



## TODAY'S MASS READINGS

### First reading

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

When Saul got to Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him: they could not believe he was really a disciple. Barnabas, however, took charge of him, introduced him to the apostles, and explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul and spoken to him on his journey, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus. Saul now started to go round with them in Jerusalem, preaching fearlessly in the name of the Lord. But after he had spoken to the Hellenists, and argued with them, they became determined to kill him. When the brothers knew, they took him to Caesarea, and sent him off from there to Tarsus. The churches throughout Judaea, Galilee and Samaria were now left in peace, building themselves up, living in the fear of the Lord, and filled with the consolation of the Holy Spirit.

The Word of the Lord

### Responsorial Psalm

Response: You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly.

### Second Reading

A reading from the first letter of St. John.

My children, our love is not to be just words or mere talk, but something real and active; only by this can we be certain that we are children of the truth and be able to quieten our conscience in his presence, whatever accusations it may raise against us, because God is greater than our conscience and he knows everything. My dear people, if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience, we need not be afraid in God's presence, and whatever we ask him, we shall receive, because we keep his commandments and live the kind of life that he wants.

His commandments are these: that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and that we love one another as he told us to. Whoever keeps his commandments lives in God and God lives in him. We know that he lives in us by the Spirit that he has given us.

The Word of the Lord.

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Make your home in me, as I make mine in you. Whoever remains in me bears fruit in plenty. Alleluia!

### Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that bears no fruit he cuts away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes to make it bear even more. You are pruned already, by means of the word that I have spoken to you. Make your home in me, as I make mine in you. As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself, but must remain part of the vine, neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty; for cut off from me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me is like a branch that has been thrown away – he withers; these branches are collected and thrown on the fire, and they are burnt. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask what you will and you shall get it. It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much fruit, and then you will be my disciples.'

The Gospel of the Lord



# CONTACT



ARLES, BALLYLINAN & KILLEEN NEWSLETTER



Parish Website: arlesparish.ie

28th April 2024

5th Sunday of Easter

Good Shepherd,

Teach us to follow you:

to care for all that are close to us,  
to protect those who are threatened,  
to welcome those who are rejected,  
to forgive those who are burdened by guilt,  
to heal those who are broken and sick,  
to share with those who have little or nothing,  
to take the time to really know one another  
and love as you have loved us.



Good Shepherd,

Teach us to follow you:

to spread compassion to those who are far away,  
to speak for those who are voiceless,  
to defend those who are oppressed and abused,  
to work for justice for those who are exploited,  
to make peace for those who suffer violence,  
to take the time to recognise our connectedness,  
and to love as you have loved us.

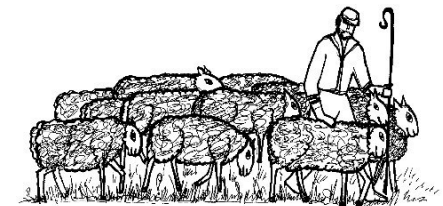
Good Shepherd,

Teach us to follow you

and to be faithful to calling you gave us  
to be shepherds in your name.

Amen.

~ John van de Laar.



## 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

### Anniversaries for 28 April '24

**Killeen (9am):** Jackie Behan (Months Mind)

**Arles (10am):** First Holy Communion

**Ballylinan (8pm):**

**(11.30am):** John & Elizabeth Byrne

### Anniversaries for 05 May '24

**Killeen (9am):** Annie & William Dooley

Edward & Margaret Warren

**Arles (10am):** Patrick & Kathleen Bolton, The Strand

**Ballylinan (8pm):**

**(11.30am):** William Foster (2nd Anniv.)

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM, O LORD



The **Sick and Housebound** in Arles will be attended on Monday morning (29th April). Those in Ballylinan & Killeen will be attended on Tuesday morning (30th April).

If you wish to be included on the Housebound List please contact Mairead in the Parish Office with your details. (059) 862 5456



## March For Life Ireland 2024



Shining A Spotlight On Ireland's Abortion Law And Calling For Positive Supports For Mothers

Our Next March: Save The Date

Bank Holiday Monday, 6th May, 2pm, 2024

Marching In Dublin From St. Stephen's Green To Leinster House.

Join Us In Advocating For Change, Unity, And Empowerment For Mothers And Their Babies. Be A Part Of Something Bigger – Let's Make A Difference Together. Takes place at 2pm on Monday 6th May in Dublin, marching from St Stephens Green to Leinster House



## Kildare & Leighlin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine

Bishop Denis Nulty invites you to join with him and parishioners from across the diocese at the Shrine of Our Lady of Knock

**Sunday 2nd June 2024**

Ceremonies begin at 2.30pm in the Basilica

## First Friday of May

Confessions after 10am Mass in Arles

## Safeguarding

DLP: Mick Daly, mobile number 085-8021633 and email: dlp@kandle.ie

Parish Safeguarding Rep: Christine Oglesby (087) 654 6149



## Carlow Flower Club

Our April flower night will be a demonstration by Christine Hughes. Christine is

the recently retired President of AOIFA, and she is also a judge, teacher and demonstrator. Christine's demonstrations are events not to be missed.

Looking forward to seeing all our members and friends on Tuesday April 30th at 8.00pm in the Woodford Dolmen Hotel. There will be a plant sale on the night and the competition for all classes is "The Garden Awakens"



Visitors welcome - €10 entry



## Solemn Novena to

### Our Lady of Perpetual Help

St. Clare's Graiguecullen

8th April - 3rd June 2024

Time: 7.30pm (Rosary at 7.10pm)

29th April

Speaker: *Mick Galwey*

*All Ireland Senior Football Championship medal winner - Irish Rugby legend - Sports Commentator*



## Cycle Again Suicide Mental Health Peer Support Programme



In a drive to promote Peer-Support as a vital link in mental health awareness and suicide prevention, Cycle Against Suicide offers its training in Mental Health Peer-Support Programme free of charge to any community volunteer.

Our training in Mental Health Peer-Support for Clubs and Communities creates a compassionate network within a club and a community. Trained peer-supporters are attuned to subtle shifts in their community's well-being. This heightened awareness fosters a culture of genuine care and concern. Each club or community association should have a volunteer peer-supporter on-hand who is trained in peer-support with Cycle Against Suicide. Please could you communicate the new dates for our training in Mental Health Peer-Support to all volunteers in your network.

Our next scheduled dates:

Course: Cycle Against Suicide's free\* Community Mental Health Peer Support Training

Delivery: Online via Zoom from 7-10pm on 4 evenings over 2 weeks

Dates: Option 1: May: Mon 13th, Wed 15th & Mon 20th, Wed 22nd - Spaces available

Option 2: June: Mon 10th, Wed 12th & Mon 17th, Wed 19th - Open now

Option 3: September: Mon 23rd, Wed 25th & Mon 30th, Wed 2nd Oct - Open now

To register: [www.cycleagainstsuiticide.com/register-to-become-community-buddy/](http://www.cycleagainstsuiticide.com/register-to-become-community-buddy/)

or email: [training@cycleagainstsuiticide.com](mailto:training@cycleagainstsuiticide.com)

\*Training is free to over-18s, non-healthcare professionals who volunteer in a community club and association.

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