

First reading

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Some men came down from Judaea and taught the brothers, 'Unless you have yourselves circumcised in the tradition of Moses you cannot be saved.' This led to disagreement, and after Paul and Barnabas had had a long argument with these men it was arranged that Paul and Barnabas and others of the church should go up to Jerusalem and discuss the problem with the apostles and elders. Then the apostles and elders decided to choose delegates to send to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas; the whole church concurred with this. They chose Judas known as Barsabbas and Silas, both leading men in the brotherhood, and gave them this letter to take with them: 'The apostles and elders, your brothers, send greetings to the brothers of pagan birth in Antioch, Syria and Cilicia. We hear that some of our members have disturbed you with their demands and have unsettled your minds. They acted without any authority from us; and so we have decided unanimously to elect delegates and to send them to you with Barnabas and Paul, men we highly respect who have dedicated their lives to the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Accordingly we are sending you Judas and Silas, who will confirm by word of mouth what we have written in this letter. It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and by ourselves not to saddle you with any burden beyond these essentials: you are to abstain from food sacrificed to idols; from blood, from the meat of strangled animals and from fornication. Avoid these, and you will do what is right. Farewell.'

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Response: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

Second Reading

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse.

In the spirit, the angel took me to the top of an enormous high mountain and showed me Jerusalem, the holy city, coming down from God out of heaven. It

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had all the radiant glory of God and glittered like some precious jewel of crystal-clear diamond. The walls of it were of a great height, and had twelve gates; at each of the twelve gates there was an angel, and over the gates were written the names of the twelve tribes of Israel; on the east there were three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. The city walls stood on twelve foundation stones, each one of which bore the name of one of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. I saw that there was no temple in the city since the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb were themselves the temple, and the city did not need the sun or the moon for light, since it was lit by the radiant glory of God and the Lamb was a lighted torch for it.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said: '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 John

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him and make our home with him. Those who do not love me do not keep my words. And my word is not my own: it is the word of the one who sent me. I have said these things to you while still with you; but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you. Peace I bequeath to you, my own peace I give you, a peace the world cannot give, this is my gift to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid. You heard me say: I am going away, and shall return. If you loved me you would have been glad to know that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. I have told you this now before it happens, so that when it does happen you may believe.'

The Gospel of the Lord



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25th May 2025

6th Sunday of Easter

In this weekend's Gospel, we find Jesus give his faithful disciples a parting gift—the gift of inner peace. In their moments of need and worry, they will know the closeness of God through this gift of reassuring peace in their hearts. May each of us, when we turn to the Lord in our moment of need, be blessed with that peace as well. May it be our comfort and strength. We place our hope in the Good Shepherd.

Prayer for Peace

Heavenly Father,

My desire is to have a deeper sense of Your peace in me today.

Take away all fear, doubt, and concern from my heart and replace it with the peace that only You can give.

Thank You that Your peace will guard my mind so that I will not give place to thoughts that are not beneficial to me.

Thank You that the depths of Your peace are greater than we can imagine and that through this peace, we are made whole.

I make this prayer through Christ Our Lord.
Amen.



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THE GOOD SHEPHERD.—John x. 14, 15.

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 25 May 2025

Killeen (9am): Kathleen Simpson
Arles (10am): Christopher Rowan, Tolerton
Patrick (Paddy) Kelly, Ashfield
& deceased family members.

Ballylinan (8pm): Michael Loughman
Patrick Freeman, Borris
Jim Doyle

(11.30am):

Anniversaries for 01 June 2025

Killeen (9am):
Arles (10am):
Ballylinan (8pm): Jimmy Farrell
Tom Brennan & deceased family members.
Pauline Moore.

(11.30am):

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord

Ballylinan Community Council AGM



Will be held in St Annes Hall at
8pm on Wednesday 28th May.

Safeguarding

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

Parish Safeguarding Rep: Christine Oglesby (087) 654 6149

Dates for your Diary

Graveyard/Cemetery Masses

Mayo - Monday 23rd June at 7.30pm
Ballylinan - Tuesday 24th June at 7.30pm
Killeen - Wednesday 25th June at 7.30pm
Killabban - Thursday 26th June at 7.30pm
Arles - Friday 27th June at 7.30pm
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Weekly Collections

Sunday 18th May

Arles:	Offertory	€102.70
	Envelope	€263.00
Ballylinan:	Offertory	€224.84
	Envelope	€149.30
Killeen:	Offertory	€163.23
	Envelope	€176.00

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



Whist Drive

In Arles Hall

Every Thursday Night 8.30pm

Columban Day Celebrations

All paths lead to Carlow this July when the town hosts the XXVI Columbanus Day celebration from 11th July to 13th July 2025. This significant occasion honours St Columbanus, one of Ireland's most influential early missionaries, recognised for his contributions to the spiritual and cultural foundation of Europe. St Columbanus, patron saint of the Missionary Society of St Columban, was born in Myshall. The three-day event promises a rich blend of cultural, spiritual and communal experiences. Highlights include the launch of the exhibition 'Ireland and the Birth of Europe,' a symposium exploring the relationship between creation and spirituality given by Columban missionary Fr Sean McDonagh, and a walk along the picturesque Columban Way. Visitors can also look forward to engaging talks, such as 'Columbanus, the Man from Myshall,' by former President Dr Mary McAleese, taking place in the Holy Cross Church in Myshall. The celebrations culminate with the XXVI Columbanus Day Mass at the Cathedral of the Assumption, Carlow on Sunday 13th July. We very much look forward to hosting the International Columbanus Weekend, when pilgrims from all over Europe will gather here in our diocese to honour this great Saint.



Solemn Novena to

Our Lady of Perpetual Help

St. Clare's Graiguecullen
28th April — 23rd June 2025
Time: 7.30pm (Rosary at 7pm)
26th May

Speaker: Dermot Dooley

Chaplain of De la Salle College, Waterford.



St. Pio Glove

in Fitzpatrick's House, Kilberry

Saturday 14th June (11am - 5pm)

For further info: Ann 085 1696189



Carlow Choral Society is celebrating 60 years of bringing classical choral music to the people of Carlow

As part of our celebrations during 2025 the Society is putting on an exhibition in Carlow library from Wednesday 28th to Friday 30th May from 10am - 5.30pm each day, with a late opening on Thursday until 7.30pm.

Fascinating memorabilia will be on display from the six decades of choral performance history with names and photographs of past members showcased along with programmes from various performances, interesting excerpts from committee minutes and press cuttings of the day. As much a snapshot of social history as that simply of the choir itself, it will give a wonderful insight into life in Carlow over those intervening years since 1965 and should appeal to all, whether they have a connection with the choir or not.



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