

**Recent Deaths:**

Nora Conneran (née Dooley), Naas, Co. Kildare formerly Raheendoran, Co. Carlow

**Months Mind:**

Joan Kennedy (née Claxton), Avondale Drive formerly Fonthill. Mass on Sun 18th January at 9.30am in Ballinabranra.

**1st Anniversaries:**

Fr. Tom Fenlon SMA. Mass on Sun 25th January at 9.30am in Ballinabranra.

**Anniversaries:**

PJ & Marie O'Hare, Leighlinbridge  
 Michael & Eleanor O'Hare, Keady, Co. Armagh  
 Liam & Mary Looby, Dublin  
 Michael O'Hare, Armagh  
 Martin Deevy, Molaise Estate, Old Leighlin  
 Edward & Catherine Kane, Moanduff  
 Mary Christie, Moanduff  
 Tom Darcy, Ballygowan, Milford  
 Paddy O'Keeffe, Seskin Lower, Leighlinbridge  
 John & Elizabeth Lowry, Clogrennane  
 James (Jim) McClean, Coolnakisha  
 Michael & Margaret McClean, Coolnakisha & Ranelagh  
 Margaret Rudkin, Seskin Rd. & Royal Oak  
 Mary & Michael Nolan, St. Lazerian's Tce  
 Jim & Kate Keogh & All deceased Family Members  
 Margaret Watchorn, Seskin Road  
 Peggy (Annie Teresa) Comerford, Craanluskey, Carlow

**Notices:**

**Kilquan Drama Group:** Present "Who's Been Sleeping In My Bed", By Jimmy Keary on 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> Jan, 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> Feb, in Coon Hall R93 EC89. Doors Open at 7pm. Admission €10.

**Carlow Flower Club:** Carlow Flower Club's January event will be a flower arranging demonstration by AOIFA Teacher and Demonstrator Betty Cumiskey from Wexford Flower and Garden Club. 8.00pm on Tuesday 27th January '26 at the Woodford Dolmen Hotel. Competition for all classes "No Flowers Please" an all foliage arrangement. Visitors welcome €10

**Safeguarding:** If you have an issue with Safeguarding in the Parish please contact the DLP: Ailish Higgins 085-8021633 or email [dlp@kandle.ie](mailto:dlp@kandle.ie) Local safeguarding Reps are Eileen Johnston, Michael Roche & Liz Dunne.

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 SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*Peace in our Family!*

*Lord, What a blessing*

*Your peace can be to a family.*

*When life is hard and things difficult*

*Quarrels can begin, Over just a little thing.*

*Please help my family*

*To live in peace with forgiving hearts,*

*And loving kindness to one another.*

*Help us always to live in harmony*

*Not only with friends and neighbours,*

*But also with the world's poor*

*By being generous to their needs,*

*So that your peace*

*Can abide throughout our world.*

*Amen.*

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**Mass Times:****Leighlinbridge**

Confession Sat  
 6.30 - 7.15pm  
 Saturday 7.30pm  
 Sunday 11.00am  
 Mon-Thur 9.30am  
 Eucharistic Adoration

Wed 2 - 5pm  
 Fri 4 - 8pm

**Ballinabranra**

Sunday 9.30am  
 Friday 7.30pm  
 Confession Friday  
 6.30 - 7.15pm  
 Eucharistic Adoration

Wed 2 - 3pm  
 Fri 6.30 - 7.30pm

**St Fintan's Church**

	<b><u>Readers</u></b>	<b><u>Ministers</u></b>
<b>Sun 25th Jan 9.30am</b>	Daniel Pender	Pat Carter
<b>Church Cleaning</b>	Kathleen McNally, Mai Sheehan	
<b>Church Flowers January</b>	Kathleen McNally	<b>Papers</b> Lucy McNally

**St Lazerian's Church**

	<b><u>Readers</u></b>	<b><u>Ministers</u></b>
<b>Sat 24th Jan 7.30pm</b>	Margaret Purcell	Mairead Hayden, Bridin Lawlor
<b>Sun 25th Jan 11.00am</b>	Angela Roche	Anita Dunican, Marie Roche
<b>Church Cleaning</b>	Marie Roche, Betty Dowling, Mary Monahan, Josie O'Brien	
<b>Church Flowers January</b>	Betty Dowling, Mary Clarke	
<b>Reader for Week</b>	Angela Roche Wed	Sister Ethel Mon, Tues, Thurs

**2026 Weekly Envelopes:** are now ready for pick up from the Parish Centre. Opening hours 9.30am - 5pm on Mon - Fri.

**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.

**Lotto Results:**

**Old Leighlin:**

8, 14, 15, 27

No Winner

Jackpot € 6,900

**Ballinabranna:**

3, 14, 15, 25

No Winner

Jackpot € 2,800

**Leighlinbridge:**

3, 16, 22, 23

No Winner

Jackpot € 1,700

**6th Jan 2026**

**Offertory**

L/B € 225

**11th Jan 2026**

**Offertory**

L/B € 650

B/B € 215

**Christmas**

**Collection**

L/B € 245



**NOTICES**

**Leighlinbridge Active Retirement:** will meet in the Parish Centre as usual on Monday next 19th at 2-30pm. Bowls on Thursday and Friday. Pickleball in Old Leighlin on Tuesdays from 2pm. Their AGM will take place on Monday 26th at 2-30 They are having a night out in the Lord Bagnal on Sat night 31st at 7-30 pm. Places are limited. For details on this phone Michael at 0872675661

**Leighlinbridge National School:** used Postage Stamps can be dropped into the School during opening times.

**Ballinabranna GFC AGM:** will be held in Clubhouse on Sunday 25th of January at 2pm. All are welcome.

**Rambling House Ballinabranna:** Will take place on Wed Jan 28<sup>th</sup>.

**Yoga:** takes place on Wednesday nights at 6.45pm – 8.15pm in the Parish Centre. To book your place please contact Marian on 086 3082450.

**Catholic Schools Week 2026 – Message from Bishop Denis:** As we celebrate Catholic Schools Week 2026, we give thanks for the faith, learning and care that shape daily life in our Catholic schools. This year's theme, "Catholic Schools – Normal Lives, Called to Holiness," reminds us that holiness is lived through simple acts of kindness, respect and love. As Saint (Mother) Teresa said, "We can do small things with great love." In our Catholic schools, children are encouraged to live this message each day through how they treat others and care for their community. We remember and we pray for all of those who attend, support and work in the Catholic Schools in our diocese. The purpose of CSW is to highlight the distinctive role of Catholic Education in forming young people who understand their lives as purposeful and grounded in faith. Catholic Schools share the priorities of Christ towards the weak, the poor, the disadvantaged. I am so proud of our Catholic Schools, I thank all who work in them, all who are formed by them and all who support them. Our schools are inclusive and welcoming to all.

Denis Nulty, Bishop of Kildare and Leighlin

**Marriage Enrichment Weekend:** Catholic Marriage Encounter in Ireland, Dates: 20 -22 March 2026, Venue: "St Marys" Knock, Co. Mayo. A WEEKEND LIKE NO OTHER. Online: [www.marriageencounter.ie](http://www.marriageencounter.ie)

**The male domestic abuse:** support service offers 1:1 confidential support to men experiencing abuse of any kind from their partner of any gender. Please contact 0832088689 or email [laurryan@bagenalstownfrc.ie](mailto:laurryan@bagenalstownfrc.ie) for more information.

**Little Orchard Leighlinbridge Community Childcare:** Wish to recruit for the following positions: Full Time Early Years Educator 8.30am -5.30pm; Early Years Educator 9am-12pm; School Age Childcare Leader 1.30pm-5.30pm. If you have a minimum qualification level QQI level 5 or above we invite you to send your CV by way of application to join our team for the attention of Lisa Marie Carr at [littleorchardcommunitychildcare@yahoo.com](mailto:littleorchardcommunitychildcare@yahoo.com) .