinbridge
1, 17, 18, 25
No Winner
Jackpot € 5,500

13th June 2025
Offertory
L/B € 510
B/B € 180

Envelopes
L/B € 405
B/B € 215

Peter's Pence
L/B € 85
B/B € 45

Retired Priests
L/B € 165
B/B € 25



NOTICES

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

Parish Draw: Next Draw takes place on Sun 27th July. The Parish Office is open Mon-Fri 9.30am-2pm. & on Sun 27th 10am-11am to facilitate return of Draw Cards. Thank you for your continued support.

Leighlinbridge Improvement Group: A big thank you to you all who continue to show great community spirit, by taking the time to pick up litter, weed outside their gates and business premises, or whatever you do to contribute to making Leighlinbridge a beautiful village to live and work in. Sincere thanks to Leighlinbridge GFC for helping with the tidy up of The Millennium Gardens, your help is much appreciated. A reminder that Carlow Garden Trail kicks off on 26th July at 2pm in Leighlinbridge, with a foraging adventure along the River Barrow, this walk will be led by Mary White one of Ireland's leading foraging experts. For more information visit www.carlowgardentrails.com

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

The Ballinabranna Graveyard Committee: wish to express our gratitude to everyone who attended the recent cemetery Mass. And huge thank you for donation.
We received €2,004.74.

South Leinster Money Advice & Budgeting Service: Free, independent and confidential Money Management and Advice Service. Assisting people in dealing with their existing debts, Mortgage arrears and helping them to begin to manage their own resources. MABS offers free Debt Relief Advice under Personal Insolvency options. Money Management Sessions provided for Transition/Leaving Cert Students & Community Groups. **Carlow MABS:** 72d Tullow Street, Carlow, Tel: 0818 072070

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
Telephone: +353(0)94 938 8100

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>