

## First reading

A reading from the first book of Kings

Elijah went into the wilderness, a day's journey, and sitting under a furze bush wished he were dead. 'O Lord,' he said 'I have had enough. Take my life; I am no better than my ancestors.' Then he lay down and went to sleep. But an angel touched him and said, 'Get up and eat.' He looked round, and there at his head was a scone baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank and then lay down again. But the angel of the Lord came back a second time and touched him and said, 'Get up and eat, or the journey will be too long for you.' So he got up and ate and drank, and strengthened by that food he walked for forty days and forty nights until he reached Horeb, the mountain of God.

*The Word of the Lord*

**Response:** Taste and see that the Lord is good.

## Second Reading:

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

Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God who has marked you with his seal for you to be set free when the day comes. Never have grudges against others, or lose your temper, or raise your voice to anybody, or call each other names, or allow any sort of spitefulness. Be friends with one another, and kind, forgiving each other as readily as God forgave you in Christ.

Try, then, to imitate God as children of his that he loves and follow Christ loving as he loved you, giving himself up in our place as a fragrant offering and a sacrifice to God.

*The Word of the Lord.*

## Today's Mass Readings

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him. Alleluia!

### Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

The Jews were complaining to each other about Jesus, because he had said, 'I am the bread that came down from heaven.' 'Surely this is Jesus son of Joseph' they said. 'We know his father and mother. How can he now say, "I have come down from heaven"?' Jesus said in reply, 'Stop complaining to each other.

'No one can come to me unless he is drawn by the Father who sent me, and I will raise him up at the last day. It is written in the prophets: They will all be taught by God, and to hear the teaching of the Father, and learn from it, is to come to me. Not that anybody has seen the Father, except the one who comes from God: he has seen the Father. I tell you most solemnly, everybody who believes has eternal life. 'I am the bread of life. Your fathers ate the manna in the desert and they are dead; but this is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that a man may eat it and not die. I am the living bread which has come down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world.'

*The Gospel of the Lord*



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11th August 2024

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Attacks on Christians in Israel increasing

The ancient Christian community in the Holy Land has suffered a "disturbing rise" in attacks including spitting, physical harassment, damage to property and cemeteries, and disruption of services. The findings are part of a report by the Jerusalem-based Rosing Centre, called Attacks on Christians in Israel and East Jerusalem, which examined the increase in hostilities towards churches and their members in 2023. This included "a worrying increase in severe property and physical assaults" affecting communities in Jerusalem's Old City.

Speaking to Catholic charity Aid to the Church in Need (ACN), Hana Bendcowsky from the Rosing Centre divided up the problems faced by Christians in the region into 'smash' and 'squeeze', terms used by human rights observers. "The 'smash' describes incidents such as the attack on the Church of the Flagellation, where a statue was smashed with a hammer", she explained. These violent attacks are mostly carried out by marginalised young ultra-Orthodox Jewish men with hardline-nationalist views, she added, stressing however that "even among the ultra-Orthodox such behaviour is not normative, the majority would not go into a church and smash a statue of Jesus."

"And the 'squeeze' pushes members of the community away, it is incidents like priests being spat at or a nun being told to take off her cross when she goes to the hospital. The community is shaken, and it feels uncomfortable. You feel as though no one wants you – laypeople don't feel this so much as the clergy, but they are part of Israel and, they should feel comfortable in this homeland, and we should make sure they do", she said. Ms Bendcowsky .

The Rosing Centre report notes that rabbis have spoken out against attacks on Christians. The Sephardic Chief Rabbi Yitzhak Yosef stressed that such actions have no place in Judaism and Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi David Lau insisted that spitting on Christians was against Jewish Law.

The Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem, Cardinal Pierbattista Pizzaballa OFM, praised the Rosing Centre for documenting these cases. "We need to know what is going on, the number of attacks, by whom, to give to the authorities. Even if they don't do anything, they cannot say it is not happening."

Over more than a decade, the Pontifical Foundation Aid to the Church in Need has supported the Rosing Centre with different projects, including the "Develop Forgiveness, Overcome Hatred" programme which draws together young Jews, Christians and Muslims and helps them learn to live together.

Author: Michael Kelly



## 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 11 August '24

**Killeen (9am):** Alfred Oglesby

**Arles (10am):** Ned Broderick

Kevin Fitzpatrick (22nd Anniversary)

**Ballylinan (8pm):**

**(11.30am):** Ann Hutchinson and O'Dwyer & Hutchinson Families

**Thurs (15th Aug):** Dan & May Wall, Ballickmoyler

### Anniversaries for 18 August '24

**Killeen (9am):**

**Arles (10am):** Margaret (Peg) Doogue (8th Anniversary)

Teresa Murphy, Tennisrath (2nd Anniversary)

**Ballylinan (8pm):** Patrick McDonnell, Rahin

**(11.30am):** Michael Byrne

Kevin & Stella Hovenden

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord

### Safeguarding

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

Parish Safeguarding Rep: Christine Oglesby (087) 654 6149



Thursday next 15th August, is the **Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**. Mass for the Holy Day: 9am Killeen, 10am Arles & 11.30am Ballylinan

### A Call to Eucharistic Adoration Revival

The Diocesan Adoration Committee invite you to a day of Prayer, Adoration & Revival in Mt. St Anne's Conference and Retreat Centre, Killenard, Portarlinton on Saturday 24th August from 9.30am – 4.00pm. Lunch (€10) 12.30pm – 1.00pm.



Join us with Bishop Denis Nulty, Fr Ruairi O'Domhnaill, Fr Chiriyankandath Prince and Ms Margaret Brennan. Confessions available, Mass at 3.00pm.

*Come along and bring a friend!*

### Weekly Collections

#### Sunday 4th August

Arles:	Offertory	€140.04
	Envelope	€256.00
Ballylinan:	Offertory	€423.03
	Envelope	€210.00
Killeen:	Offertory	€234.42
	Envelope	€174.00

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



### An Tairseach Autumn 2024 Programme

An Tairseach, the Wicklow based, Cabra Dominican sponsored Centre for Ecology, Spirituality and Theology is delighted to share with you our upcoming courses, workshops, and 4-week sabbatical programme for the autumn season with wide-ranging events planned from September 13th to November 1st, 2024. Booking essential, please contact: info@antairseach.ie /0404 61833.



For further details, see [www.antairseach.ie/events](http://www.antairseach.ie/events).



### Killeen Community Group

would like to thank everyone who came to support our BBQ on Sat July 27th in

Farrell's bar. Our fundraiser raised €3500 for Ballylinan Killeen Community First Responders to purchase lifesaving Automated External Defibrillators (AED). Also, a special thanks to everyone who donated spot prizes for the raffle on the night including Bread & Beer Castledermot. Polari Travel (Aisling Moran). Chemco Pharmacy. Ken O'Neill Butcher. King's Gala, Maganey Three Counties. SuperValu Athy. Clover Woodcraft. Centra Ballylinan. Lawlor's Hotel Naas.



Missionaries of Africa  
(White Fathers)

## Mission Appeal

Fr. Diarmuid sends his thanks for all the support for the Mission Appeal last weekend. A total of €1,401.80 was collected to date.



### Burren Weekend Retreat, Co Clare

6-8 September

Would you like to come on a guided journey through the Burren? Experience the silence and beauty of this unique landscape through walking mindfully on ancient pathways or limestone pavements. Get to know some of the rare flora and appreciate our rich faith heritage in one of the many ancient sacred sites.

Further information: Mary 087 970 1130. Booking: Des 085 161 4951.

### Ballylinan Ballyadams CE Scheme has the following immediate vacancies :

St Joseph's Cemetery, Ballyadams – Ref 2349706



The Swan Community Hall & Village – Ref 2349711

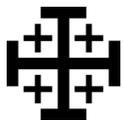
Office Administrative Assistant, Luggacurren - Ref 2349712

Luggacurren Church & Village – Ref 2349721.

Upcoming vacancies : Wolfhill : Ref 2349851 / Killeen : Ref 2349700 / Ballylinan : Ref 2349696 / Ref 2349704 / Ref 2349715 / Ref 2349718.

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