

## SATURDAY, 19<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2026

9.00 AM	Collection - Talbot Hotel, Portlaoise Road, Carlow, R93 Y504
9.05 AM	Collection - Seven Oaks Hotel, Athy Road, Carlow, R93 V45K
9:15 AM	Collection - Woodford Dolmen Hotel, Kilkenny Road, Carlow, R93 N207
9:20 AM	Journey to St Laserian's Cathedral, Old Leighlin for Guided Tour



## ST. LASERIAN'S CATHEDRAL, OLD LEIGHLIN, CO. CARLOW, R93 N598

This 13th century gem which nestles in the village of Old Leighlin (Leath gleann – half glen). The original monastic settlement dates from the 7th century and, at its peak had a community of 1,500 monks. A synod held here in 630AD was decisive in reconciling the date of Easter for the Irish church.

The cathedral embraces a fascinating and often violent history of Viking raids, murder and religious turbulence. Its 13th century nave and chancel and its 15th century tower and Lady Chapel remain largely unchanged. Also to be seen is the unique four-bay sedilia, the 12th and 13th century fonts and the splendid Catherine O'Brien East Window.

Today, St Laserian's remains an unspoilt and magical place. Nearby is St Laserian's Well with its celtic cross believed to date from the time of the saint.