

## TODAY'S MASS READINGS



### First reading

A reading from the book of Proverbs

The Wisdom of God cries aloud: The Lord created me when his purpose first unfolded, before the oldest of his works. From everlasting I was firmly set, from the beginning, before earth came into being. The deep was not, when I was born, there were no springs to gush with water. Before the mountains were settled, before the hills, I came to birth; before he made the earth, the countryside, or the first grains of the world's dust. When he fixed the heavens firm, I was there, when he drew a ring on the surface of the deep, when he thickened the clouds above, when he fixed fast the springs of the deep, when he assigned the sea its boundaries – and the waters will not invade the shore – when he laid down the foundations of the earth, I was by his side, a master craftsman, delighting him day after day, ever at play in his presence, at play everywhere in his world, delighting to be with the sons of men.

The Word of the Lord

### Responsorial Psalm

Response: How great is your name, O Lord our God, through all the earth!

### Second Reading

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, by faith we are judged righteous and at peace with God, since it is by faith and through Jesus that we have entered this state of grace in which we can boast about looking forward to God's glory. But that is not all we can boast about; we can boast about our sufferings. These sufferings bring patience, as we know, and patience brings perseverance, and perseverance brings hope, and this hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us.

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### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; the God who is, who was, and who is to come. Alleluia!

### Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said: 'I still have many things to say to you but they would be too much for you now. But when the Spirit of truth comes he will lead you to the complete truth, since he will not be speaking as from himself but will say only what he has learnt; and he will tell you of the things to come. He will glorify me, since all he tells you will be taken from what is mine. Everything the Father has is mine; that is why I said: All he tells you will be taken from what is mine.'

The Gospel of the Lord



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15th June 2025

The Most Holy Trinity

## Gaza: "Words are not enough!"

### Irish Bishops call for solidarity at parish level

Bishops stated the following concerning the humanitarian disaster in Gaza: "In Gaza people are starving and adequate aid is being denied; it seems clear that famine is being used as a weapon of war. Already over 600,000 Palestinians have been displaced. The evidence points to a staged strategy of ethnic cleansing aimed at removing the Palestinian people from their homes and their homeland. It is becoming increasingly clear to people on the ground that these are genocidal actions sanctioned by the Government of Israel.

"What is happening in Gaza – and the West Bank – is the death of tens of thousands of noncombatants, many of them women and children. This is unconscionable and disproportionate. It is immoral for world leaders to stand by inactively in the face of this outrageous tragedy for humanity.

"Words are not enough! There is an urgent need for the international community to intervene, cut off arms supplies and bring the carnage to an end. This will call for courage on the part of leaders. Examples of courage are being given every day by heroic doctors, nurses and aid workers risking their lives in service of the wounded and those who have been displaced."

As noted already, bishops offered prayers for the people of Gaza and Ukraine as well as other troubled places in the world. In relation to the deteriorating situation in Gaza they noted that as of early June 2025, the humanitarian crisis there has intensified dramatically. To date, almost 55,000 people have been killed in Gaza and the West Bank, since the horrific events of 7 October 2023.

Bishops welcomed the response to their call in their statement of 26 May for a 'Day of Prayer and Fasting for Peace' in Gaza on Friday last, 6 June. The entire month of June, the month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, should be a time of special prayer for peace. All parishes are asked to give expression to their solidarity with the suffering people of Gaza during June.

Bishops continued, "People in parishes across the country are horrified by what they are witnessing. They may feel helpless. But they can show their solidarity in different ways by lobbying their political representatives, by supporting humanitarian aid and, above all, by continuing to pray for an end to the conflict now and the resumption of peace, including the return of all hostages and prisoners."

Bishops listened again to the recent words of Pope Leo XIV and resonated with them: "In the Gaza Strip, the cry of mothers, of fathers who clutch the lifeless bodies of children and who are continually forced to move in search of a little food and safer shelter from bombing, rises ever more intensely to the sky. I renew my appeal to the leaders: cease-fire, release all hostages, fully respect humanitarian law. Mary Queen of Peace, pray for us.' (General Audience, 28 May 2025).



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## 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 15 June 2025

Killeen (9am): Lorraine Dunne, Killabban  
 Arles (10am): Seamus McDonald, Birthday Rem.  
 Ballylinan (8pm): Elizabeth Lanigan, 27 Leylandii Dr.  
 (29th Anniversary)  
 (11.30am): Martin Kinsella

#### Anniversaries for 22 June 2025

Killeen (9am): John Byrne, Ballyfoyle  
 Mary Coll  
 Arles (10am):  
 Ballylinan (8pm):  
 (11.30am):

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord*



### Carlow Environmental Network Summer Community Get Together & Talk

Free event: On Wed 18th of June Carlow Environmental Network (CCEN) warmly invites you to a Summer Community Get Together & Talk on the Earth Charter in An Gairdin Beo, Carlow town 5.30pm-8.30pm. Enjoy some pizza and an illuminating talk on the Earth Charter.

Everyone is welcome but registration is necessary here: <https://tinyurl.com/yn7jvuvr>

Email: [info@ccen.ie](mailto:info@ccen.ie) if you have any questions.



### 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

#### Weekly Collections

##### Sunday 8th June

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| Arles:      | Offertory | €118.05 |
|             | Envelope  | €268.00 |
| Ballylinan: | Offertory | €191.40 |
|             | Envelope  | €208.20 |
| Killeen:    | Offertory | €0.00   |
|             | Envelope  | €0.00   |

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

#### Ballylinan Altar Society

Seeking volunteers

Contact 059-8625125



### Safeguarding

DLP: Ailish Higgins, mobile number 085-8021633 and email: [dlp@kandle.ie](mailto:dlp@kandle.ie)

Parish Safeguarding Rep: Christine Oglesby (087) 654 6149

### Irish Cancer Society's Transport Service Volunteer Drivers Needed



The Irish Cancer Society's Transport Service is seeking compassionate volunteer drivers in your community. Your

time can help to continue the vital service of providing transport for patients attending cancer treatment appointments.

If you have a minimum of 2 days per month to spare, a valid driving license, and a safe, reliable vehicle, you're the perfect candidate to make a significant difference. Your generosity can ease the journey for many during a challenging time, offering comfort and support when it's needed most.

Full training will be provided. For more information: [volunteer@irishcancer.ie](mailto:volunteer@irishcancer.ie).

### Pilgrim Walks In Glendalough



At the Glendalough Hermitage Centre, we are delighted to offer a pilgrim experience in the beautiful valley of Glendalough, visiting the sacred sites associated with the 6th Century Saint Kevin and the monastic settlement which flourished through the "Golden Age of Celtic Christianity".

Our project was initiated in the Jubilee Year 2000 with the purpose of 'restoring Glendalough as a place of pilgrimage' and during this Jubilee Year 2025, we invite all 'Pilgrims of Hope' to experience a life-giving day in the Valley of the Seven Churches.

More details by emailing [failte@glendaloughhermitage.ie](mailto:failte@glendaloughhermitage.ie)

### Solemn Novena to

#### Our Lady of Perpetual Help

St. Clare's Graiguecullen

28th April — 23rd June 2025

Time: 7.30pm (Rosary at 7pm)

16th June

Speaker: Ger Brennan

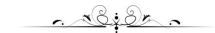
*Former Dublin Footballer & Current Manager of Louth County GAA Team*



### Cemetery Mass

Rathaspic

Wednesday 18th June at 7.30pm



*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord*

### An Spioraid Naoimh

#### Praying Community



Third Annual 24-Hour Sponsored Fast: Friday, June 20th, 2025 in Aid Of Mary's Meals Programme to Feed a Child for a School Year.

It costs €22 to Feed a Child in impoverished areas of the world. To Date we have raised €15,270. I appeal to all for your help and support. You can donate via [www.spioraidnaoimh.com](http://www.spioraidnaoimh.com)

Fast Cards Available from B. Reddin 086-8630039 E. Cullinane 087-6595293 M. Nerney 086-8157305

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