

Months Mind:

Mollie Fitzgerald, Seskin Road. Mass on Sun 24th May at 11am in Leighlinbridge.
Daniel (Dan) Pender Snr, Craanluskey, Bilboa. Mass on Fri 29th May at 7.30pm in Ballinabranna.

1st Anniversary:

Elizabeth (Lil) Drea, Dunleckney. Mass on Sunday 17th May at 11am in Leighlinbridge.

Anniversaries:

Ellen (Lena) Farrell, The Ridge
Tom Comerford, Old Leighlin
Margaret & Wattie O'Hanlon, Carrick-on-Suir
Mary Tighe (née Lowry), Hanover, Carlow
Paddy Flynn, Closutton & England
Babs Farrell, Clogrennane
Catherine & Thomas O'Brien, Craanluskey
Christina Kelly, Galway & London
Bernadette Comerford, Seskinrea, Old Leighlin
Fr Seamus Dunne, Canada
Pauline Fitzpatrick, Rochford Manor, Graiguecullen
Bridie Murphy, The Grange, Dunboyne

Lena Clarke, The Ridge
Francis Clarke, 27 Seskin Road
Joseph Farrell, Upper Seskin
Elizabeth (Liz) McGrath, Ballinaboley
Jack Murphy, Old Leighlin



Notices:

Leighlinbridge Improvement Group: Thanks to volunteers and CE workers for all your hard work throughout the village this week. Meet Tuesday evenings @ 6.30 pm. Just look out for the yellow jackets. Your help is appreciated. Just to let you know Tidy Towns judging begins in June and continues into August. This gives you an opportunity to showcase the unique character and spirit of our village community.

Don't BREAK the BRANCH buy a pollinator tree, with a LEAF from us: The first 15 households to apply, will receive €25 towards purchased tree/trees. The Ballinabranna/Milford/Raheendoran Development (Tidy Towns) group have been successful in getting this grant. Planting pollinator friendly trees is an important way to support our pollinators and other biodiversity. Please see our Facebook page for details:
www.facebook.com/ballinabranna.milford.raheendoran/

Pioneer Total Abstinence Association: Invitation to Consultative Meetings during May & June 2026. For over 125 years, members of the PTAA have been praying for temperance and sobriety. In late 2025, the new constitution was passed, making way for the PTAA to move to a Company Limited by Guarantee (CLG). As this new phase of the Association starts, we are keen to meet with members throughout Ireland to consult, to listen and to take action. For more information please visit <https://www.pioneers.ie/consultation> for details of meetings in your area, and an online zoom meeting if unable to attend in person.

Safeguarding: If you have an issue with Safeguarding in the Parish please contact the DLP: Michele Hughes 086-1710643 or email dlp@kandle.ie. Local safeguarding Reps are Eileen Johnston, Michael Roche & Liz Dunne.

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Mass Times: **Leighlinbridge**

Mon–Thurs 9.30am
Confession Sat
6.30-7.15pm
Saturday 7.30pm
Sunday 11.00am

Eucharistic Adoration

Wed 2 - 5pm
Fri 4-8pm

Ballinabranna

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

Eucharistic Adoration

Wed 2 - 3pm
Fri 6.30-7.30pm

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17TH MAY 2026

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Ascension Sunday

*God of love,
fill us with your grace.
Move us, strengthen and renew us.
Lead us in your ways.*


*Open our hearts to answer
the demands of others, and
to seek your face in all those
who cry out for justice.*

*Spirit of God,
prompt us to respond to your love
and seek a glimpse
of your Kingdom here on earth.*



NOTICES

<u>St Fintan's Church</u>		
	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Ministers</u>
Sun 24th May 9.30am	Mary Daly	Mary Dunne
Church Cleaning	Phyllis Walsh, Sally Lawlor	
Church Flowers May	Lena Delaney	Papers Declan McDonald

<u>St Lazerian's Church</u>		
	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Ministers</u>
Sat 23rd May 7.30pm	Jennifer Harkin, Zeta Harkin	Mary Meaney (M), D.J. Hanley
Sun 24th May 11.00am	Aoife Doheny	Tommy Lawlor, Marie Roche
Church Cleaning	Lilia, Bernie Price, Rose Arnold	
Church Flowers May	Ann Kelly	
Reader for Week	Wed Angela Roche	Mon, Tue, Thur Margaret Lawlor

Graveyard Masses for 2026

Ballinabranna	Friday 26th June	7.30pm
Ballyknockan	Monday 6th July	7.30pm
Tomard	Friday 17th July	7.30pm
Killenane	Friday 24th July	7.30pm
Leighlinbridge	Sunday 2nd August	7.00pm
Old Leighlin	Friday 28th August	7.30pm
Clody	Sunday 6th September	9.30am in Ballinabranna Church

Retired Priests Collection: will be taken up at all Masses next weekend.

Lotto Results:

Old Leighlin:

5, 17, 22, 28
No Winner
Jackpot € 1,750

Ballinabranna:

2, 17, 22, 24
No Winner
Jackpot € 1,500

Leighlinbridge:

9, 11, 12, 23
No Winner
Jackpot € 1,500

10th May 2026

Offertory

L/B € 470
B/B € 560

Weekly

L/B € 470
B/B € 150

Care of the Aged Summer Break: to Killarney, Co. Kerry on Monday 1st to 5th June. The coach will leave the Church Carpark Leighlinbridge at 9am Monday 1st June and return to the Church Carpark around 5 pm Friday 5th June. Wishing everyone on the holiday a pleasant trip and enjoy the break.

WHY SUNDAY MATTERS – CHRIST'S PRESENCE AMONG US:

AN EXCERPT FROM THE LETTER OF THE IRISH BISHOPS: 'Sunday has always been the day of the Lord: the day of resurrection, the day of rest, the day of Eucharist. From the very beginning of our Christian faith, Sunday has been central to the life of the Church and remains the heart of Christian practice. It is on this day that we gather as a community, united in our love for Christ, to encounter the risen Lord and be nourished in body and soul. The Mass is not just a ritual; it is the source and summit of our faith. It is where we encounter Christ in His living presence, and it is through the Eucharist that we are strengthened to live as true disciples. Attending Mass on Sundays, or its vigil on Saturday evening, is not just an obligation; it is a profound privilege and a chance to experience God's love in a deeply personal way. As we come to this sacred celebration let us do so with hearts full of gratitude for the precious gift of Christ's presence among us. www.kandle.ie/resources/liturgy-pastoral. Visit the Kandle Facebook page or X account to see a video message from Bishop Denis.

Kildare & Leighlin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine: Bishop Denis Nulty invites you to join with him and parishioners from across the diocese at the Shrine of Our Lady of Knock on Sunday 7th June 2026, ceremonies begin at 2.30pm in the Basilica. Bus pick up at Lord Bagenal at 7.10am. Contact Maura Haulon 086 3173687.

Kilgorey Graveyard Mass: on Sunday 24th May at 3.00pm

Pilgrimage to Lodi Italy for the 27th International Columban Meeting: Bishop Denis will lead a Pilgrimage from the Diocese of Kildare and Leighlin to Lodi in Italy this July to participate in the 27th International Columban Meeting. Taking place from Friday July 3rd to Monday July 6th 2026, the international gathering forms part of a long-standing annual European tradition honouring Columbanus, the 6th century Irish missionary monk born in the shadow of Mount Leinster near Myshall, County Carlow, whose influence extended across Ireland and mainland Europe. For further information or to book, contact Tully's Travel, Carlow at 059-9136100 or visit www.kandle.ie or www.carlowtourism.com/thecolumbanway

Irish Sugar Company Carlow: A Mass will be celebrated in Carlow Cathedral on Thursday May 21st at 7pm for living and deceased employees of Irish Sugar, Carlow on this its 100th Anniversary. After Mass refreshments will be served in the Seven Oaks Hotel to which former employees and partners are invited to attend. Further information from Pat Whelan on 086 1657435.

Blood Donation Clinic: will be in Leighlin Parish Centre on Wed 20th May & Thurs 21st May from 15.45pm to 20.00pm. Book your appointment at giveblood.ie or call us on 1800 222 111.