Months Mind:

Paddy Delaney, Craan. Mass on Saturday 4th October at 7.30pm in Leighlinbridge.

1st Anniversaries:

Jack Lowry, Ballyhide. Mass on Sunday 5th October at 9.30am in Ballinabranna.

Anniversaries:

Andy Clarke Rathellen Eddie Neville, London Catherine Malone, Oak Park, Carlow Eileen Christie, Geashill, Co. Offaly Teresa Lowry, Craanluskey Mary Farrell, Cloughnagh, Milford Sr. Teresita Lane, Convert of Mercy Frank McArdle, Tomard & Ricketstown Margaret Delahunty, Ballinaboley Patrick Dowling, Tomard

Bill Hayden, Bawnree Noel & Nancy Hughes, Ballinabranna



Notices:

Leighlinbridge Improvement Group: A warm welcome to our new volunteers who worked alongside our dedicated team of hardworking individuals at The Bawnogue on Monday 23rd of September, they also cleaned out planters at the primary school and made them ready for winter planting. Next week, Tuesday 30th we will meet in The Garden of Remembrance at 6.00. Thanks again for all your support.

Carlow Flower Club: begin their 2025/26 season on Tuesday 30th September next at 8.00pm in the Woodford Dolmen Hotel, Kilkenny Road, Carlow. New members always welcome. The club meets on the last Tuesday of every month. Annual membership €40.00. (Visitors €10 per night). The September Demonstrator will be Sandra Jackson AOIFA Demonstrator and Teacher from Conna Flower Club. Looking forward to welcoming back all our members and friends. Competition for all classes, "Three Garden Flowers in a Jar".

Top Ten Ways to Help Pollinators: Think twice about getting a hive of honeybees On the island of Ireland, we have one honeybee species, and it is not in decline. Most honeybees are 'domesticated pollinators', living in hives and managed by beekeepers. Our 100+ wild bee species are under threat. If we have too many honeybee hives in the landscape, they can compete for food with our struggling wild pollinators. You should only get a honeybee hive if you want to start a new hobby, but it is not the best thing to do for biodiversity. 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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28TH SEPTEMBER 2025

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Reflection

God has a plan for my life. God has created me to do Him some definite service. He has committed some work to me which He has committed to another. I may never know it in this life, but I shall be told it in the next. I am a link in a chain, a bond of connection between persons. He has not created me for naught.

I shall do good; I shall do His work. I shall be an angel of peace, a preacher of truth in my own place, while not intending it if I do but keep His commandments. Therefore, I will trust Him, whatever I am,

I can never be thrown away. If I am in sickness, my sickness may serve Him, in perplexity, my perplexity may serve Him. if I am in sorrow, my sorrow may serve Him.

He does nothing in vain. He knows what He is about. He may take away my friends. He may throw me among strangers. He may make me feel desolate, make my spirits sink, hide my future from me. Still, He knows what He is about.

<u>St Fintan's Church</u>			
	Readers	<u>Ministers</u>	
Sun 5th Oct 9.30am	Family Reader	Mary Quinn	
Church Cleaning	Lucy McNally, Grace Twomey, Delphine Picovici		
Church Flowers October	Sally Lawlor	Papers Daniel Pender	

Lotto Results :
Old Leighlin:
1, 9, 16, 19
No Winner
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Jackpot € 4,500 Ballinabranna:

1, 4, 12, 23 No Winner Jackpot € 2,000

Leighlinbridge 3, 5, 19, 25 No Winner Jackpot € 6,400

<u>St Lazerian's Church</u>		
	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Ministers</u>
Sat 4th Oct 7.30pm	Jennifer Harkin, Victor Harkin	George Donoghue, Christine Thompson
Sun 5th Oct 11.00am	Aoife Doheny	Maisie Mills, Peter Kelly
Church Cleaning	Liliia, Bernie Price	
Church Flowers October	Betty Dowling, Mary Clarke	
Reader for Week	Angela Roche - Wed	Benny Mills Mon, Tues, Thur



 $\begin{array}{c} \textbf{21st Sept 2025} \\ \textbf{Offertory} \\ \textbf{L/B} \notin 625 \\ \textbf{B/B} \notin 210 \end{array}$

Envelopes
L/B € 355
B/B € 255

<u>Communion Calls:</u> Mon 29th & Tues 30th September & 1st October, in the usual order.

Our Harvest Mass in Leighlinbridge & Ballinabranna: will be at all Masses on weekend Saturday 4th & Sunday 5th October. Anyone able to help with decorating the Church please contact the Parish Centre on (059) 9722607.

Harvest festival service in St. Lazarian's Cathedral: will be on Sunday the 28th at 7pm. The preacher will be the new Dean, The Very Rev'd Máirt Hanley, all are welcome and children are invited to bring a harvest item/ basket to be blessed if they wish.

NOTICES

Active Retirement: will meet as usual in the Parish Centre on Monday at 2:30pm, Line dancing from 3pm.

<u>Leighlinbridge Dementia Friendly Community:</u> invites you to WALK and CHAT at Superbowl, Leighlinbridge on Saturday, October 11th, at 2.00 p.m. to 3.30 p.m. An opportunity for those living with Dementia, their Families and Carers, to come together for a stroll and a chat. Refreshments afterwards in Parish Centre. ALL WELCOME.

Living Well Expo 2025 to Celebrate Positive Ageing Week in Carlow: Attendees can avail of free health checks and hearing checks, meet with local service providers, and enjoy complimentary refreshments. Guest speakers programme, including: Niall Ronan – Positive Ageing and Purpose; Dr Joseph Tierney – Rethinking and Reimagining Ageing; Carlow Emergency Services – Be Winter Ready. The event will take a place in Woodford Dolmen Hotel, Carlow on Wednesday, 1st October 2025 at 10.30am – 1.00pm. Registration is free but booking is essential to secure your place. To book your place, contact Age Friendly Carlow on email: agefriendlycarlow@carlowcoco.ie / mjduggan@carlowcoco.ie

Ph: 059 9136207 / 087 214 5262.

Parkinson's Boxing: Fighting back against Parkinson's Disease, Saturday, 2pm, Raging Bull Boxing Club, Green Lane R93 V327. For more information, contact Niall Larkin on 085 7768716 or parkinsonboxingcarlow@gmail.com . First session free, following session €12 per person.

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/

CHOIRS FOR GAZA – CEOL NA gCÓR: Thursday, 2nd October at 7.30pm. A choral concert of songs, hymns and psalms performed 'as Gaeilge' by several parish & community choirs. All proceeds to the relief of the families and children of Palestine. Please support. Venue: St. Clare's Church, Graiguecullen, Carlow R93 E048.

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

<u>Little Orchard Community Childcare CLG:</u> Wish to recruit a Full Time Early Years Educator, hours of work 8.30am-5.30pm. Closing Date for Applications 30/10/2025 at 12pm. Application for role by Cover letter and CV for the attention of the Manager by email to littleorchardcommunitychildcare@yahoo.com.