

## First reading

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

About Zion I will not be silent, about Jerusalem I will not grow weary, until her integrity shines out like the dawn and her salvation flames like a torch. The nations then will see your integrity, all the kings your glory, and you will be called by a new name, one which the mouth of the Lord will confer. You are to be a crown of splendour in the hand of the Lord, a princely diadem in the hand of your God; no longer are you to be named 'Forsaken', nor your land 'Abandoned', but you shall be called 'My Delight' and your land 'The Wedded'; for the Lord takes delight in you and your land will have its wedding. Like a young man marrying a virgin, so will the one who built you wed you, and as the bridegroom rejoices in his bride, so will your God rejoice in you.

The Word of the Lord

## Responsorial Psalm

Response: Proclaim the wonders of the Lord among all the peoples.

## Second reading

A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians.

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose. One may have the gift of preaching with wisdom given him by the Spirit; another may have the gift of preaching instruction given him by the same Spirit; and another the gift of faith given by the same Spirit; another again the gift of healing, through this one Spirit; one, the power of miracles; another, prophecy; another the gift of recognising spirits; another the gift of

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tongues and another the ability to interpret them. All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, who distributes different gifts to different people just as he chooses.

The Word of the Lord

## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Through the Good News God called us to share the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia!

## Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee. The mother of Jesus was there, and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited. When they ran out of wine, since the wine provided for the wedding was all finished, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' Jesus said 'Woman, why turn to me? My hour has not come yet.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' There were six stone water jars standing there, meant for the ablutions that are customary among the Jews: each could hold twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to the servants, 'Fill the jars with water', and they filled them to the brim. 'Draw some out now' he told them 'and take it to the steward.' They did this; the steward tasted the water, and it had turned into wine. Having no idea where it came from – only the servants who had drawn the water knew – the steward called the bridegroom and said, 'People generally serve the best wine first, and keep the cheaper sort till the guests have had plenty to drink; but you have kept the best wine till now.' This was the first of the signs given by Jesus: it was given at Cana in Galilee. He let his glory be seen, and his disciples believed in him.

The Gospel of the Lord



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Parish Website: arlesparish.ie

19th January 2025

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

## The Wedding at Cana

Marys' greatness is that she points and leads us to Jesus through her own word and example. She is not asking us to do anything she has not already done herself. She does not seek or ask for any attention for herself. At this family wedding in Cana at which Mary and Jesus were invited guests', Mary is concerned about the young couple not herself.

She knows that soon there will be no wine; and at a Jewish wedding this is a cause of great shame and embarrassment. How did she see and notice that there was no wine? She quietly and without fuss or drama approaches Jesus.

She explains the situation to him and he seems to dismiss her; but she is not giving up that easy! She then goes to servants and confidently tells them, 'Do whatever he tells you.'

This small but amazingly powerful statement echoes down the centuries to us today. Mary caught the attention of the servants at the wedding and she is trying to catch our attention today. I can see her standing beside me today and gently pointing to Jesus and whispering to me, 'just do whatever he tells and asks you.'

What is Jesus asking us to do? He is inviting us to follow him, he is asking us to love each other as he loves us and he is asking us to forgive each other. He is asking us to live like him in our ordinary daily lives; he is asking to reach out and to care for those who are poor, homeless, alone and hungry.

He is asking us to be his followers and disciples. How do we do this? By following the example of Mary who did what God asked her to do! Today, may we listen to Mary, and do what Jesus asks each of us to do.

– Br Michael Moore OMI



## 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 19 Jan 2025

Killeen (9am):

Arles (10am): Willie & Margaret Brennan

Joe & Kathleen Brennan

Margaret Brennan

Vincent Brennan

Pat Brennan

Br. Damien Brennan

Ballylinan (7.30pm): Denis, Christina & Bernadette Murphy

John McHugh

(11.30am): Denis & Evelyn Kenny, their son Jude and great grandchildren, babies AJ & Jack Bulger (1st Anniversary)

### Anniversaries for 26 Jan 2025

Killeen (9am): James Julian, Grange

Anna Evans & Jimmy Moran

Arles (10am): Margaret Fenlon (1st Anniversary)

Michael (Mick) Stynes (1st Anniversary)

Michael & Sheila McDonald, Ashfield

Ballylinan (7.30pm): Michael (Henry) McDonald (Months Mind)

Tony, Cissie & Sr. Norah Kaye

(11.30am): Rose Brennan Jordan (Birthday Remembrance)

**Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord**

## Sunday Bingo



Clogh Community Council will hold a Sunday Bingo on the 26th January 2025 at 3pm at the Parish Centre (R95 YFT0), Clogh, Castlecomer.

€750.00 in prize money. *All Welcome.*



Well done to Margaret Kenna who recently celebrated a great milestone - her 100th Birthday.

Wishing her every blessing and good health.



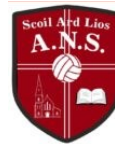
## Whist Drive

In Arles Hall every Thursday Night 8.30pm

*All welcome.*



## Clothes Collection



Arles NS Parents' Association are having their annual clothes collection on Thursday Jan 23rd. Bags of clothes can be left into the school from Monday Jan 20th to Thursday morning. Funds raised go towards Arles NS and LauraLynn Children's Hospice. For further info contact the school on 0599147731.

## Safeguarding

DLP: Kathleen Sherry, mobile number 085-8021633 and email: dlp@kandle.ie

Parish Safeguarding Rep: Christine Oglesby (087) 654 6149

## Directory of Irish Saints



Scarcely a parish in Ireland is without one or more dedications to saints, in the form of churches in ruins, holy wells or other ecclesiastical monuments. Professor Pdraig Ó Riain's Dictionary of Irish Saints is intended to serve as a guide to the (mainly documentary) sources of information on the saints named in these dedications, for those that have an interest in them scholarly or otherwise. Professor Ó Riain has been working in the field of Irish hagiography for upwards of forty years, and the material for the over 1,000 entries in his Dictionary has come from a variety of sources, including martyrologies, genealogies of the saints, collections of folklore, Ordnance Survey letters, and other documents.

The book is due for publication on 24 January 2025 and will be available in bookshops but to avail of a 10% discount, you can purchase directly from [www.fourcourtspress.ie](http://www.fourcourtspress.ie) or alternatively, call 01 4534668.



The three schools in the Parish are now accepting applications for enrolment for the 2025 / 2026 school year.

St Abban's N.S. Killeen: visit

[stabbansns.ie](http://stabbansns.ie) or

email [stabbansskilleen@gmail.com](mailto:stabbansskilleen@gmail.com)

Arles: Visit [arlesnationalschool.ie](http://arlesnationalschool.ie) or email [principal@arlesnationalschool.ie](mailto:principal@arlesnationalschool.ie)

St. Patrick's N. S. Ballylinan: Visit [ballylinannationalschool.com](http://ballylinannationalschool.com) or email [principal@ballylinanns.com](mailto:principal@ballylinanns.com)

## Weekly Collections

Sunday 12th January

Arles:	Offertory	€102.95
	Envelope	€307.00
Ballylinan:	Offertory	€423.32
	Envelope	€811.00
Killeen:	Offertory	€147.79
	Envelope	€91.00

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

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## Grandparents Masses for Catholic Schools Week

Arles NS, Arles Church - Wednesday 22nd at 10am

Ballylinan NS, Ballylinan Church - Thursday 23rd at 12.30pm

