First reading

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

A shoot springs from the stock of Jesse, a scion thrusts from his roots: on him the spirit of the Lord rests, a spirit of wisdom and insight, a spirit of counsel and power, a spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord. (The fear of the Lord is his breath.) He does not judge by appearances, he gives no verdict on hearsay, but judges the wretched with integrity, and with equity gives a verdict for the poor of the land. His word is a rod that strikes the ruthless, his sentences bring death to the wicked. Integrity is the loincloth round his waist, faithfulness the belt about his hips. The wolf lives with the lamb, the panther lies down with the kid, calf and lion feed together, with a little boy to lead them. The cow and the bear make friends, their young lie down together. The lion eats straw like the ox. The infant plays over the cobra's hole; into the viper's lair the young child puts his hand. They do no hurt, no harm, on all my holy mountain, for the country is filled with the knowledge of the Lord as the waters swell the sea. That day, the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples. It will be sought out by the nations and its home will be glorious.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm:

Response: In his days justice shall flourish, and peace till the moon fails.

Second reading

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

Everything that was written long ago in the scriptures was meant to teach us something about hope from the examples scripture gives of how people who did not give up were helped by God. And may he who helps us when we refuse to give up, help you all to be tolerant with each other, following the example of Christ Jesus, so that united in mind and

voice you may give glory to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. It can only be to God's glory, then, for you to treat each other in the same friendly way as Christ treated you. The reason Christ became the servant of circumcised Jews was not only so that God could faithfully carry out the promises made to the patriarchs, it was also to get the pagans to give glory to God for his mercy, as scripture says in one place: For this I shall praise you among the pagans and sing to your name.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

In due course John the Baptist appeared; he preached in the wilderness of Judaea and this was his message: 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' This was the man the prophet Isaiah spoke of when he said: A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight. This man John wore a garment made of camel-hair with a leather belt round his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judaea and the whole Jordan district made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. But when he saw a number of Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism he said to them, 'Brood of vipers, who warned you to fly from the retribution that is coming? But if you are repentant, produce the appropriate fruit, and do not presume to tell yourselves, "We have Abraham for our father," because, I tell you, God can raise children for Abraham from these stones. Even now the axe is laid to the roots of the trees, so that any tree which fails to produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown on the fire. I baptise you in water for repentance, but the one who follows me is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to carry his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand; he will clear his threshing-floor and gather his wheat into the barn: but the chaff he will burn in a fire that



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SERVING ARLES, BALLYLINAN, DOONANE, KILLEEN AND MAYO

2nd Sunday of Advent

7th December 2025

The Two Parts of Advent:

Part 1: up until December 16

While most liturgical seasons have the gospel as their main focus, during the first weeks of Advent, the Church gives us daily readings from the prophet Isaiah. With the eyes of faith, these foretell the coming of the Messiah. Rather than a continuous gospel narrative familiar to us for most of the year, this part of Advent offers a wide variety of gospel readings that support



the first reading of the day. After almost two weeks of Isaiah readings, we hear the foretelling of a Messiah from other prophets from the Hebrew scriptures - in Sirach, Numbers, Zephaniah and returning to Isaiah. With each passing week, the prophets speak more clearly of the coming of a Saviour. So, in reading the first reading, for the first part of Advent, we listen to the anticipation, expectation, hope and promise. In listening to the second reading, we listen for the fulfilment or connection with the gospel.

Part 2: December 17 - 24

In these last eight days before Christmas, the relationship between the readings changes. Now the gospel brings us to our celebration of Christmas. The gospels are taken from the infancy narratives of Matthew and Luke. Each of these days, the first reading is taken from the Hebrew scriptures, and chosen to match the gospel. In many cases we can imagine Matthew or Luke having the first reading open on their desks while they wrote the gospel. So, we can read the gospel first and then read the first reading. The sense of anticipation and fulfilment builds as we read the story of the preparation for Jesus' first coming into this world for us.



In Memoriam

Anniversaries for 07 December 2025

Luke Renehan (3rd Anniversary) Ballylinan (7pm):

Delia & Patrick Fitzpatrick

Doonane (8pm): Bridget Carpenter, Farnans

(3rd Anniversary)

Killeen (9am): Bridie Moran (2nd Anniversary)

Rita & Mick Farrell

Arles (10am): May & Paddy Nolan

Sean Kenna

Michael & Kitty Browne, Ballinakill

Betty Byrne, Ballickmoyler

& deceased members of the Hurley family, Aughanure.

Mayo (11.30am): Seamus & Noreen Graham,

Tolerton

Anniversaries for 14 December 2025

Ballylinan (7pm): Delia Murphy (1st Anniversary)

John & Niall McDonald

Phyllis Flynn

Doonane (8pm):

Killeen (9am): Breda Whelan, Hollymount

Arles (10am):

Mayo (11.30am): Mary Phelan, Drummagh

Tom Brennan, Leeds, formerly of Monavea

Eternal rest grant unto them. O Lord

Safeguarding

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#HaveYourSav about vour Catholic School

The current Department of Education survey on the future of patronage in the primary schools will deter-

mine what schools will divest. As this survey is school specific and it relates directly to your school, this is an opportunity for all members of the school communities to 'have their say' and help shape the direction of your school for the next generation.

It is important that those who wish for a change in patronage would have their voices heard. It is equally important that those who are already satisfied with the current patronage model and who wish for a Catholic Education for their children, including sacramental preparation within school, would have their voices heard also.

For these reasons, and to ensure that an accurate picture emerges, you are invited to participate in this survey if you are a parent, guardian or a prospective parent of a primary school student. Decisions on what schools will retain or lose their Catholic patronage will be influenced by the expressed opinions of those who participate in this survey. Therefore, your opinion and the values you hold dear are important, and your voice needs to be heard about your local school. Please take a few minutes to complete the survey.

The closing date is 16th December 2025.

The survey may be accessed at: www.gov.ie/primaryschoolsurvey

Bishop Denis Nulty

18 November 2025

Signed Christmas Mass Cards Available in the Parish Office

While stocks last



Feast of the Immaculate Conception

8th December.

Mass for the Holy Day:

10am Arles



Clothes Collection

Arles NS Parents' Association are holding a clothes collection on Thursday Dec 11th. Clothes may be dropped into

the school from Monday Dec 8th until Thursday morning at 9.30am. Money raised goes towards Arles NS and LauraLynn Children's Hospice.

The following items are accepted: Adult's & Children's Clothes, paired shoes, Hats, Handbags, Scarves, Belts, Ties, Bra s. Socks and Jewellery.



Arles Altar Society

Thank you to all who contributed to recent collection. Total collected €609.80

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Lotto Results

2nd December 2025

Winning Numbers

26

Jackpot €7,550

Jackpot - No Winner

Lucky Dip €20 - Matt Kelly

Lucky Dip €20 - Paul Delaney

Lucky Dip €20 - Jason Dunne

Lucky Dip €20 - John Delaney

Next Weeks Jackpot €7,600



Crettvard GAA Club AGM

In the Clubhouse 8.30pm Thurs 11th Dec

We ask everyone to come and have their say. Many hands make light work and we're always looking for people to come and help out. Old or young there's a place in our club for you.



Christmas Whist Drive

In Arles Hall Thursday 11th Dec. 8.15pm

Prizes: Top Score €70



Many other prizes

Bumper Raffle on the Night



Ballylinan Church this Weekend



6th December

Please give generously.