

Recent Deaths:

James (Jim) Lawler, Lacken, Old Leighlin
Agnes Byrne (Née Monaghan), 28 Seskin Road, Leighlinbridge
Hugh Kelly, Carlow and formerly Bagenalstown

Month's Mind:

Tom Brennan, Ballyknockan. Mass on Sat 5th Sept in Leighlinbridge at 7.30pm

1st Anniversaries:

Paddy Delaney, Craan. Mass on Sat 29th August at 7.30pm in Leighlinbridge

Anniversaries:

Eamonn Connolly, Moanduff	Lazerian Meaney, The Ridge
Mary Fitzgerald, Upper Tomard	Norah Curran, Old Leighlin
Margaret (Peggy) Dermody, Ballinaboley	Jim Byrne, Ballinaboley
Margaret Hayes, Glenville	John Neville, Coonogue
Margaret Lowry, Craanluskey	Pat Amond, Tomard & Bermingham
Michael Lowry, The Lane, Clogrennane	Jim Somers, Killenane
	Kathleen McDonald, Cloyadh

Notices:

Kids Yoga & Mindfulness: Pop-Up Workshop (7-12yrs) on Fri 4th Sept in Leighlin Parish Centre from 6-7.30pm. It will involve fun Yoga movement & games, breathing techniques, mindfulness exercises, mindful arts & crafts. Booking via message—085 8482260
Or via link—bookwhen.com/mindfulmomentsbylaura.

Leighlinbridge Improvement Group: continue to meet every Tuesday at 6.30 in the village to complete different tasks, sweeping, weeding, pruning etc. Your help is very much appreciated. Keeping community spaces and public planting areas was challenging this year due to the prolonged dry spell. The sight of lovely green spaces turning yellow/brown and crispy can be upsetting, but grass is resilient and you will be amazed at how quickly it greens up and recovers as soon as the rain arrives. Here are a few tips to help you in your own gardens during this drought. 1. Only water when needed. 2. Water plants early morning and late evening. 3. Soak thoroughly less often, this will get the water into the soil helping the plant roots grow stronger. Use a watering can, not a hose, to preserve water. Follow us on Facebook for more info on what is happening in your village.

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

**Graveyard Mass for
Clody is in
Ballinabranna
Church on Sun 6th
Sept at 9.30am**

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

30TH AUGUST 2026

22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

A Wonderful Gift

The gift of speech is a wonderful gift.

It is good to reflect on how well we use it.

Today many people are lonely and their great need is
to be able to talk to someone.

It may be an elderly person, a child with a problem or
someone we work with in need of a shoulder to lean on.

Yet, we can be too busy, we don't know how to reply,

we have problems of our own,

we don't want people pulling out of us,

The litany of excuses goes on.

We need to listen to God & to give heed by listening

to His people - to our neighbour.

Sadly the gift of speech is so often abused.

We hear people everyday using coarse & foul language & teaching
their children to do the same.

We hear the Holy Name being taken irreverently & without
thought. Speech well used can be a certain
positive force for good.

People were amazed at the gracious words that came from Jesus.

When we proclaim the Gospel of Jesus to people we are

telling them what under

God they are capable of doing.

St Fintan's Church

	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Ministers</u>
Sun 6th Sept 9.30am	Daniel Pender	Mai Sheehan
Church Cleaning	Claire Jackson, Loretta McNally	
Church Flowers September	Mary Daly	Papers Daniel Pender

St Lazerian's Church

	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Ministers</u>
Sat 5th Sept 7.30pm	Jennifer Harkin	Mary Meaney (M), DJ Hanley
Sun 6th Sept 11.00am	Angela Roche	Maisie Mills, Mandy Ryan
Church Cleaning	Lillia, Bernie Price, Rose Arnold	
Church Flowers September	Mary Redmond	
Reader for Week	Wed Angela Roche	Mon, Tue, Thur Benny Mills

Graveyard Masses for 2026

Clody	Sunday 6th September	9.30am in Ballinabranna Church
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Communion Calls: Mon 31st August, Tues 1st Sept in the usual order.

PLEASE NOTE: Wed 2nd Sept visits will be on Tues afternoon.

Daycare Returns: Tuesday 8th Sept from 9.30am - 1.30pm in Leighlin Parish Centre . New Members are always welcome.

Lotto Results:

Old Leighlin:

6, 10, 17, 25
No Winner
Jackpot € 4,000

Ballinabranna:

4, 23, 25, 26
No Winner
Jackpot € 2,250

Leighlinbridge:

6, 9, 19, 28
No Winner
Jackpot € 3,000

23rd August 2026

Offertory

L/B € 730
B/B € 295

Weekly

L/B € 500
B/B € 210

NOTICES

Parish Centre Opening hours: From Mon 31st August we will return to our normal working hours of Monday To Friday 9.30am To 5.00pm.

Parish Draw: The last draw will take place this Sunday 30th August. The Parish Office will be open on Sunday morning 30th August from 10am to 11.30am to facilitate the return of Draw Cards. As always thank you for your continued support.

Season of Creation 2026: Each year from September 1 to October 4, the Christian family unites for this world wide celebration of prayer and action to protect our common home. This year's theme is **"Living Water"**. See www.seasonofcreation.org to access all the materials and to link to a live worldwide online opening prayer at 2pm Irish time on Tuesday, September 1.

International Literacy Day: Join us on Tuesday 8th September in Leighlin Parish Centre as we mark International Literacy Day, celebrating the joy of reading, the power of stories, and the importance of literacy for everyone. Come along for tea or coffee and some cake. Bring a book to swap, if you would like to, and share your stories and experiences. Meet others, have a chat, and celebrate the many ways we connect through words and stories. Whether you love reading, enjoy listening to stories, are learning to read, or simply want to come along for a cuppa and a chat, you are very welcome. Let's celebrate literacy while remembering that everyone deserves the opportunity to read, learn, communicate and have their story heard. Contact: Deirdre Geoghegan – 087 767 5547

St Lazerian's Community Games Choir: Will represent our County in the All Ireland Finals in the Visual Carlow on Saturday 5th September, we wish them the Best of luck.

Irish Dance Classes: Scoil Rince Elgar is running Beginners Irish Dance classes in Ballinabranna Parish Hall, starting on Thursday August 27th and continuing every Thursday at 6pm, new dancers always welcome. For more information contact Kayleigh on 085 8847098.

Yoga Classes recommencing in Leighlinbridge Parish Centre on Wednesday 9th Sept at 6.45pm. **Contact Details:** Call Marion on (086) 3082450 or go on the website yogaforall.ie to book your slot.

Active Retirement Association: Meeting of Committee members at 1.45pm on Monday 31st August followed by members meeting at 2.30pm in the Parish Centre. Pickleball is played in Old Leighlin sport centre on Tuesday 2 to 3pm and will resume this week. Bowls are played in Parish Centre and will return on Thursday 10th Sept. A visit to Shackleton museum in Athy is being planned. Let us know on Monday if you are interested.

Old Leighlin Ladies u12 Team: Will be holding a bake sale mini fundraiser in aid of Old Leighlin Football Club on Sunday 30th August after 11am Mass in the Parish Centre. Tea & Coffee will be available also. All support greatly appreciated.