

1st Anniversaries:

Mairead Crosbie, 9 Barrowlough. Mass on Sunday 24th August at 11am in Leighlinbridge.

Anniversaries:

Charlie & Ella McGuinn, Old Leighlin Rd
Bridget & Martin O'Brien, Upper Tomard
Patrick (Paddy) Lakes, Banagagole, Old Leighlin
Margaret (Peg) McNally, Carlow Road
Seamus Watchorn, Manchester
Robert & Mary Sheehan, Kyleshall
Jimmy & Brigid Brennan, Carlow
Michael, Elizabeth & Paddy Joyce, Carlow
Donal & Ollie Brennan, Graiguecullen
Christopher & Annie Kelly, Craanluskey
Teresa Eyre, Gurtahile & Graiguecullen
John, Mary, Michael, Brenda & Trevor Walsh Raheendoran

Notices:

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 evening 3rd Of August between Ballyknockan Manor Housing Estate and Leighlinbridge graveyard if found please contact Mary at 087 2374170 or drop in to Parish Centre.

Little Orchard Community Childcare CLG: Wish to recruit a Part Time PM Early Years Educator. Hours of work 1.30pm till 5.30pm. Closing Date for Applications 29/08/2025@12pm. Application for role by cover letter and CV for the Attention of the Manager by email to: littleorchardcommunitychildcare@yahoo.com

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
Friday 7.30pm

Eucharistic Adoration

Wed 2 - 3pm
Fri 6.30 - 7.30pm

LEIGHLIN PARISH NEWSLETTER

24TH AUGUST 2025
21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"My Daily Creed"

Let me be a little kinder,
Let me be a little blinder
To the faults of those about me;
Let me praise a little more.
Let me be, when I am weary,
Just a little bit more cheery;
Let me serve a little better
those that I am striving for.

Let me be a little braver
When temptation bids me waver;
Let me strive a little harder to be all
that I should be.
Let me be a little meeker
With the brother that is weaker,
Let me think more of my neighbour
And a little less of me.

Author: Unknown



NOTICES

<u>St Fintan's Church</u>		
	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Ministers</u>
Sun 31st August 9.30am	Daniel Pender	Padraig Farrell
Church Cleaning	Phyllis Walsh, Sally Lawlor	
Church Flowers August	Phil Daly	Papers Kathleen O'Boyle

<u>St Lazerian's Church</u>		
	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Ministers</u>
Sat 30th August 7.30pm	Mary Meaney (M)	George Donoghue, Christine Thompson
Sun 31st August 11.00am	Mandy Ryan	Anita Dunican, Marie Roche
Church Cleaning	Marie Roche, Betty Dowling, Mary Monahan, Josie O'Brien	
Church Flowers August	Ann Kelly	
Reader for Week	Angela Roche - Wed	Benny Mills Mon, Tues, Thur

Graveyard Masses 2025

Clody	Sunday 7th September	9.30am in Ballinabranna Church
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Ballinabranna Church Cleaners: We are refreshing the teams. Please contact the Parish Office 059 9722607 to confirm your availability. New members are always welcome.

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

Lotto Results:

Old Leighlin:

9,15,25,26
No Winner
Jackpot €3,750

Ballinabranna:

15,21,22,27
No Winner
Jackpot € 1,750

Leighlinbridge

17,24,25,26.
No Winner
Jackpot € 6,100.

15th August 2025

Offertory
B/B €215

17th August 2025

Offertory
L/B € 515
B/B € 235

Envelopes

L/B € 225
B/B € 115

Shrines

L/B € 670
B/B € 735

Parish Draw: Final Draw takes place on Sun 31st August. The Parish Office is open Mon-Fri 9.30am-2pm. & on Sun 31st 10am-11am to facilitate return of Draw Cards. Thank you for your continued support.

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. 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. 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 086 1637311. 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

Naomh Bríd GAA; wish the best of luck to our Junior and Intermediate hurlers as they contest their County Finals this Saturday. Your hard work and commitment have made the Parish proud - we're all behind you.

Ballinabranna Rambling House: will take place in Ballinabranna GAA Clubhouse on Wednesday August 27th at 7.45pm. Come along, Sing along, Play Music or just listen. A good night's entertainment is guaranteed. Refreshments served. All Welcome. Adm.€5.

Scoil Rince Elgar: is offering Beginners Irish Dance classes in Ballinabranna Old School Hall, every Thursday at 6pm, starting on September 4th, new dancers welcome. For more information contact Kayleigh on 085 8847098.