

First reading

A reading from the book of Genesis

The Lord said, 'How great an outcry there is against Sodom and Gomorrah! How grievous is their sin! I propose to go down and see whether or not they have done all that is alleged in the outcry against them that has come up to me. I am determined to know.' The men left there and went to Sodom while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. Approaching him he said, 'Are you really going to destroy the just man with the sinner? Perhaps there are fifty just men in the town. Will you really overwhelm them, will you not spare the place for the fifty just men in it? Do not think of doing such a thing: to kill the just man with the sinner, treating just and sinner alike! Do not think of it! Will the judge of the whole earth not administer justice?' the Lord replied, 'If at Sodom I find fifty just men in the town, I will spare the whole place because of them.' Abraham replied, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this to my Lord, I who am dust and ashes. But perhaps the fifty just men lack five: will you destroy the whole city for five?' 'No,' he replied 'I will not destroy it if I find forty-five just men there.' Again Abraham said to him, 'Perhaps there will only be forty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'for the sake of the forty.' Abraham said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry, but give me leave to speak: perhaps there will only be thirty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'if I find thirty there.' He said, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this, but perhaps there will only be twenty there.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the twenty.' He said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry if I speak once more: perhaps there will only be ten.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the ten.'

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Response: On the day I called, you answered me, O Lord.

Second Reading

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

You have been buried with Christ, when you were baptised; and by baptism, too, you have been raised up with him through your belief in the power of God who raised

him from the dead. You were dead, because you were sinners and had not been circumcised: he has brought you to life with him, he has forgiven us all our sins. He has overridden the Law, and cancelled every record of the debt that we had to pay; he has done away with it by nailing it to the cross.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! The Word was made flesh and lived among us: to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God. Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Once Jesus was in a certain place praying, and when he had finished one of his disciples said, 'Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.' He said to them, 'Say this when you pray: "Father, may your name be held holy, your kingdom come; give us each day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive each one who is in debt to us. And do not put us to the test."' He also said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend and goes to him in the middle of the night to say, "My friend, lend me three loaves, because a friend of mine on his travels has just arrived at my house and I have nothing to offer him"; and the man answers from inside the house, "Do not bother me. The door is bolted now, and my children and I are in bed; I cannot get up to give it you." I tell you, if the man does not get up and give it him for friendship's sake, persistence will be enough to make him get up and give his friend all he wants. 'So I say to you: Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you. For the one who asks always receives; the one who searches always finds; the one who knocks will always have the door opened to him. What father among you would hand his son a stone when he asked for bread? Or hand him a snake instead of a fish? Or hand him a scorpion if he asked for an egg? If you then, who are evil, know how to give your children what is good, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'

The Gospel of the Lord



CONTACT



ARLES, BALLYLINAN & KILLEEN NEWSLETTER

Parish Website: arlesparish.ie

24th July 2022

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

REFLECTION

Often I pray to St Anthony and I find what I was looking for. I can't understand why, but it brings up the question of praying for what we want and need. People pray hard for an intention; some pray for ages and are answered, some are not.

We often pray for what may be outside God's control – that someone may give up drink but the person may not want to; that children will be kept safe on the roads but they are killed or injured with the careless and dangerous driving of someone else, maybe under addictive influence.

Mystery

We are encouraged always to pray with hope and persistence, believing that we always get something. In the asking is the receiving and we never leave prayer worse off than when we began.

Any time we give to prayer we get something. We are transformed. St Ignatius speaks of the effect of prayer – an increase in faith, hope and love. We may not get the specific intention but we always get the Holy Spirit. I have never left prayer the poorer than when I went. Knock and the door will be opened ...in the knocking itself something is opened. In asking and seeking we get something. The first gift of prayer is the love of God. Other gifts follow.

Trust

Prayer increases our trust in God. That he wants what is for our good and is with us in love.

So we pray for what we need and then leave the prayer with God, to be answered as he can. This is one of the greatest faiths of all.

Our Father, holy be your name, Your kingdom come and will be done within me and in earth and heaven.

Donal Neary SJ



In Memoriam

Anniversaries for 24 July 2022

Killeen (9am):	John Condron
Arles (10am):	Majella Brophy (1st Anniv.) Willie & Eileen Keightley & their daughter Breda Scanlan
Ballylinan (8pm):	Margaret Davis, Milltown Road. Walter Freeman, Borris
(11.30am):	Seamus Morris

Anniversaries for 31 July 2022

Killeen (9am):	Michael Fitzpatrick (1st Anniversary) Lily Byrne, Grange.
Arles (10am):	Jimmy & Edward Graham
Ballylinan (8pm):	
(11.30am):	Edmond Hogan, The Pike.

Safeguarding

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

Parish Safeguarding Rep: Christine Oglesby (087) 654 6149



Baptisms in August

Ballylinan: Sun. 7th Aug
Killeen: Sat. 20th Aug at 12pm.

Arles: Sat. 20th Aug at 1pm.

Please contact the Parish Office (059) 862 5456 with your details.

Dates for your Diary

Graveyard/Cemetery Masses

Arles - Friday 12th August at 7.30pm
Ballylinan - Friday 19th August at 7.30pm
Killeen - Friday 16th September at 7.30pm



Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord



Weekly Collections

Sunday 17th July

Arles:	Offertory	€ 206.52
	Envelope	€ 248.00
Ballylinan:	Offertory	€ 191.03
	Envelope	€ 212.00
Killeen:	Offertory	€ 177.81
	Envelope	€ 206.00

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

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Cardiac Rehab Podcast



“It’s Cardiac Rehab” – A podcast series bringing together experts in cardiac rehab and patients who have attended cardiac rehabilitation.

Topics included are exercise, medication, healthy eating and the psychological impact of living with heart disease.

If you have had a cardiovascular event such as a heart attack, coronary artery stenting or coronary artery bypass surgery – log onto <https://irishheart.ie/services-for-you/its-cardiac-rehab-podcast/> for information and support.

PSALM 28:7

“The Lord is my strength and my shield. My heart trusts in him. I was helped, my heart rejoiced, and I thank him with my song.”



Reek Sunday 2022

The annual Reek Sunday pilgrimage takes place on Sunday July 31st at Croagh Patrick. Confessions on the summit 7:30am - 2:00pm. Mass hourly from 8:00am - 2.00pm

Eucharistic Adoration

Come Worship the Lord

Conducted time of Adoration in St. Anne’s Church, Ballylinan from 7 to 9pm each Friday.

So, come let us give thanks to the Lord.



Whist Drive

In Arles Hall

Every Thursday Night 8.30pm

Prizes & Raffle on the Night



All welcome!



Congratulations and good wishes to:

Emma Hosey & Jodie Skelton

who were married on 14th July 2022

in St. Abban's Church, Killeen.



We wish you many more happy years together and God’s blessing in your home.



CARLOW COLLEGE
ST. PATRICK'S
Third Level Education

Delany Archive

The Delany Archive is delighted to hold an online lecture on the topic of education during the episcopate of Dr James Doyle, Bishop of Kildare & Leighlin (1819-1834).

This lecture is part of Heritage Week and will take place on Thursday, 18 August 2022, between 7-8.30pm.

More information can be found at <https://www.heritageweek.ie/event-listings/bishop-james-doyle-and-education-2>