



First reading

A reading from the prophet Habakkuk

How long, O Lord, am I to cry for help while you will not listen; to cry 'Oppression!' in your ear and you will not save? Why do you set injustice before me, why do you look on where there is tyranny? Outrage and violence, this is all I see, all is contention, and discord flourishes. Then the Lord answered and said, 'Write the vision down, inscribe it on tablets to be easily read, since this vision is for its own time only: eager for its own fulfilment, it does not deceive; if it comes slowly, wait, for come it will, without fail. See how he flags, he whose soul is not at rights, but the upright man will live by his faithfulness.'

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Response: O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.

Second reading

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

I am reminding you to fan into a flame the gift that God gave you when I laid my hands on you. God's gift was not a spirit of timidity, but the Spirit of power, and love, and self-control. So you are never to be ashamed

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of witnessing to the Lord, or ashamed of me for being his prisoner; but with me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God. Keep as your pattern the sound teaching you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. You have been trusted to look after something precious; guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Speak, Lord, your servant is listening: you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

The apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith.' The Lord replied, 'Were your faith the size of a mustard seed you could say to this mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted in the sea," and it would obey you.

'Which of you, with a servant ploughing or minding sheep, would say to him when he returned from the fields, "Come and have your meal immediately"? Would he not be more likely to say, "Get my supper laid; make yourself tidy and wait on me while I eat and drink. You can eat and drink yourself afterwards"? Must he be grateful to the servant for doing what he was told? So with you: when you have done all you have been told to do, say, "We are merely servants: we have done no more than our duty."'

The Gospel of the Lord



ARLES DOONANE PARISH NEWSLETTER

SERVING ARLES, BALLYLINAN, DOONANE, KILLEEN AND MAYO

5th October 2025 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reflection



I used to be a terrible worrier. You know the type. Somebody who actually worries about not worrying! I have improved hugely however. It would

be hard not to as time, experience and faith have stood me well. Virtually all of the things I have ever worried about have never become a reality and for this I am grateful.

Generally, I have always liked to believe I am quite rational, but the head and the heart can sometimes be at odds with one another, so when I was in my 'worry maze' the reasoning side of me always knew that my worries, in the main, were idle, but a tiny, annoying voice would say 'maybe this time'. That's where wonderful friends come in. I am blessed to have lots of truly genuine people in my life who 'tell it as it is'.

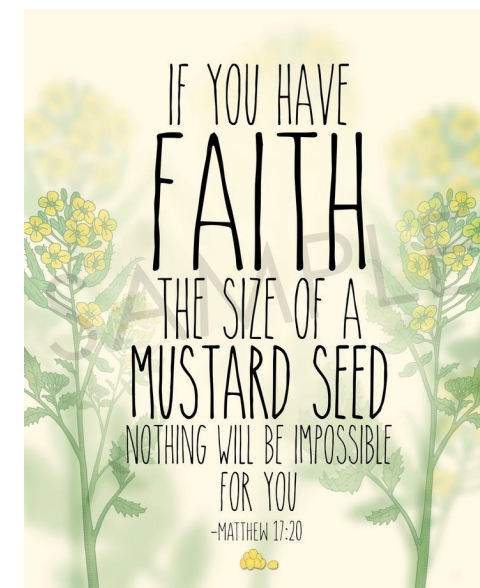
A lovely friend of mine once berated me for 'worry worming'. He was a man of faith, and during a telling off from him (a necessary one!) he said, 'For God's sake Sally, would you listen to yourself: You talk a lot about your faith but you are certainly not putting it into action. Absence of faith is fear and absence of fear is faith. Take a minute to process this. Good isn't it? That simple but

hugely profound sentence has come to my rescue time and again and I would go so far as to say that it is the reason I don't really worry any more.

Because I do have the incredible gift that faith is, and, as in Luke, it has increased my joy, my serenity and my peace. Every prayer is an act of faith in God and faith that whatever happens in this life, God and I will deal with it together. To me, faith and gratitude are the best insurance policies against getting trapped in the insidious net of worry.

Don't worry.... Have FAITH! And wonderful friends!

- A story by Sally



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

We pray for: Breda Byrne, Killabban who died during the past week.

Anniversaries for 5 October 2025

Ballylinan (7pm): Margaret & Robert Hutchinson

Doonane (8pm):

Killeen (9am): May McDonald

Kathleen & John Flanagan

Arles (10am):

Mayo (11.30am):

Anniversaries for 12 October 2025

Ballylinan (7pm): John & Mary Dunne

Cathy Griffiths

Peggy Byrne, Ballycorman (Months Mind)

Doonane (8pm):

Killeen (9am): Niamh O'Reilly (Months Mind)

Mick Wall, Gurteen

Arles (10am): Helena (Lena) Scully, Ballinakill, Ballickmoyler (Months Mind)

Mayo (11.30am):

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord



St Luke's Hospital

Annual Remembrance Mass

St. Luke's General Hospital, Kilkenny Annual Remembrance Mass will take place on Tuesday 21st October at 7:30pm in St. Canice's Parish Church, Kilkenny R95 V440. It is an opportunity for families and loved ones of patients who have died in the hospital to come together pray and remembrance.

All are welcome to attend.



Ardough National School

Quiz Night

Sheerin's Bar, The Ridge (R93 W642)

Friday 7th November at 8pm

€40 per table of 4

Raffle on the night in aid of the school



Marriage Enrichment Weekend

Date: Nov. 7th-9th

Focolare Centre, Prosperous, Co. Kildare.

For booking: www.marriageencounter.ie

Prayers for the Pre-Synodal Assembly of the Catholic Church in Ireland



The Synodal Pathway
of the Catholic Church in Ireland

All Catholics are invited to pray for a special gathering that

will take place in Kilkenny on 18 October, called a Pre-Synodal Assembly of the Catholic Church in Ireland. This assembly is an important juncture on the journey towards a National Synodal Assembly to be held in 2026. Around 240 people will be in attendance and these are drawn from each diocese on the island, Religious Congregations and Church movements. A preparatory document, entitled Baptised and Sent - the fruits of listening sessions across Ireland last spring - will be the basis for discussion at this gathering, and for the next stage of the journey of renewal. Central to the document is a renewed focus on baptism as the foundation of our Christian dignity, unity, and mission and how baptism infuses the life and mission of the Church in Ireland today and into the future. You are invited to read this document by visiting www.synod.ie/baptised-and-sent-preparatory-document-available-now/

Please pray that the Holy Spirit will guide the conversations at Kilkenny, and those flowing from it, as we walk together as sisters and brothers of Christ, united by our baptism and filled with hope.



Lotto Results

30th September 2025

Winning Numbers

2 18 28 30

Jackpot €7,100

Jackpot - No Winner

Lucky Dip €20 - Ann Wheatley

Lucky Dip €20 - Brian Og O'Sullivan

Lucky Dip €20 - Michael Jordan

Lucky Dip €20 - John Delaney

Next Weeks Jackpot €7,150

Thank you for your continued support.

1st September – 4th October 2025

"Future generations will never forgive us if we miss the opportunity to protect our common home. We have inherited a garden; we must not leave a desert for our children." Joint statement from Pope Francis, the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew and Archbishop Justin Welby of Canterbury.

This year's Season of Creation has as its theme "Peace with Creation", inspired by the passage from Isaiah 32:14-18; "My people will abide in a peaceful habitation, in secure dwellings, and in quiet resting places." In a world of challenges and division, marked by war and climate change, how can we as people of faith create and work towards peace with creation? Every one of us has a part of play.

For more details: www.catholicbishops.ie/season-of-creation-2025



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