



# TODAY'S MASS READINGS

## First reading

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

The whole community remained faithful to the teaching of the apostles, to the brotherhood, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers. The many miracles and signs worked through the apostles made a deep impression on everyone. The faithful all lived together and owned everything in common; they sold their goods and possessions and shared out the proceeds among themselves according to what each one needed. They went as a body to the Temple every day but met in their houses for the breaking of bread; they shared their food gladly and generously; they praised God and were looked up to by everyone. Day by day the Lord added to their community those destined to be saved.

The Word of the Lord

## Responsorial Psalm

Response: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.

## Second Reading

A reading from the first letter of St. Peter.

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy has given us a new birth as his sons, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead, so that we have a sure hope and the promise of an inheritance that can never be spoilt or soiled and never fade away, because it is being kept for you in the heavens. Through your faith, God's power will guard you until the salvation which has been prepared is revealed at the end of time. This is a cause of great joy for you, even though you may for a short time have to bear being plagued by all sorts of trials; so that, when Jesus Christ is revealed, your faith will have been tested and proved like gold – only it is more precious than gold, which is corruptible even though it bears testing by fire – and then you will have praise and glory and honour. You did not see him, yet you love him; and still

without seeing him, you are already filled with a joy so glorious that it cannot be described, because you believe; and you are sure of the end to which your faith looks forward, that is, the salvation of your souls.

The Word of the Lord.

## Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you', and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you. 'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.' After saying this he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.' Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.' There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

The Gospel of the Lord



# ARLES DOONANE PARISH NEWSLETTER

SERVING ARLES, BALLYLINAN, DOONANE, KILLEEN AND MAYO

2nd Sunday of Easter

12th April 2026

## An Easter Reflection

There is real wisdom, Lord, in the adage 'It is always Springtime in the heart that loves God.' Springtime is a season of optimism and hope and the Christian lives a faith centred on hope. Winter, with its cold and dark days has gone just as Good Friday has passed to Easter and beyond.

We live a resurrection life reflected in the new life springing up around us. Thank you, Lord for the hope that you bring, the renewal that you bring, both to this world and to our hearts and lives.

John Birch ([www.faithandworship.com](http://www.faithandworship.com))



Springtime  
Your message of hope  
to a world tiring of winter's  
starkness  
longing for that first crocus  
to push through snow's icy blanket  
and spread its leaves  
like arms outstretched  
to its creator  
Springtime  
Our yearly reminder, if we needed one  
that to a world that was dark and cold  
a world devoid of love's sweet warmth  
you sent your Son  
to break through sin's icy blanket  
and, arms outstretched  
on a cross  
he brought us  
hope  
Thank you



## 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:** Tues. 11am-1pm (Killeen), Wed. 10am-9pm (Doonane) & Fri. 7.30pm-8.30pm (Ballylinan)

## In Memoriam

### Anniversaries for 12 April 2026

**Ballylinan (7pm):** Bernard Brennan & Rose Brennan Jordan  
James, Elizabeth, J.J. & Paddy Brennan, Clonpierce

Margaret McEvoy (10th Anniversary)

**Doonane (8pm):** Patrick Nash, Farnans

Patrick (Pa) Brennan & his parents Elizabeth & Michael Brennan

**Killeen (9am):** John, Kathleen & Michael McDonald  
Sheila Byrne, The Forge

**Arles (10am):** Colm (Collie) Kennedy

Gerry Kealy, Ashfield (4th Anniversary)

Inez Feehan

Eddie Egan, Aughaterry (6th Anniversary)

**Mayo (11.30am):** Mick and Nan Kelly, Tolerton

### Anniversaries for 19 April 2026

**Ballylinan (7pm):**

**Doonane (8pm):**

**Killeen (9am):** Ann McDonald, Killabban  
(15th Anniversary)

**Arles (10am):** Tony Noctor (13th Anniversary)

Julie Broderick (3rd Anniversary) & her grandparents Tom & Bridie Harris

**Mayo (11.30am):**

©Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord

## Safeguarding

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

Parish Safeguarding Rep: Christine Oglesby (087) 654 6149

## trócaire

Parishioners are invited to return their Trócaire Boxes to any of our three churches over the Easter period. Many thanks for your support for the Lenten Campaign.

### National Epilepsy Week 2026

takes place on 18th  
May - 25th May.



For further information, please visit

[www.epilepsy.ie/content/national-epilepsy-week-2026-epilepsyweek](http://www.epilepsy.ie/content/national-epilepsy-week-2026-epilepsyweek).

### Healing Mass

### And Eucharistic Healing Blessing

Celebrant: Fr. John Keane

Ss Mary & Laurence Church

Crookstown R14 WD80

Thursday 16th April At 7pm

Feast of St. Bernadette

All Welcome



## KNOCK

### Pilgrimage to Knock.

Bus to Knock on Sunday 19th of April for The Annual Eucharistic Adoration Pilgrimage. Seats €25. To book Tel: Margaret on 086 325493. Full details on Church Notice Boards.



### Arles Art Group

Arles Art Group Spring class starts Wednesday 22nd April in Arles Hall at 7.30pm. Open to all, 18 and over.

*Think you can't paint or draw? Come and find your inner artist.*

Enquires to Claire on 087 186 2435.

*A word of thanks to all who supported the annual Easter Clergy Collection. As always, we appreciate people's ongoing generous support.*



Ardough National School

## Bingo Fundraiser Night

Friday 1st May at 7pm in  
Ardough NS

8 Game Book €10. Kids Half Book €5

Two Extra Monster Rounds €2. Raffle

Jackpot €100



### Parish Contact Details

V. Rev. Fr. Padraig Shelley PP - (059) 914 7637

Rev. Joe O'Rourke, Deacon - Parish Office: (083) 8765 800



### Dr Daniel William Cahill: upcoming lecture and exhibition

A lecture about Dr Daniel William Cahill (1796-1864), an Arles native, prominent Catholic priest and celebrated science lecturer will take place at Carlow College, St Patrick's on Thursday, 23

April starting at 7:30 p.m. All are welcome to attend and admission is free of charge.

The talk, organised by the Delany Archive, will be delivered by Dr Diarmid Finnegan, Queen's University Belfast.

The talk, which is entitled "This panorama of billions of worlds": Daniel William Cahill (1796-1864) and the politics of astronomy in post-Emancipation Ireland" will explore key episodes in Cahill's largely untold story.



### Arles Doonane Parish Office

(083) 8765 800

Opening Hours: Tuesday 10am - 1pm & Friday 10am - 1pm

Please contact the Office if you require an Anniversary Mass booking, a copy of a Baptismal Certificate or if you wish to book a Baptism or Wedding in the Parish.

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