

## 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

## TODAY'S MASS READINGS

by my foot-rest.' Can't you see that you have 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 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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Parish Website: arlesparish.ie

8th September 2024

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

## PRAYER FOR OUR DIOCESE

Lord, bless the faith community of Kildare & Leighlin which traces its origins to Brigid, Conleth and Laserian. May it be outstanding in charity as St. Brigid of Kildare, may it be constant in faith as St. Conleth of Old Connell, wise and prayerful as St. Laserian of Leighlin.

Bless its Bishop, priests, religious & laity.

Fill them with the light of your love.

Bless its young people.

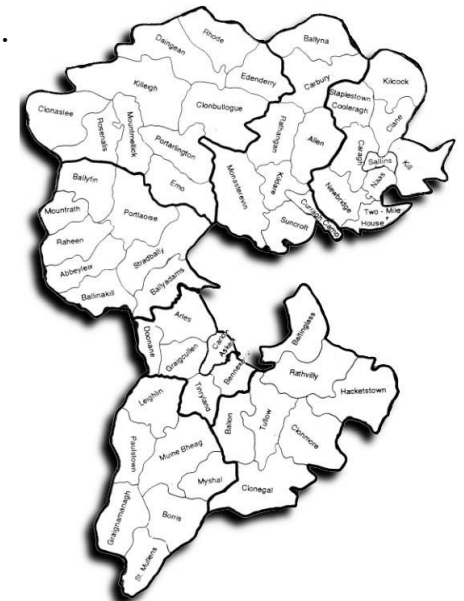
Help them to seek your truth.

Bless all who are poor or weak or wounded by life's hurts.

Grant them justice, light and hope.

Sin é ár nguí tré Críost ár dTiarna.

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

#### Anniversaries for 08 September '24

**Killeen (9am):** Peggy Lennon

**Arles (10am):** Sheila Graham, Tolerton

**Ballylinan (8pm):** Mary Flanagan (10th Anniversary)

**(11.30am):**

#### Anniversaries for 15 September '24

**Killeen (9am):**

**Arles (10am):** Elizabeth Browne, The Rushes

(22nd Anniversary)

Danny Brennan, Arles

Br. Damien Brennan

**Ballylinan (8pm):**

**(11.30am):**

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord

#### Scoil Rince Elgar

is running Beginners Irish Dance classes in Arles Parish Hall, every Monday at 6pm, new dancers welcome.



For more information contact Kayleigh on 0858847098.

Weekly Collections		
Sunday 1st September		
Arles:	Offertory	€220.20
	Envelope	€279.00
Ballylinan:	Offertory	€284.58
	Envelope	€160.39
Killeen:	Offertory	€149.09
	Envelope	€154.00

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



#### Lough Derg One Day Retreat

Lough Derg one-day retreat, Saturday 21st September 2024. Experience the beauty and peace of the holy island of Lough Derg in Co. Donegal.

Return bus from Monasterevin, Kildare, Newbridge, Naas, Sallins, Clane, Maynooth, Kilcock and Dunboyne Park and Ride.

Cost: €45 for island (includes lunch) and €35 bus return.

Further details:

deirdregleeson@medwise.ie or 0872467594 after 6pm. [www.loughderg.org](http://www.loughderg.org)



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#### Carlow Choral Society

##### Return to Rehearsals

Following an extremely successful season with performances of Verdi Requiem with the RTÉ Concert Orchestra in Carlow Cathedral and "A Classical Christmas" in the National Concert Hall with Lyric Opera Ireland, Carlow Choral Society is delighted to announce that they are returning to rehearsals on Monday 09 September in the Cathedral Parish Centre, R93 XV10, with an open evening at 7:30 pm.

We are recruiting 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.

For more information about the society visit [www.carlowchoralsociety.net](http://www.carlowchoralsociety.net) or email [carlowchoralsociety@gmail.com](mailto:carlowchoralsociety@gmail.com).

#### Visit of the Relic of St Bernadette

In September and October this year, the relics of Saint Bernadette will journey on pilgrimage to Ireland for the very first time, visiting every diocese in the country. This very special, once-in-lifetime event will provide an opportunity for people of all ages and backgrounds to experience the special gifts and charisms of Lourdes in their diocese.



The relics of St Bernadette will visit Kildare and Leighlin this **October, on the 7th in Carlow Cathedral and on the 8th in Portlaoise Parish.** Further details relating to the visit to Kildare & Leighlin will follow shortly.

#### Arles ICA

The ICA are hosting a course of Art Classes for 5 weeks, starting Wednesday 18th Sept. (7.30-9.30pm)

*All are welcome*

*Please contact (087) 186 2435 for further details.*



#### Visit of the relics of Blessed Carlo Acutis

St. Peter & Paul's Church, Portlaoise

11th, 12th and 13th September 2024



#### Wednesday 11th 7pm:

Reception of the Relics with talk on the life of Blessed Carlo by Fr. Marco (Parish Priest of Assisi)

#### Thursday 12th and Friday 13th:

Masses at 7.30am, 10am & 11.30am. Bishop Denis will celebrate the 10am on Thursday.

*Throughout Thursday and Friday there will be talks on the life of Blessed Carlo, streaming of a video on his life, periods of quiet prayer and blessing with the relic.*

#### 3pm Friday 13th - Farewell

*Sacrament of Penance*

*Confessions on Thursday 12th and Friday 13th after the 10am and 11.30am Masses*

