

Recent Deaths:

Jimmy Dermody, Nottingham formally The Tannery Yard, Milford
John Heffernan, Tomard
Mary Coppock, 6 Milford Park, Ballinabranna

1st Anniversaries:

Mairead Crosbie, 9 Barrowlough. Mass on Sunday 27th August at 11am in Leighlinbridge.

Anniversaries:

Michael (Cherry) Glendon, 18 St Lazarian's Tce
Elizabeth Pierce, Augharue
Jim Haughney, St. Lazarian's Tce
Katie Lynch, Old Leighlin
James & Kathleen Doyle, Ballygowan
Mary McDonald, Raheendoran
John & Patrick McNally, Craan
Catherine Lawlor, Tomard
Martin Dermody, Milford



Notices:

Leighlinbridge Improvement Group: Join us for a Community Get-Together on Thursday, 21st August at 7pm in Leighlinbridge Parish Centre (beside St Lazerian's Church) as part of National Heritage Week. Enjoy performances by vocalist Orla Fallon, playwright/novelist John MacKenna, and talented local musicians. Light entertainment, refreshments, and a raffle in aid of Muscular Dystrophy Ireland. All welcome!

Ballinabranna/Milford/Raheendoran Development Group: National Heritage Week 16th - 24th August 2025: There are two "Getting in Touch with our Wildflowers" talks/walks at Milford on Sat 23rd and Sun 24th Aug from 3pm - 5pm. These talks/walks are being given by Molly Aylesbury whose knowledge about wild flowers and plants is vast. They are free but booking is necessary: <https://www.heritageweek.ie/event-listings/wildflower-walk-and-talk>

Men's Jubilee Camino: Men's hike - Sat Sept 13th 20 kms, on greenway, from Dominican abbey (ruin) in Carlingford to Newry (St Catherine's) via Newry Cathedral (Jubilee Indulgence). Mass, Adoration, Rosary, Confessions & Fraternity. Registration & details on www.dominicans.ie/events/. €70 (Lunch, dinner & bus), over 18's male event. Enquiries to op.evangelisation@gmail.com.

Lost item: Silver chain lost Sunday eve 3rd Of August between Ballyknockon Manor hoisin estate and Leighlinbridge graveyard if found please contact Mary at 0872374170 or drop in to Parish centre.

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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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 22nd**

Eucharistic Adoration

Wed 2 - 3pm
Fri 6.30 - 7.30pm

LEIGHLIN PARISH NEWSLETTER

17TH AUGUST 2025
20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

O Lord,

You are the light that guides my feet.
You are the map that gives me direction.
You are the peace that makes me strong.
You are the leader whom I faithfully follow.

May your light illuminate my life
And your guidance bring direction.
May I find inspiration in your word
And peace in my heart as I follow you.

Amen.



<u>St Fintan's Church</u>		
	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Ministers</u>
Sun 24th August 9.30am	Liz Dunne	Daniel Pender
Church Cleaning	Bridie Keating, Mary Quinn, Josephine Fitzgerald	
Church Flowers August	Phil Daly	Papers Daniel Pender

<u>St Lazerian's Church</u>		
	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Ministers</u>
Sat 23rd August 7.30pm	Lisa Roche	Anthony Walsh, Sally Lawlor
Sun 24th August 11.00am	Aoife Doheny	Kathleen Cummins, Peter Kelly
Church Cleaning	Liliia, Bernie Price	
Church Flowers August	Ann Kelly	
Reader for Week	Angela Roche - Wed	Sister Ethel Mon, Tues, Thur

Graveyard Masses 2025

Old Leighlin	Friday 22nd August	7.30pm
Clody	Sunday 7th September	9.30am in Ballinabranna Church

Ballinabranna Church Cleaners: We are refreshing the teams. Please contact the Parish Office 059 9722607 to confirm your availability. New members are always welcome.

Lotto Results:

Old Leighlin:

5, 8, 14, 20
No Winner
Jackpot € 3,600

Ballinabranna:

01, 04, 18, 19
No Winner
Jackpot € 1,700

Leighlinbridge

No Numbers

10th August 2025

Offertory

L/B € 630
B/B € 243

Envelopes

L/B € 480
B/B € 170

July Priests

Collection

L/B € 340
B/B € 90



NOTICES

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

Dementia Inclusive Community: Work-shop given by Tara Rice Community Development Officer on Wednesday 27th August at 7pm in Leighlin Parish Centre. This work-shop is available for anyone who would like to attend on the evening.

National Novena to Our Lady of Knock: will take place from August 13th to 21st, with daily ceremonies at 3pm and 8pm in Knock Basilica. Daily Workshops take place at 12.45pm and themed guided prayer sessions will be available in Knock Prayer Centre.

Youth Pilgrimage To Croagh Patrick: Please note the Youth Pilgrimage to Croagh Patrick on the 23rd August 2025 has been postponed. Further details to follow later.

Kildare and Leighlin Liturgy Conference: It is Good for us to be Here (Mark 9:5):

Come and join us for a day of personal enrichment as we explore many aspects of the celebration of Mass and liturgy in our parishes - taking place in the Cathedral of the Assumption and Carlow College on Saturday, 20th September. We start with registration in Carlow College from 9-9:30am, Morning Prayer in the Cathedral at 9:30am followed by a day of keynote speakers and workshops, concluding at 5 pm. Look out for the poster and brochure in the church or go to www.kandle.ie/LiturgyConference for more details. Booking will go live in the coming week.

Eucharistic Adoration The Kildare & Leighlin Diocesan Adoration Committee:

invites you to join them with Most Reverend Bishop Denis Nulty, Fr Ruairi O Domhnaill and Guests for a day of Prayer and Adoration. The day will feature a special Carlo Acutis Exhibition and Eucharistic Miracles exhibition - concluding with concelebrated Holy Mass at three pm. Confessions available. Location: St Anne's Portarlinton, R32 WN59. Saturday August 30th from 9.30am - 4.00pm, Refreshments and Lunch - €20.00. Booking essential - Please either text or call Barbara 0861637311. Stating name and number of companions. All welcome.

Message re. Day of Prayer for Gaza – Sunday 24th August: At the opening of the Jubilee of Youth in a packed St Peter's Square, Pope Leo XIV said: "We must cry out for peace in the world" and he then invited all the young people to join him in saying: "We want peace in the world!" In the words of Cardinal Pizzaballa, the Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem: "Christ is not absent from Gaza. He is there, crucified in the wounded, buried under rubble and yet present in every act of mercy, every candle in the darkness, every hand extended to the suffering". The images we are watching on nightly news bulletins and on social media feeds are appalling. Many ask what can we do? We can become numb in our sense of helplessness before scenes that speak of "man's inhumanity to man". We feel bewildered when we see and hear about people crushed by hunger or crushed in the stampede for airdropped food. Most upsetting of all is the horrible violence and death that children are experiencing and witnessing. Archbishop Eamon Martin has called on parishes to set aside Sunday, 24 August as a day of prayer and reflection for Gaza. I echo his call and ask all our parishes in Kildare & Leighlin to observe this day of prayer. We can light a candle in our family home or local parish church; attend Mass, spend time before the Blessed Sacrament; pray the Rosary; make some small personal penance or sacrifice, and on that day "let the light of hope radiate out from the island of Ireland for peace, for Gaza and for the future of its people." Denis