

## First reading

A reading from the first book of Samuel



Samuel was lying in the sanctuary of the Lord, where the ark of God was, when the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' He answered, 'Here I am.' Then he ran to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' Eli said, 'I did not call. Go back and lie down.' So he went and lay down. Once again the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' He replied, 'I did not call you, my son; go back and lie down.' Samuel had as yet no knowledge of the Lord and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. Once again the Lord called, the third time. He got up and went to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' Eli then understood that it was the Lord who was calling the boy, and he said to Samuel, 'Go and lie down, and if someone calls say, "Speak, Lord, your servant is listening."' So Samuel went and lay down in his place. The Lord then came and stood by, calling as he had done before, 'Samuel! Samuel!' Samuel answered, 'Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.' Samuel grew up and the Lord was with him and let no word of his fall to the ground.

The Word of the Lord

## Responsorial Psalm

Response: Here I am, Lord! I come to do your will.

## Second reading

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

The body is not meant for fornication: it is for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. God, who raised the Lord from the dead, will by his power raise us up too. You know, surely, that your bodies are members making up the body of Christ;

## TODAY'S MASS READINGS

do you think I can take parts of Christ's body and join them to the body of a prostitute? Never! But anyone who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with him. Keep away from fornication. All the other sins are committed outside the body; but to fornicate is to sin against your own body. Your body, you know, is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you since you received him from God. You are not your own property; you have been bought and paid for. That is why you should use your body for the glory of God.

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 John

As John stood with two of his disciples, Jesus passed, and John stared hard at him and said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God.' Hearing this, the two disciples followed Jesus. Jesus turned round, saw them following and said, 'What do you want?' They answered, 'Rabbi,' – which means Teacher – 'where do you live?' 'Come and see' he replied; so they went and saw where he lived, and stayed with him the rest of that day. It was about the tenth hour. One of these two who became followers of Jesus after hearing what John had said was Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter. Early next morning, Andrew met his brother and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' – which means the Christ – and he took Simon to Jesus. Jesus looked hard at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John; you are to be called Cephas' – meaning Rock.

The Gospel of the Lord



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Parish Website: arlesparish.ie

14th January 2024

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

## WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 18-25 JANUARY 2024

Gracious God,

You who are the source of all love and goodness:

enable us to see the needs of our neighbour.

Show us what we can do to bring about healing.

Change us, so that we can love all our brothers and sisters.

Help us to overcome the obstacles of division,  
that we might build a world of peace for the common good.

Thank you for renewing your Creation  
and leading us to a future which is full of hope:  
you who are Lord of all, yesterday, today and forever. Amen



## 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:** Michael Byrne, late of Ballickmoyler - his Requiem Mass was celebrated in Arles during the week.

### Anniversaries for 14 January '24

**Killeen (9am):** Kathleen Dunne & deceased members of the Dunne family, Killabban.

Mick & Angela Wall, Gurteen

**Arles (10am):** Grace Boran (Months Mind)

Edward Doogue (19th anniversary)

**Ballylinan (7.30pm):** Eamon Behan

(11.30am):

**Tuesday (10am):** Bridget Molly Graham, Turra, Ballickmoyler

### Anniversaries for 21 January '24

**Killeen (9am):**

**Arles (10am):** Willie & Margaret Brennan

Joe & Kathleen Brennan

Margaret Brennan

Vincent Brennan & Brother Damien Brennan

**Ballylinan (7.30pm):**

(11.30am):

## Athy Community Arts Centre

are delighted to welcome Margaret Brennan with special guest artists, Canadian duo



"The Goddamsels" in concert, Thursday night January 18th at 8pm!!

This promises to be a special night of compelling storytelling, stunning instinctive harmonies and some collaborative numbers featuring both acts!! Any queries contact Athyarts 087 0576713 or email athyarts@gmail.com.

**Scoil Rince Elgar** is running Beginners Irish Dance classes in Arles Parish Hall, every Wednesday at 6pm, new dancers welcome.



For more information contact Kayleigh on 0858847098.



**Songs of Praise** Thanks to all for their extraordinary generosity to UNICEF at the Killeen Carol Service on Friday 22nd December.

A total of €642 was donated on the night.



## Arles N.S Parents' Association

are organising a Clothes Collection on Wednesday, March 13th.



Clothes can be dropped to the school before this date. Please ensure that clothing is of good quality.

All money raised will go towards Arles N.S and a 10% donation will be made to LauraLynn Children's Hospice.

## Carlow Choral Society Rehearsals and Seeking New Members



Following an extremely successful 2023 season, Carlow Choral Society is delighted to announce that they are returning to rehearsals on Monday 08 January in the Cathedral Parish Centre, R93 XV10 at 7:45 pm. An open evening will be held in the same location on Monday 15 January from 7:30 pm. We are seeking new members for the coming season and welcome all voice parts, especially tenors and basses. An ability to read music is an advantage but not a prerequisite, as support is provided.

Discover the benefits of joining our vibrant community choir and being part of a supportive network that fosters wellbeing, collaboration and lifelong connections through singing. For more information about the society visit [www.carlowchoralsociety.net](http://www.carlowchoralsociety.net) or email [carlowchoralsociety@gmail.com](mailto:carlowchoralsociety@gmail.com).

## Safeguarding

DLP: Kathleen Sherry, mobile number 085-8021633 and email: [dlp@kandle.ie](mailto:dlp@kandle.ie)

Parish Safeguarding Rep: Christine Oglesby (087) 654 6149

## Community Employment Scheme

Vacancies

Applications

on [jobsireland.ie](http://jobsireland.ie) and enquiries to CE Supervisor 087 2232515.



Ballylinan Village CES 2311317 – immediate start.

St. Joseph's Cemetery, Ballyadams CES2315966 – immediate start.

The Swan Community Hall & Village CES2311320 – immediate start.

Ballylinan Church & Hall CES2315963 – from 22nd January

Ballylinan Playground & Village CES2311318 – from 29th January

Killeen Hall & Playground CES2311319 – from 29th January

## Arles National School

**Now Enrolling**  
September 2024

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