

First reading

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The Lord says this: I am coming to gather the nations of every language. They shall come to witness my glory. I will give them a sign and send some of their survivors to the nations: to Tarshish, Put, Lud, Moshech, Rosh, Tubal, and Javan, to the distant islands that have never heard of me or seen my glory. They will proclaim my glory to the nations. As an offering to the Lord they will bring all your brothers, on horses, in chariots, in litters, on mules, on dromedaries, from all the nations to my holy mountain in Jerusalem, says the Lord, like Israelites bringing oblations in clean vessels to the Temple of the Lord. And of some of them I will make priests and Levites, says the Lord.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Response: Go out to the whole world: proclaim the Good News.

Second reading

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

Have you forgotten that encouraging text in which you are addressed as sons? My son, when the Lord corrects you, do not treat it lightly; but do not get discouraged when he reprimands you. For the Lord trains the ones that he loves and he punishes all those that he acknowledges as his sons. Suffering is part of your training; God is treating you as his sons. Has there ever been any son whose father did not train him? Of course, any punishment is most painful at the time, and far from pleasant; but later, in those on whom it has been used, it bears fruit in peace and goodness. So hold up your limp arms and steady your trembling

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knees and smooth out the path you tread; then the injured limb will not be wrenched, it will grow strong again.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him. Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Through towns and villages Jesus went teaching, making his way to Jerusalem. Someone said to him, 'Sir, will there be only a few saved?' He said to them, 'Try your best to enter by the narrow door, because, I tell you, many will try to enter and will not succeed. 'Once the master of the house has got up and locked the door, you may find yourself knocking on the door, saying, "Lord, open to us" but he will answer, "I do not know where you come from." Then you will find yourself saying, "We once ate and drank in your company; you taught in our streets" but he will reply, "I do not know where you come from. Away from me, all you wicked men!" 'Then there will be weeping and grinding of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and yourselves turned outside. And men from east and west, from north and south, will come to take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God. 'Yes, there are those now last who will be first, and those now first who will be last.'

The Gospel of the Lord



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24th August 2025

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time



which leads to an eternal garden.

Love demands a lot as well as gives a lot. With the people we most love we

are most vulnerable and they can bring the worst and the best out of us.

REFLECTION

In a family so much love is lavished on the new-born first child and you hear them saying – that's the end of freedom now for a good few years. Or the grandchildren come and there's the babysitting. Life deepens and narrows. It is the narrow gate of love, the wide world of generosity. Jesus says elsewhere that love is the door to eternal life, laying down life for a friend; the cross was a narrow door.

Real Love

Real love means little things a lot of the time, and with God it means time now and then to prayer and to worship, as well as loving the neighbour.

Love may narrow our lives, and also deepens it. We can find a lot of variety in life today but not enough depth. We can look for wide doors which lead to narrow gardens, unlike the narrow door of Jesus

World of Love

The sick child, the elderly in the family, the children in prison or in a lousy marriage. The husband or wife needing a lot of care in illness or old age. The love shown by volunteers in our country and the developing world. The grandchild who is isolated and lonely and you worry. This is the world of love, the only world worth sacrificing anything for.

The condition for entering is not where you come from, whether you are first or last, whether you wear the right clothes or even turn up on time – the condition is that in the way of living God you hear the word of God daily and live by it faithfully.

Donal Neary SJ



Religious Services to attend

Morning Mass (Arles): 10am Tuesday - Friday

Recitation of the Rosary (Arles): 9.30am Tuesday - Friday

Confession: After 10am Arles Mass (First Friday)

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Tuesday 11am - 1pm (Killeen) & Friday 7.30pm - 8.30pm (Ballylinan)

In Memoriam

Anniversaries for 24 August 2025

Killeen (9am): Margaret & Maurice Enright

Ellen Byrne

Arles (10am): Theresa Murphy

Patrick, Michael & Ann Maher, Conahy, Castlecomer

Ballylinan (8pm): Eileen Kaye

(11.30am): Betty & Bertie Dineen

Anniversaries for 31 August 2025

Killeen (9am):

Arles (10am): Sadie Conway, Farnans

Tadhg O'Donovan

Patrick & Maureen Mulhall, Coolanowle, their daughter Catherine Walsh (2nd Anniversary)

Jack Pound, Toomevara.

Ballylinan (8pm): Judy & Mick Shortall

John & Joanna Doyle

(11.30am): Jaydn Kelly (6th Anniversary)

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord

Safeguarding

DLP: Ailish Higgins, mobile number 085-8021633 and email: dlp@kandle.ie

Parish Safeguarding Rep: Christine Oglesby (087) 654 6149

Weekly Collections

Sunday 17th August

Arles: Offertory €305.68

Envelope €263.00

Ballylinan: Offertory €169.21

Envelope €128.40

Killeen: Offertory €111.64

Envelope €114.50

A sincere word of thanks to all those who contribute to the upkeep of our parish.

Eucharistic Adoration

The Kildare & Leighlin Diocesan Adoration Committee invites you to join them with Most Reverend Bishop Denis Nulty, Fr Ruairi O Domhnaill and Guests for a day of Prayer and Adoration.

The day will feature a special Carlo Acutis Exhibition and Eucharistic Miracles exhibition - concluding with concelebrated Holy Mass at three pm. Confessions available.

Location: Mt St Anne's, Portarlinton, R32 WN59. Saturday August 30th from 9.30am - 4.00pm. Refreshments and Lunch - €20.00

Booking essential - Further details 0861637311.



A Prayer Before Meals



Creator God,
we thank you for the gift of this food
we are about to share.
May it nourish and strengthen us.
As we give you thanks
we turn to you in prayer for the people of Gaza
in the midst of their terrible suffering.
We pray for the innocent children whose bodies and
hearts bear the horrendous scars of war
and for their parents who seek to protect them
in the face of starvation and physical danger.
May your peace rise up in the land we call holy
so that your people may live
in the dignity and fullness of life
you desire for every human being.
Through Christ our Lord,
Amen.

Day of Prayer for Gaza
24 August 2025

KANDLE



Special Invitation

Killeen Indoor Bowls

Each Tuesday

(7.15pm-9pm: From 2nd September)

Very mild exercise. Very good fun.

Great company. Tea / Coffee etc.

Don't want to play? Come along and look.



Franciscan Brothers Parish Visitation and Appeal



This weekend we welcome to all our masses the Franciscan Brothers to speak about their work and ministry.

By way of introduction Br. Brian says:

"We were founded in Galway in the early 1800s to bring education to the rural poor of Ireland. We were noted in particular for our work with the poor especially during famine times. We also established the first agricultural college in Ireland in Mountbellew Co. Galway in 1904. We now have missions in rural Kenya and Uganda. We run an agricultural college in both countries. Education, we feel is a vital key to progress. During times of drought, famine and conflict we help where we can. We are especially involved in reconciliation, the distribution of food, water and medicine during difficult times."

We welcome Br. Brian and we pray God's blessing on his good work.



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