

First reading

A reading from the first book of Samuel

Saul set off and went down to the wilderness of Ziph, accompanied by three thousand men chosen from Israel to search for David in the wilderness of Ziph. In the dark David and Abishai made their way towards the force, where they found Saul lying asleep inside the camp, his spear stuck in the ground beside his head, with Abner and the troops lying round him. Then Abishai said to David, 'Today God has put your enemy in your power; so now let me pin him to the ground with his own spear. Just one stroke! I will not need to strike him twice.' David answered Abishai, 'Do not kill him, for who can lift his hand against the Lord's anointed and be without guilt? The Lord forbid that I should raise my hand against the Lord's anointed! But now take the spear beside his head and the pitcher of water and let us go away.' David took the spear and the pitcher of water from beside Saul's head, and they made off. No one saw, no one knew, no one woke up; they were all asleep, for a deep sleep from the Lord had fallen on them. David crossed to the other side and halted on the top of the mountain a long way off; there was a wide space between them. He called out, 'Here is the king's spear. Let one of the soldiers come across and take it. The Lord repays everyone for his uprightness and loyalty. Today the Lord put you in my power, but I would not raise my hand against the Lord's anointed.'

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Response: The Lord is compassion and love.

Second Reading

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

The first man, Adam, as scripture says, became a living soul; but the last Adam has become a life-giving spirit. That is, first the one with the soul, not the spirit, and after that, the one with the spirit. The first man, being from the earth, is earthly by nature; the second man is from heaven. As this earthly man was, so are we on earth; and as the heavenly man is,

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so are we in heaven. And we, who have been modelled on the earthly man, will be modelled on the heavenly man.

The Word of the Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia! Open our heart, O Lord, to accept the words of your Son. Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I say this to you who are listening: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who treat you badly. To the man who slaps you on one cheek, present the other cheek too; to the man who takes your cloak from you, do not refuse your tunic. Give to everyone who asks you, and do not ask for your property back from the man who robs you. Treat others as you would like them to treat you. If you love those who love you, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what thanks can you expect? For even sinners do that much. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners lend to sinners to get back the same amount. Instead, love your enemies and do good, and lend without any hope of return. You will have a great reward, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. 'Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate. Do not judge, and you will not be judged yourselves; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned yourselves; grant pardon, and you will be pardoned. Give, and there will be gifts for you: a full measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, will be poured into your lap; because the amount you measure out is the amount you will be given back.'

The Gospel of the Lord



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Parish Website: arlesparish.ie

23rd February 2025

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time



FR. Tommy O'Shea

PASTOR EMERITUS



Called home to the Lord

21 February 2025

Requiescat in Pace



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: Fr. Tommy O'Shea, PE who died during this past week

Anniversaries for 23 Feb 2025

Killeen (9am): Margaret & Thomas Myron
& deceased members of the Kelly family
Arles (10am): Patrick & Margaret Moore
Ballylinan (7.30pm): Kitty Farrell, Ballycorman
(11.30am): Joanna Doyle

Lucy & George Bannan (25th Anniversaries)

Anniversaries for 02 March 2025

Killeen (9am):
Arles (10am): Joseph Graham, Tolerton (2nd Anniversary)
Ballylinan (7.30pm): Kitty Kelly, The Pike
& deceased members of the Kelly family
(11.30am): Michael Kelly (Months Mind)
Breda Kelly (2nd Anniversary)

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord



Graiguercullen Bingo

on Tues 25th Feb St. Fiaces Hall at 8.30pm.

Jackpot on 48 numbers €1740

Double number €530 / Lotto €700

Safeguarding

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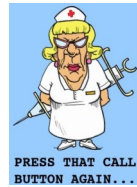
JUBILEE CHOIR



Ever thought about joining a choir? We sing one Sunday a month and practice every second Wednesday. New members are always welcome (no audition required !!). Our next practice will be on Wed March 5th at 7:30p.m. in St. Anne's Church. Come along & join us.



St. Bridget's Ladies Football & Ballylinan Ploughing
host Kilquan Players performing



Stop it Nurse

By Sam Cree

For One Night Only

Saturday 1st March 8pm

St. Anne's Hall, Ballylinan — €10 entry

Raffle on the night with great spot prizes

Bookings 087-4193965 or 059-8625125

Last chance to see this hilarious comedy & support this fundraiser

Trócaire

"Love...It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails." 1 Corinthians 13, 4-7.

To find out more visit www.trocaire.org

SAMARITANS

Samaritans Information Night

Ever wondered about volunteering with the Samaritans, or exactly what is expected of a listening volunteer? Then why not come along to Lamberts Coffee House in Dublin Street on Wednesday 26th Feb. between 6 - 8pm and meet some existing volunteers to find out what we do in Carlow to contribute to answering the 1500 calls for help received every day. We are actively looking for people who wish to help others and have 3 hours to spare per week, full training will be provided.



Ceremony of Light

Thursday 27th Feb

at 7pm: St. Anne's Church,
Ballylinan

We keep all our young people in our prayers at this special time in their lives as they prepare for their Confirmation.

Envelope Boxes and Trócaire boxes will be distributed throughout the parish over the next week or so.



The envelope collection is the primary way of supporting our parish.

Many thanks to those who continue to offer their support in these difficult times.

A sincere word of thanks also to all our distributors for giving up their time to help distribute the boxes.



Diocesan Pilgrimage to Luxembourg honouring Carlow Trained St Willibrord

Join Fr Thomas O'Byrne and our ecumenical friends from the Diocese of Leighlin as the Diocese and the Cathedral Parish travel to Luxembourg to partake in the Annual Hopping Procession in honour of Carlow trained St Willibrord, Patron Saint of the Netherlands and the First Apostle of the Netherlands, from Sunday June 8th to Wednesday June 11th, 2025. St Willibrord spent twelve years in Co Carlow at Rath Melsigi, in the Parish of Tinryland, before leaving for the continent in 690AD. He is highly regarded in Belgium, Germany, Luxembourg and the Netherlands. Every year the town of Echternach, where he is buried, holds a centuries old UNESCO World Heritage Status Hopping Procession in his honour. The procession is known as the People Who Pray With Their Feet. In 2017 the people of Echternach presented Carlow Cathedral with his Relic. Bookings for this unique pilgrimage through Tully's Travel, Tullow Street, Carlow Town, Tel: 059 9136100, €685.00 per person sharing.



Marriage Encounter Weekend

28-30 March 2025

Restore, Renew, Rekindle.

We welcome you to our next Marriage

Enrichment Weekend Friday 28th-
30th March 2025

Venue: Knock, Co.
Mayo www.marriageencounter.ie