Recent Deaths:
Tom Brennan, Ballyknockan, Leighlinbridge

Month's Mind:
Rita Earl, Rathellen. Mass on Sat 22nd August at 7.30pm in Leighlinbridge

1st Anniversaries:
John Heffernan, Tomard. Mass on Fri 14th August at 7.30pm in Ballinabranna
Maura Barron, 7 Barrow Lough. Mass on Sun 23rd August at 11am in Leighlinbridge

Anniversaries:
Michael (Cherry) Glendon, St Lazerian's Tce
Paul Coffey, Craanluskey
Katie Lynch, Old Leighlin
Jim Harkin, Main Street & Orchard Lane
Margaret Meaney, Church Street
Martin Dermody, Milford
Aloysius Whyte, Fonthill, Milford
Jim Haughney, St Lazerian's Tce
Martin Brennan, 5 St Lazerian's Street
Mary McDonald, Raheendoran
Deirdre Lawlor, High St
Michael Keating, Clogrennane
Anne Scariff, Bawnree

Notices:

St Joseph Men's Camino: Join men from across Ireland on Saturday 12th September for a 25km pilgrimage through the Boyne Valley, beginning in Drogheda. The day includes Mass, Adoration, Rosary, Confessions, fraternity, lunch and dinner, with after-dinner speaker Fr. Mark Quinn. Open to men aged 18+. Cost: €65 (student € 55). Registration, accomodation and details: www.dominicans.ie/events. Enquiries: op.evangelisation@gmail.com.

Webcam: To view Webcam, log on to www.leighlinparish.ie This will open the website home page. Scroll down to see Leighlinbridge and Ballinabranna webcams on right hand side. Click on picture of church and then the red arrow in centre of picture to view.

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
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
Friday 7.30pm

Confession Friday
6.30-7.15pm

Eucharistic Adoration
Wed 2 - 3pm
Fri 6.30-7.30pm

Leighlin Parish Newsletter

16th August 2026
20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Mary is a model for each of us, and her Assumption into heaven reminds us that there is hope for you and me. What happened to the Virgin Mother of Christ at the end of her earthly pilgrimage will happen to each of us if we are faithful and obedient as she was.

Taken up into heaven, Mary shows us that if we too follow and have faith in her son Jesus we will be shown the way to God, the way to heaven and the way to life. She shows it to her children baptized in Christ and to all people of good will. She opens this way especially to the little ones and to the poor, those who are open to divine mercy.

The Queen of the world reveals to individuals and to nations the power of the love of God whose plan upsets that of the proud, pulls down the mighty from their thrones and exalts the humble, fills the hungry with good things and sends the rich empty away.

May we all find comfort in our Mother Mary and be reminded that during turmoil and daily difficulties that she is there dispelling gloom and gently reassuring us with her motherly hand and, we too at the end of our own earthly journeys shall also have eternal life with Her and her Son Jesus.

St Fintan's Church		
	Readers	**Ministers**
Sun 23rd August 9.30am	Josephine Fitzgerald	Mary Hegarty
Church Cleaning	Phyllis Walsh, Sally Lawlor	
Church Flowers August	Kathleen McNally	**Papers** Lucy McNally

St Lazerian's Church		
	Readers	**Ministers**
Sat 22nd August 7.30pm	Lisa Roche	Anthony Walsh, Bridin Lawlor
Sun 23rd August 11.00am	Family Reader	Mary Clarke, Helen Jordan
Church Cleaning	Marie Roche, Betty Dowling, Mary Monahan, Josie O'Brien	
Church Flowers August	Ann Kelly	
Reader for Week	Wed Angela Roche	Mon, Tue,Thur Benny Mills

Graveyard Masses for 2026

Old Leighlin	Friday 28th August	7.30pm
Clody	Sunday 6th September	9.30am in Ballinabranna Church

Parish Office Summer Opening Hours: From Mon 29th June to Fri 28th August the Parish Centre Office will be open Mon to Fri from 9.30am to 2pm.

Lotto Results:

Old Leighlin:
5, 16, 20, 26
No Winner
Jackpot € 3,700

Ballinabranna:
7, 11, 17, 25
No Winner
Jackpot € 2,200

Leighlinbridge:
3, 5, 12, 13
No Winner
Jackpot € 2,800

9th August 2026
Offertory
L/B € 580
B/B € 350

Weekly
L/B € 345
B/B € 190

NOTICES

Kilkenny Adult Learning Service: Are hosting an open day on Thursday 20th August from 10am – 1pm. Location: 43 Upper Patrick Street, Kilkenny. All are welcome.

Delany Archive Heritage Week Lecture: The Delany Archive welcomes Dr Niamh NicGhabhann Coleman for a Heritage Week lecture on "Catholic Churches and Chapels Before and After Emancipation", including examples from churches in the Diocese of Kildare & Leighlin. The lecture will be held at Carlow College, St Patrick's (R93 A003) on 18th August at 7.00 pm. All are welcome. Admission is free of charge and no booking is required. Further event details are available at www.heritageweek.ie. Dr NicGhabhann Coleman is an Associate Professor in the School of History and Geography at the University of Limerick and is currently researching a book on the development of Catholic architecture in Ireland between the 1820s and 1930s.

K&L Eucharistic Adoration Prayer Day: Find peace in a day of Prayer and Adoration. K&L Eucharistic Adoration Committee invites you to join us with Most Reverend Bishop Denis Nulty, Fr Ruairi O Domhnaill, Ms Margaret Brennan & Guest Speakers Ms Una Allen and Ms Mary Connolly. Location: Mount St. Anne's, Portarlington, R32 WN59. Date: Sat 29th Aug 9.30am - 4.00pm. Concludes with Holy Mass 3pm. Refreshments on arrival - Lunch 12.30pm-1.15pm Cost €25.00. Booking Essential. Call or Text with name and number of companions to Barbara Kinsella 086 1637311.

National Heritage Week 15th – 23rd August 2026: There are two "Getting to know our Wildflowers" talks/walks at Milford on Sat 22nd and Sun 23rd Aug from 3pm - 5pm. These talks are organised by the Ballinabranna/Milford/Raheendoran Development (Tidy Towns) Group with funding from LAWPRO. These walks/talks are being given by Molly Aylesbury whose knowledge about wild flowers and plants is vast. They are free but booking is necessary: www.heritageweek.ie/event-listings/wildflower-identification-and-foraging-walk

Rainbows Peer Support Programme: Places available for September offering a nine week programme of weekly one hour sessions of peer support to children aged seven and older experiencing loss through bereavement or parental separation. Please contact the coordinator on 087 1256199 or email rainbows.carlowtown@gmail.com This service is completely free of charge. Based in Askea, Carlow.

The Priory Institute: Study Theology Online, is this for you? For over twenty five years The Priory Institute in Tallaght has offered flexible courses to degree level in Theology and Biblical Studies for young and old and facilitates blended learning from home and in college. Register now to begin on 19th September. Find out more on our website www.prioryinstitute.com