

Recent Deaths:

Maura Barron (née Brosnan), 7 Barrow Lough, Leighlinbridge

Anniversaries:

Jim & Hannah Fitzgerald, Coolnakisha
Mary Fitzgerald, Upper Tomard
Tommy (Thomas) Lawlor, Ballinaboley
Anthony (Tony) Lawlor, Ballinaboley
Patrick Molloy, Raheen
Peter White, Oldtown Nurney
Thomas O'Neill, Ballylinan
Andy O'Neill, Crossard, Wolfhill
Margaret Lowry, Craanluskey
Margaret (Peggy) Dermody, Ballinaboley
Margaret Hayes, Glenville
Eamonn Connolly, Moanduff
Elizabeth O'Brien, Orchard
Michael O'Brien, Orchard
John Roche, Banagagole Lodge
Jim Somers, Killenane
Lazerian Meaney, The Ridge



Acknowledgment

The family of the John Heffernan wish to express our thanks for the empathy and kindness shown to our father and ourselves during his illness and over the funeral days.

We wish to thank the nurses and doctors of St Lukes hospital for their care and compassion.

A special thanks to Father Hennessy and Father Kelly who visited him in hospital and prayed over him, it meant a lot to him and us.

Also, thanks to his sisters and sister-in-law and their families who gave Dad and us great support, which we greatly appreciate.

We also wish to thank the neighbours and friends who helped in so any ways. Thanks to Helen and the choir on the day of the funeral Mass, and also the staff of the Club House.

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
Confession Fri
6.30-7.15
Friday 7.30pm

Eucharistic Adoration

Wed 2 - 3pm
Fri 6.30 - 7.30pm

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31ST AUGUST 2025
22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Prayer for the Earth (Pope Francis)

All-powerful God,
you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your
creatures.

You embrace with your tenderness all that exists.

Pour out upon us the power of your love,
that we may protect life and beauty.

Fill us with peace, that we may live
as brothers and sisters, harming no one.

O God of the poor,
help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth,
so precious in your eyes.

Bring healing to our lives,
that we may protect the world and not prey on it,
that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction.

Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain
at the expense of the poor and the earth.

Teach us to discover the worth of each thing,
to be filled with awe and contemplation,
to recognize that we are profoundly united with every creature
as we journey towards your infinite light. We thank you for
being with us each day.

Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle
for justice, love and peace.



St Fintan's Church

	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Ministers</u>
Sun 7th Sept 9.30am	Betty Hughes	Benny Amond
Church Cleaning	Kathleen McNally, Mai Sheehan	
Church Flowers September	Mary Daly	Papers Teresa Dunne

St Lazerian's Church

	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Ministers</u>
Sat 6th Sept 7.30pm	Jennifer Harkin, Victor Harkin	Mairead Hayden, Bridin Lawlor
Sun 7th Sept 11.00am	Sister Ethel	Maisie Mills, Peter Kelly
Church Cleaning	Margaret Foley, Kathleen Cummins, Margaret Purcell, Catherine Brennan	
Church Flowers September	Mary Redmond	
Reader for Week	Angela Roche - Wed	Margaret Lawlor Mon, Tues, Thur

Graveyard Masses 2025

Clody	Sunday 7th September	9.30am in Ballinabranna Church
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Communion Calls: Mon 1st, Tue 2nd & Wed 3rd September, in usual order.

Vocation Society of St Joseph's: the monthly meeting will be held in Parish Centre on Tuesday 2nd September at 7.30pm. The 9.30am Mass will be offered for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life & Deceased Priests.

The Old Leighlin Graveyard Mass: Collection € 326.35.

Lotto Results:

Old Leighlin:

7, 9, 18, 22
No Winner
Jackpot € 3,900

Ballinabranna:

2, 6, 17, 26
No Winner
Jackpot € 1,800

Leighlinbridge

6, 7, 12, 26
No Winner
Jackpot € 6,200



24th August 2025

Offertory

L/B € 662
B/B € 200

Envelopes

L/B € 620
B/B € 180

NOTICES

Leighlinbridge Improvement Group: would like to thanks Leighlinbridge GFC for their ongoing help with village clean-ups, and our dedicated volunteers for showing up every week. We're also grateful to everyone who supported the Community Get-Together –from the entertainers to those who donate prizes and bought raffle tickets. A total of €1,236.20 was raised for Muscular Dystrophy Ireland. Well done and thank you all!

Leighlinbridge Active Retirement: will commence their activity again in the Parish Centre Leighlinbridge on next Monday 1st September. Committee meeting at 1-45 and the usual members meeting at 2-30PM. The bowls will also resume activities on Thursday and Friday 4th and 5th at 2-30. New members are welcome.

Dementia Inclusive Community: will have meeting on Thursday September 4th at 7.30pm in Leighlin Parish Centre, to set up committee and plans for the different groups.

The Superbowl Community Hub Committee: will be holding an information evening in the Parish Centre on Wednesday 10th September at 8:30pm. Launch of our exciting fundraiser. 3D video of the proposed building will also be shown. All welcome. Please support. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me at 087 9506517.

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.

Why Sunday Matters: Bishop Denis is launching an invitation on behalf of the Irish Bishops to all Catholics to reflect on Sunday Mass at the 10:30 am Mass on Sunday 31 August in the Cathedral. The invitation is contained within a short document, 'Why Sunday Matters', which explores the significance of Sunday and our celebration of it. 'Why Sunday Matters' also offers reflection questions for individuals and for parish groups. All people are warmly encouraged to look out for the document in their parish or to read, download and share it from www.catholicbishops.ie

Season of Creation 1st September – 4th October 2025: Peace with Creation. "Future generations will never forgive us if we miss the opportunity to protect our common home. We have inherited a garden; we must not leave a desert for our children." Joint statement from Pope Francis, the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew and Archbishop Justin Welby of Canterbury. This year's Season of Creation has as its theme "Peace with Creation", inspired by the passage from Isaiah 32:14-18; "My people will abide in a peaceful habitation, in secure dwellings, and in quiet resting places." In a world of challenges and division, marked by war and climate change, how can we as people of faith create and work towards peace with creation? Every one of us has a part of play. For this year's resources see <http://www.catholicbishops.ie/season-of-creation-2025/>

Stand for Peace - Regional March for Palestine - Saturday September 6th - Carlow:

Throughout the world people are heartbroken and outraged by the suffering in Gaza and Palestine. One action we can take is to come together in peaceful solidarity with the people of Palestine. Carlow IPSC, together with Palestine solidarity groups from Kildare, Kilkenny and Laois, invite you to join them for a Regional March for Palestine on Saturday, September 6th at 1pm, departing from the Liberty Tree in Carlow. Pope Leo XIV continues to "call for an immediate end to the barbarity of the war and for a peaceful resolution of the conflict." Cardinal Pierbattista Pizzaballa, patriarch of Jerusalem reminds us that "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." Let us walk together in peace and solidarity.