

## First reading

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Say to all faint hearts,

‘Courage! Do not be afraid.

Look, your God is coming,

vengeance is coming,

the retribution of God;

he is coming to save you.’

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,

the ears of the deaf unsealed,

then the lame shall leap like a deer

and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy;

for water gushes in the desert,

streams in the wasteland,

the scorched earth becomes a lake,

the parched land springs of water.

*The Word of the Lord*

**Response:** My soul, give praise to the Lord.

## Second Reading:

A reading from the letter of St. James.

My brothers, do not try to combine faith in Jesus Christ, our glorified Lord, with the making of distinctions between classes of people. Now suppose a man comes into your synagogue, beautifully dressed and with a gold ring on, and at the same time a poor man comes in, in shabby clothes, and you take notice of the well-dressed man, and say, ‘Come this way to the best seats’; then you tell the poor man, ‘Stand over there’ or ‘You can sit on the floor by my foot-rest.’ Can’t you see that you have

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used two different standards in your mind, and turned yourselves into judges, and corrupt judges at that? Listen, my dear brothers: it was those who are poor according to the world that God chose, to be rich in faith and to be the heirs to the kingdom which he promised to those who love him.

*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 Mark

Returning from the district of Tyre, Jesus went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, right through the Decapolis region. And they brought him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they asked him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, put his fingers into the man’s ears and touched his tongue with spittle. Then looking up to heaven he sighed; and he said to him, ‘Ephphatha’, that is, ‘Be opened.’ And his ears were opened, and the ligament of his tongue was loosened and he spoke clearly. And Jesus ordered them to tell no one about it, but the more he insisted, the more widely they published it. Their admiration was unbounded. ‘He has done all things well,’ they said ‘he makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.’

*The Gospel of the Lord*



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05th September 2021

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

## The Celebration of First Holy Communion & Confirmation

### Sacramental Schedule

#### Saturday 25th September

*Confirmation*

11 am Arles

1pm Killeen

#### Saturday 2nd October

*First Holy Communion*

10.30am Ballylinan

12 noon Ballylinan

2pm Killeen

#### Sunday 3rd October

*First Holy Communion*

10am Arles

#### Saturday 9th October

*Confirmation*

11am, 12 noon & 1pm

Ballylinan (3 ceremonies)

Last Tuesday saw the government communicate the good news that it is now safe to gather and celebrate First Holy Communion and Confirmation in parishes throughout the country.



It has been a long wait for everyone but most especially for our young people and their families who can now enjoy their special day.

It is lovely that these elements of parish life are restored but it is also important that we proceed with due care for everyone. With that in mind our ceremonies will be modelled on the celebrations we had last September i.e. smaller gatherings that will enable a greater degree of social distancing. To achieve this end we will celebrate more ceremonies than in a typical year: five Confirmation ceremonies rather than two; and four First Communion ceremonies rather than three. The continued wearing of facemasks will also be required. We hope these measures will make our gatherings safer and also reassure all involved.



As a parish we keep those preparing for the sacraments in our prayers — may they know the Lord’s continued love and blessing in their young lives.

## In Memoriam

### Anniversaries for 04 Sept / 05 Sept

Killeen (9am): Michael Fitzpatrick (Months Mind)  
 Arles (10am): Fr. Edward Kennedy  
 Sheila Graham  
 Ballylinan (8pm):  
 (11.30am): Mary Flanagan

### Anniversaries for 11 Sept / 12 Sept

Killeen (9am): Peggy Lennon  
 Arles (10am): Danny Brennan  
 & Br. Damien Brennan

Ballylinan (8pm):  
 (11.30am):

### Anniversaries for 18 Sept / 19 Sept

Killeen (9am):  
 Arles (10am):  
 Ballylinan (8pm):  
 (11.30am): Maureen, Jimmy & Mary Doyle,  
 Carlow Road

## Weekly Collections

Sunday 29th August

Arles:	Offertory	€137.70
	Envelope	€201.00
Ballylinan:	Offertory	€251.09
	Envelope	€176.00
Killeen:	Offertory	€102.27
	Envelope	€111.00

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

Guided Pilgrimages on the Lough Derg Pilgrim Path will be offered on Sunday 12th, Wednesday 15th, Saturday 18th & Sunday 26th September and Sunday 3rd October, with Mass outdoors, weather permitting.

The full route is a 12km loop, with a shorter 8km option. Advance booking is essential.

For further information email [info@loughderg.org](mailto:info@loughderg.org) or telephone 071 9861518. [www.loughderg.org](http://www.loughderg.org)



## Birthday of Our Lady

8th September

Laity are encouraged to mark the occasion of the birthday of Our Lady by publicly reciting the rosary at 6pm on Wednesday 8th September before an image of, or at a shrine of, Our Lady.

(in compliance with COVID-19 regulations)



## SEASON OF CREATION

SEASON OF CREATION 2021: ONE SIMPLE STEP YOU CAN TAKE TODAY

The theme for the Season of Creation 2021 is 'Restoring Our Common Home'. During this season we are asked to join together to celebrate creation and protect our common home through prayer, reflection and action. You can find plenty of resources to mark this month at [www.kandle.ie](http://www.kandle.ie)

This year we celebrate this season mindful of the fact that our world continues to deal with the Covid-19 pandemic as well as a devastating climate and biodiversity crisis. We look towards two UN Conferences in the Autumn, COP15 (on Biodiversity, due to take place in China) and COP24 (on climate change, Glasgow) in the hope that world leaders take the urgent action that is needed to Restore Our Common Home.

Catholics are urged to log on to [www.thecatholicpetition.org](http://www.thecatholicpetition.org)

to sign the "Healthy Planet Healthy People" petition as a key action for this year's Season of Creation.

## Feast Days During the Week

**Wednesday 08th Sept: Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

**Thursday 09th Sept: St. Ciaran**

*Ciarán was born in around 516 in County Roscommon. His father was a carpenter and chariot maker. As a boy, Ciarán worked as a cattle herder. He was a student of Finian's at Clonard and in time became a teacher, himself. Columba of Iona said of Ciarán, "He was a lamp, blazing with the light of wisdom." In about 534, he left Clonard for Inishmore where he studied under Enda of Aran, who ordained him a priest and advised him to build a church and monastery in the middle of Ireland. In 544, he finally settled in Clonmacnoise, where he founded the Monastery of Clonmacnoise with ten fellow companions. As abbot, he worked on the first buildings of the monastery; however, he died about seven months later of a plague, in his early thirties.*

**Friday 10th Sept: St. Peter Claver**

As a sixteenth century Spanish Jesuit priest and faithful servant of the oppressed, his apostolate extended beyond his care for slaves. He became a moral force, indeed, the Apostle of Cartagena. He preached in the city square and gave missions to sailors, traders, and country missions. He avoided, when possible, the hospitality of the planters and owners and instead lodged in the slave quarters. He died on September 8, 1654.

*This issue of our Parish Newsletter is a Double Issue—no newsletter will be printed next week.*

## Migrant Sunday Collection

Migrant Sunday takes place on the 26th of September. This year we are holding a collection to support the work of the Irish Episcopal Council for Emigrants (IECE) who provides grant funding to Irish organisations overseas working with the most vulnerable of our emigrant community; from the elderly and isolated to the undocumented and those dealing with mental health problems.

## Parish Office & Shop

*The Parish Office will be closed for summer holidays for two weeks. It will reopen on Tuesday 21st September at 10am.*