

Recent Deaths:

Ida Stanley (née Deacon), Johnduffswood, Old Leighlin, Carlow.

1st Anniversaries:

Rita Dermody, Raheendoran. Mass on Friday Sept 19th at 7.30pm in Ballinabranna.

Anniversaries:

Richard (Richie) Farrell, The Ridge
John Byrne, Ballinaboley
Michael Brennan, Main Street
Ann Brady, Old Leighlin
Helen & Michael Brady, Old Leighlin
John Howard & Mary (née Cummins), Tinryland
Bridie Comerford, Seskinrea, Old Leighlin
Margaret Dunne, Raheendoran
William Geraghty, Clonmelsh
Annie Dunne, Craanluskey
Mary Eyre, Gurtahile
Mick Delahunty, Cloruske
Mary Fitzsimons, Thomastown
Liam Pierce, Carlow Road, Leighlinbridge
Mary Kate Hennessy



Notices:

Leighlinbridge Improvement Group: Thanks to all volunteers for their work in the Millennium Gardens this week, it is much appreciated. Please use household bins or the Civic Amenity Centre in Powerstown for disposal of household rubbish. The bins by the river are for pedestrian litter only, which helps keep the area clean, unfortunately a lot of household waste is being placed in these bins. Thank you for your understanding!

Top Ten Ways to Help Pollinators: Choose nectar and pollen-rich plants for your garden. There are plenty of beautiful plants you can choose for your garden that are rich in nectar and pollen. Outside your garden, the best action for pollinators is to create biodiversity meadows and margins by reducing mowing. Idea: Plant bulbs such as Snowdrop, Crocus, and Grape Hyacinth in the autumn to provide early food for emerging pollinators the following spring. Or plant five fruit trees to create a mini orchard.
pollinators.ie/top-ten-ways-to-help-pollinators/

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
6.30-7.15pm
Friday 7.30pm

Eucharistic Adoration

Wed 2 - 3pm
Fri 6.30 - 7.30pm

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14TH SEPTEMBER 2025
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Peace with Creation

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?

The Season of Creation has a special significance for the Catholic Church, particularly since the late Pope Francis established 1 September as an annual World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation. The Season of Creation is marked throughout the Christian world from 1 September to 4 October (Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi) and celebrates the joy of creation as well as encouraging awareness-raising initiatives to protect the natural environment.



**PEACE
WITH CREATION**
SEASON OF CREATION 2025

<u>St Fintan's Church</u>		
	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Ministers</u>
Sun 21st Sept 9.30am	Tom O'Keeffe	Betty Hughes
Church Cleaning	Angela Carter, Alice Fitzgerald	
Church Flowers September	Mary Daly	Papers Lucy McNally

<u>St Lazerian's Church</u>		
	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Ministers</u>
Sat 20th Sept 7.30pm	Lisa Roche	Jimmy Farrell, Mary Meaney (M)
Sun 21st Sept 11.00am	Angela Roche	Kathleen Cummins, Peter Kelly
Church Cleaning	Marie Roche, Betty Dowling, Mary Monahan, Josie O'Brien	
Church Flowers September	Mary Redmond	
Reader for Week	Angela Roche - Wed	Margaret Lawlor Mon, Tues, Thur

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.

Diocesan Liturgy Conference 20 September:

There are only two weeks to go before our liturgy conference. Clergy, parishioners, music and liturgical ministers are encouraged to book their place and select their preferred workshops. Once full, a workshop will no longer be available to book so early booking is strongly advised. See www.kandle.ie (or use the QR code) for more details and booking.

The Irish Catholic: will increase price to **€3.50** from 2nd October 2025.

Lotto Results:

Old Leighlin:

3, 20, 21, 22
No Winner
Jackpot € 4,200

Ballinabranna:

8, 14, 20, 25
No Winner
Jackpot € 1,900

Leighlinbridge

10, 16, 17, 26
No Winner
Jackpot €6,400



7th Sept 2025

Offertory

L/B € 500
B/B € 265

Envelopes

L/B € 635
B/B € 450



NOTICES

Choir Members: urgently needed for Leighlinbridge Church Choir. Please contact the Parish Office 059 9722607. Everyone welcome.

Leighlinbridge Active Retirement: will meet as usual in the Parish Centre on Monday September 15th at 2-30pm. Activity for this week will be Line dancing from 3-4pm.

The Ballinabranna/Milford/Raheendoran Development Group: 5km family fun sponsored walk takes place Sunday 28th of Sept 2025 at 10.30am. This is our annual fundraising walk. Walk starts and finishes at the Old School Hall (opposite Ballinabranna school). Refreshments served afterwards in the Old School Hall. I hope you can join us! Your support is greatly appreciated.

Old Leighlin Documentary: We are thrilled to invite you to a screening of a new documentary based on Old Leighlin's journey to protect their community against Industrial Turbines. Join us on Friday, 19th of September, for the first screenings: Parish Centre, Leighlinbridge – 7.30pm; Sheerins, The Ridge, Old Leighlin – 9.00pm. The evening at Sheerins will continue with music from John Kelly and Willie Delaney. This is more than a film - it's a story of resilience, unity, and the power of community. We can't wait to share this proud moment with you all.

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 <https://www.catholicbishops.ie/season-of-creation-2025/>

Why Sunday Matters – Pastoral on Sunday: Parishioners are invited to read and reflect on this document from the Irish Bishops on the significance of Sunday. Copies can be found at the rear of church and on www.catholicbishops.ie

Samaritans Information Night: Have 3 hours a week to spare? Samaritans are seeking listening volunteers for their Carlow office. Join us at Lambert Coffee House, Dublin Street, on Monday 15th September, 6:30-8pm, to meet current volunteers and learn how you can help answer the 1,500 daily calls for support. Full training will be provided. More info: www.samaritans.ie/volunteer

Breast Cancer Awareness Month: will takes place in October 1st-31st. For further information, please log onto www.breastcancerireland.com.