



## TODAY'S MASS READINGS

### First reading

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord, who made a way through the sea, a path in the great waters; who put chariots and horse in the field and a powerful army which lay there never to rise again, snuffed out, put out like a wick: No need to recall the past, no need to think about what was done before. See, I am doing a new deed, even now it comes to light; can you not see it? Yes, I am making a road in the wilderness, paths in the wilds. The wild beasts will honour me, jackals and ostriches, because I am putting water in the wilderness (rivers in the wild) to give my chosen people drink. The people I have formed for myself will sing my praises.

The Word of the Lord

### Responsorial Psalm

Response: What marvels the Lord worked for us. Indeed we were glad.

### Second Reading

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

For I believe nothing can happen that will outweigh the supreme advantage of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For him I have accepted the loss of everything, and I look on everything as so much rubbish if only I can have Christ and be given a place in him. I am no longer trying for perfection by my own efforts, the perfection that comes from the Law, but I want only the perfection that comes through faith in Christ, and is from God and based on faith. All I want is to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and to share his sufferings by reproducing the pattern of his death. That is the way I can hope to take my place in the resurrection of the dead. Not that I have become perfect yet: I have not yet won, but I am still running, trying to capture the prize for which Christ Jesus captured me. I can assure you my brothers, I am far from thinking that I have al-

ready won. All I can say is that I forget the past and I strain ahead for what is still to come; I am racing for the finish, for the prize to which God calls us upwards to receive in Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord.

### Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory! Now, now – it is the Lord who speaks – come back to me with all your heart, for I am all tenderness and compassion. Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

### Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. At daybreak he appeared in the Temple again; and as all the people came to him, he sat down and began to teach them. The scribes and Pharisees brought a woman along who had been caught committing adultery; and making her stand there in full view of everybody, they said to Jesus, 'Master, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery, and Moses has ordered us in the Law to condemn women like this to death by stoning. What have you to say?' They asked him this as a test, looking for something to use against him. But Jesus bent down and started writing on the ground with his finger. As they persisted with their question, he looked up and said, 'If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her.' Then he bent down and wrote on the ground again. When they heard this they went away one by one, beginning with the eldest, until Jesus was left alone with the woman, who remained standing there. He looked up and said, 'Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?' 'No one, sir' she replied. 'Neither do I condemn you,' said Jesus 'go away, and do not sin any more.'

The Gospel of the Lord



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Parish Website: [arlesparish.ie](http://arlesparish.ie)

6th April 2025

5th Sunday of Lent

## Lenten Prayer

Almighty and Everlasting God,  
You have given the human race  
Jesus Christ our Saviour as a model of humility.  
He fulfilled Your Will by becoming Man  
And giving His life on the Cross.  
Help us to bear witness to You  
By following His example of suffering  
And make us worthy to share in His Resurrection.  
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son.  
Amen.

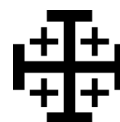
Our Father...

MARY, Mother of Jesus,  
you were Jesus' gift for us from the Cross.  
He gave you to us as our mother.  
Intercede for all our needs.

Hail Mary...  
Glory Be...



### Pro Terra Sancta Collection



Bishop Denis has asked all parishes in the Diocese to take up a special collection for the Christian Communities and Parishes in the Holy Land. As we all know, their need is very great at this time, and they need our support. Special Envelopes will be provided in our churches next week, and you are invited to return them over the Easter Weekend.

Thank you, Fr Pádraig

## 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:** Breda Wightman (nee Kenna), Droitwich, Worcestershire, and late of Grange who died in England during the past week.

### Anniversaries for 06 April 2025

Killeen (9am):

Arles (10am): Gerry Kealy, Ashfield (3rd Anniversary)

Eddie Egan, Aughtaterry (5th Anniversary)

Ballylinan (8pm): Christy Nolan, Oldcourt

(11.30am): Tony Lacey (Months Mind)

Margaret McEvoy (9th Anniversary)

William & Margaret Bambrick, their son  
William & daughters Pauline Frain & Mary Cullinane.

### Anniversaries for 13 April 2025

Killeen (9am): Sheila Byrne, The Forge

Ann McDonald, Killabban (14th Anniversary)

Arles (10am): Julie Brodrick (2nd Anniversary)

Inez Feehan (5th Anniversary)

Ballylinan (8pm): Rose Brennan Jordan, Bernard Brennan & deceased members of the Brennan family.

James, Elizabeth, JJ & Paddy Brennan, Clonpierce  
(11.30am):

### Arles ICA Art classes

Will run for 5 weeks from 25th April 2025

Time: 7pm to 9pm in Arles Hall

Enquires & bookings: Claire Brennan 087 186 2435

## Top Ten Ways to Help Pollinators: Don't mow, let it grow!

Reduce mowing to allow native wildflowers like Dandelions, Clover and Birds-foot Trefoil to naturally return over time.



[pollinators.ie/top-ten-ways-to-help-pollinators/](http://pollinators.ie/top-ten-ways-to-help-pollinators/)

## International Saint Columbanus Day to take place in Carlow:

*"Then, lest we be concerned with human things, let us concern ourselves with things divine, and as pilgrims ever sigh for and desire our homeland, for the end of the road is ever the object of travellers' hopes and desires, and thus, since we are travellers and pilgrims in the world, let us ever ponder on the end of the road, that is our life, for the end of our roadway is our home. Therefore let this principle abide with us, that on the road we so live as travellers, as pilgrims, as guests of the world".*



St. Columbanus: from Sermon VIII

We very much look forward to hosting the International Columbanus Day in our diocese of Kildare & Leighlin over the weekend of the 11th/12th/13th July 2025, when pilgrims from all over Europe will gather here in our diocese to honour this great Saint. A number of events will take place in the Cathedral Parish & Myshall Parish over the weekend.

## Chrism Mass



You are invited to join with Bishop Denis and the priests of the diocese for the annual celebration of the Chrism Mass on Monday, 14 April at 7:30 pm. Please come early to ensure a seat. Refreshments afterwards in Carlow College, St Patrick's. Music led by Fr Liam Lawton and the diocesan choir.

## Visit of the Relics of St. Pio

St. Pio Relics to visit  
Holycross Abbey  
(E41PH01): Saturday 24th  
and Sunday 25th May.



Veneration and ceremonies  
from 10am to 8pm on Saturday and 9am to 8pm on Sunday (incorporating our annual St. Pio Pilgrimage on Sunday from 1.30pm).

All are welcome. Contact 0504-43124  
or [hbparrishoffice@gmail.com](mailto:hbparrishoffice@gmail.com) for info.



## Burren Outdoor Retreat.

**Saturday 17th to Monday 19th May**

Would you like to come on a guided journey through the Burren with its limestone pavements, rare flora and ancient sacred sites? Let the beauty of the amazing Burren landscape renew you in body and soul. Information: Mary 087 970 1130. Booking: Des 085 1614951



## Safeguarding

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

Parish Safeguarding Rep: Christine Oglesby (087) 654 6149



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

### Immediate Start:

Maintenance/Cleaner, Luggacurren Village, Church & Hall – Ref: CES-2384490

### Upcoming Vacancies:

Environmental Worker, St Anne's Church & ABK Centre, Ballylinan – Ref: CES-2384493. Environmental Worker, Ballylinan Playground - Ref: CES-2384494. Maintenance Person/Cleaner, St Anne's Hall & Church, Ballylinan – Ref: CES-2384498. Environmental Worker, Ballyadams Church – Ref: CES-2384489. Environmental Worker, Kellyville – Ref: CES-2374708. Maintenance/Cleaner, Killeen Hall & Playground – Ref: CES-2384495.

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

## Carlow Older Persons Council



Free Information Morning for the over 55's, Monday's 10a.m – 12noon

We offer information and advice on a range of issues – Social Welfare, Home Energy upgrades and funding, form filling etc. Private and confidential service. No appointment needed all are welcome.

The Old School House, Barrack Street, Carlow, R93 YW10. Phone: 089 260 6828 or email [theoldschoolhouse25@gmail.com](mailto:theoldschoolhouse25@gmail.com)

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