

### First reading

A reading from the book of Ecclesiastes

Vanity of vanities, Qoheleth says. Vanity of vanities. All is vanity! For so it is that a man who has laboured wisely, skilfully and successfully must leave what is his own to someone who has not toiled for it at all. This, too, is vanity and great injustice; for what does he gain for all the toil and strain that he has undergone under the sun? What of all his laborious days, his cares of office, his restless nights? This, too, is vanity.

The Word of the Lord

### Responsorial Psalm

Response: O Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to the next.

### Second reading

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

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

That is why you must kill everything in you that belongs only to earthly life: fornication, impurity, guilty passion, evil desires and especially greed, which is the same thing as worshipping a false god; and never tell each other lies. You have stripped off your old behaviour with your old self, and you have

put on a new self which will progress towards true knowledge the more it is renewed in the image of its creator; and in that image there is no room for distinction between Greek and Jew, between the circumcised or the uncircumcised, or between barbarian and Scythian, slave and free man. There is only Christ: he is everything and he is in everything.

The Word of the Lord

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Your word is truth, O Lord: consecrate us in the truth. Alleluia!

### Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

A man in the crowd said to Jesus, 'Master, tell my brother to give me a share of our inheritance.' 'My friend,' he replied, 'who appointed me your judge, or the arbitrator of your claims?' Then he said to them, 'Watch, and be on your guard against avarice of any kind, for a man's life is not made secure by what he owns, even when he has more than he needs.'

Then he told them a parable: 'There was once a rich man who, having had a good harvest from his land, thought to himself, "What am I to do? I have not enough room to store my crops." Then he said, "This is what I will do: I will pull down my barns and build bigger ones, and store all my grain and my goods in them, and I will say to my soul: My soul, you have plenty of good things laid by for many years to come; take things easy, eat, drink, have a good time." But God said to him, "Fool! This very night the demand will be made for your soul; and this hoard of yours, whose will it be then?" So it is when a man stores up treasure for himself in place of making himself rich in the sight of God.'

The Gospel of the Lord



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3rd August 2025

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time



### Reflection

Jesus tells the crowd a parable. A rich man's lands have yielded more crops than expected. His response is not to consider how he might share all the extra food with others but to wonder how he can possibly store it all. He has what he thinks is a brilliant idea: to tear down his present barns and build larger ones. Then he will have many things stored up for years of eating, drinking, and making merry.

"You fool" is God's response to this man because that very night his life will be taken

away. To whom will everything belong then, God asks. The rich man's world is small, just him and his possessions, and now he learns that he is to lose his life. What good are his possessions now? Jesus states the moral of the story. This is how it will be for everyone who stores up treasure for himself or herself but is not rich in what matters to God.

Centuries later St. Gregory the Great taught that when we care for the needs of the poor, we are giving them what is theirs, not ours. We are not just performing works of mercy; we are paying a debt of justice. Life does not consist in possessions but in sharing what we possess with others. The goods of the earth have been given to everyone.



## 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 03 August 2025

**Killeen (9am):** John Brophy (25th Anniv)

Catherine & Willie Byrne

**Arles (10am):** Anthony Brennan (6th Anniv)

Jimmy & Edward Graham

**Ballylinan (8pm):** Michael Walsh (2nd Anniv)

(11.30am):

### Anniversaries for 10 August 2025

**Killeen (9am):** Alfred Oglesby

Michael Fitzpatrick

**Arles (10am):** Kevin Fitzpatrick, Farnans (23rd Anniv)

**Ballylinan (8pm):**

(11.30am):

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord

### Sick and Housebound

Fr. Padraig will attend those in Killeen & Ballylinan areas on Friday morning and those in Arles on Friday afternoon (8th August).



*If you wish to be added to those who are attended monthly, please ring the Parish Office with your details (059) 862 5456.*



### Youth Pilgrimage to Croagh Patrick

August 23rd

For young adults (16-35) in the Diocese of Kildare & Leighlin.

Join us for a day of

faith, challenge and community as we undertake the ancient pilgrimage to the summit of Croagh Patrick on Friday, 23rd August. Buses will depart from: Naas, Carlow and Portlaoise. This spiritual journey offers an opportunity for prayer, reflection and connection with fellow young Catholics. Whether you're seeking personal renewal, physical challenge or simply to experience this sacred tradition, all are welcome. Spaces are limited. Registration is essential and a short meeting

for all 16-18 year old pilgrims and a parent/guardian will take place on Thursday 14th August at 7.30pm in Portlaoise, Nass and Carlow. For full details and to register, visit: [kandle.ie](http://kandle.ie).



### Safeguarding

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### 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 - Please either text or call Barbara 0861637311. Stating name and number of companions.*

All welcome.

### Weekly Collections

Sunday 27th July

Arles: Offertory €157.71

Envelope €229.00

Ballylinan: Offertory €211.91

Envelope €184.00

Killeen: Offertory €106.26

Envelope €89.00

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

### Recollection Weekend

22nd - 24th August 2025

Cluain Chiarain Prayer Centre, Clonmacnois.



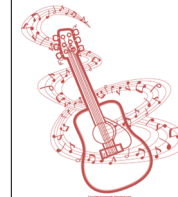
A retreat for adult Catholics seeking to deepen their spiritual life and grow in holiness. A time for silence, reflection and fellowship with talks from various guest speakers. €180 - all meals and accommodation provided with custom welcome pack.

For more details & booking please visit [www.thecollect.ie](http://www.thecollect.ie)

## Ceol agus Craic

Sunday 3rd August from 5pm

The Square, Ballickmoyler



Local Musicians will play for the evening. Come along and enjoy the entertainment.

A Collection held for Arles Graveyard Restoration Fund.

Your support would be appreciated.



### St Brigid's

3-day Pilgrimage to Lough Derg 2025

Wed 13th Aug – Fri 15th Aug.

Bus pick ups at Monasterevin, Kildare, Newbridge, Naas, Sallins, Clane, Kilcock, Maynooth and Dunboyne M3 park and ride. For information and bookings: Tel Joe 0872467594 or email [deirdregleeson@medwise.ie](mailto:deirdregleeson@medwise.ie)

