

## First reading

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

‘Doom for the shepherds who allow the flock of my pasture to be destroyed and scattered – it is the Lord who speaks! This, therefore, is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says about the shepherds in charge of my people: You have let my flock be scattered and go wandering and have not taken care of them.

Right, I will take care of you for your misdeeds – it is the Lord who speaks! But the remnant of my flock I myself will gather from all the countries where I have dispersed them, and will bring them back to their pastures: they shall be fruitful and increase in numbers. I will raise up shepherds to look after them and pasture them; no fear, no terror for them any more; not one shall be lost – it is the Lord who speaks!

‘See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I will raise a virtuous Branch for David, who will reign as true king and be wise, practising honesty and integrity in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel dwell in confidence. And this is the name he will be called: The-Lord-our-integrity.’

*The Word of the Lord*

**Response:** The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

## Second Reading:

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

In Christ Jesus, you that used to be so far apart from us have been brought very close, by the blood of Christ. For he is the peace between us, and has made the two into one and broken down the barrier which used to keep them

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apart, actually destroying in his own person the hostility caused by the rules and decrees of the Law. This was to create one single New Man in himself out of the two of them and by restoring peace through the cross, to unite them both in a single Body and reconcile them with God: in his own person he killed the hostility. Later he came to bring the good news of peace, peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near at hand. Through him, both of us have in the one Spirit our way to come to the Father.

*The Word of the Lord.*

## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice, says the Lord, I know them and they follow me. Alleluia!

## Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

The apostles rejoined Jesus and told him all they had done and taught. Then he said to them, ‘You must come away to some lonely place all by yourselves and rest for a while’; for there were so many coming and going that the apostles had no time even to eat. So they went off in a boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But people saw them going, and many could guess where; and from every town they all hurried to the place on foot and reached it before them. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and he set himself to teach them at some length.

*The Gospel of the Lord*



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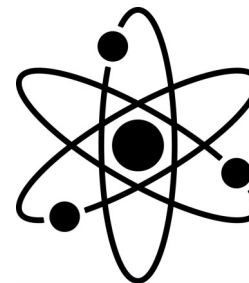
16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Georges Lemaître, priest, astronomer & cosmologist

*The anniversary of the birth of Georges Lemaître took place during this past week.*

Georges Lemaître, (born July 17, 1894, Charleroi, Belgium—died June 20, 1966, Leuven), Belgian astronomer and cosmologist who formulated the modern big-bang theory, which holds that the universe began in a cataclysmic explosion of a small, primeval “super-atom.”

A civil engineer, Lemaître served as an artillery officer in the Belgian Army during World War I. After the war he entered a seminary and in 1923 was ordained a priest. He studied at the University of Cambridge’s solar physics laboratory (1923–24) and then at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge (1925–27), where he became acquainted with the findings of the American astronomers Edwin P. Hubble and Harlow Shapley on the expanding universe. In 1927, the year he became professor of astrophysics at the Catholic University of Leuven (Louvain), he proposed his big-bang theory, which explained the recession of the galaxies within the framework of Albert Einstein’s theory of general relativity. Although expanding models of the universe had been considered earlier, notably by the Dutch astronomer Willem de Sitter, Lemaître’s theory, as modified by George Gamow, has become the leading theory of cosmology.



Lemaître also did research on cosmic rays and on the three-body problem, which concerns the mathematical description of the motion of three mutually attracting bodies in space. His works include *Discussion sur l’évolution de l’univers* (1933; “Discussion on the Evolution of the Universe”) and *L’Hypothèse de l’atome primitif* (1946; *The Primeval Atom: An Essay on Cosmogony*).

<https://www.britannica.com/biography/Georges-Lemaitre>

# In Memoriam

**We pray for:** Michael Kane, Tennisrath, Ballickmoyler who died during this past week.

## Anniversaries for 17 / 18 July

Killeen (9am): William & Peggy Ryan  
Arles (10am): Eileen & Willie Keightley  
Brid Scanlan  
Ballylinan (8pm): Margaret Davis, Milltown Rd.  
(11.30am): Anne O'Meara  
Annie Wynn Varnham  
(1st Anniv)

## Anniversaries for 24 / 25 July

Killeen (9am): John Condron  
Arles (10am): James O'Rourke (60th Anniv.)  
Ballylinan (8pm):  
(11.30am): Seamus Morris (6th Anniv.)  
Denis Hyland, Boley



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## Parish Donations

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### Weekly Collections

#### Sunday 11th July

Arles:	Offertory	€126.77
	Envelope	€220.00
Ballylinan:	Offertory	€250.20
	Envelope	€260.70
Killeen:	Offertory	€102.00
	Envelope	€257.00

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

### Safeguarding

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

Parish Safeguarding Rep: Christine Oglesby (087) 654 6149

## Weekday Mass Schedule

SACRED HEART CHURCH, ARLES

Tues - Fri 10am

Preceded by Rosary at 9.30am



## World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly - Sunday 25 July

Pope Francis has established a World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, which will take place for the first time on Sunday 25 July 2021 on the theme 'I am with you always' (Mt 28:20).

Bishop Denis Nulty, chair of the Bishops' Council for Marriage and the Family has welcomed Pope Francis' World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, as a timely reminder for the whole Church to be close to all the elderly and grandparents at this time of pandemic.

Bishop Nulty said, "There have been so many unsung heroes and heroines during the pandemic – grandparents and elders, including our older priests and religious – all who are to be applauded for how they have coped with the challenges and uncertainty brought about by the Covid-19 pandemic. As a society we have learned a lot from their stoicism and pragmatism in the face of so many challenges.

"In the text of his inaugural message Pope Francis expands on this theme and assures us that he has been close to all those who have felt isolated and alone in recent months and that, even at the darkest of moments, the Lord continues to send angels to console our loneliness and to remind us that 'He is with us always'. Pope Francis tells us that these angels sent to console us will at times have the face of our grandchildren, while at other times, the face of family members, lifelong friends or those we have come to know during these trying times, when we have learned how important hugs and visits are for each of us."

## The Lough Derg Pilgrim Path



The Lough Derg Pilgrim Path on the lough shore is now open daily. The full route is a 12km loop, with a shorter 8km option, and several information boards highlight features of particular interest. Leaflets are available at the Visitors Centre.

A guided walk experience will be offered on Sunday 25th and Saturday 31st July, with Mass outdoors, weather permitting. Further dates for these guided walks will follow for late August and early September.

For bookings and further information email [info@loughderg.org](mailto:info@loughderg.org) or telephone 0 (0353) 71 9861518.

[www.loughderg.org](http://www.loughderg.org)



The Eist Cancer Support Centre continues to provide emotional support and practical help to anyone affected by cancer, their families and carers.

For more details on the services available please contact us on 085 8661499 or email [info@eistcarlowcancersupport.ie](mailto:info@eistcarlowcancersupport.ie).

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*For latest notices; scripture readings for each day and the following Sunday; mass times; photo galleries; contact numbers; donation details to support our parish; advice on preparing for sacraments etc.*

