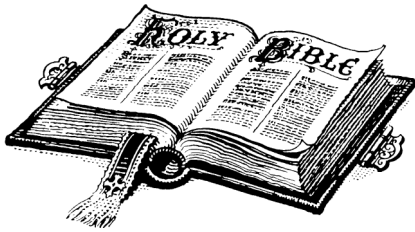


TODAY'S MASS READINGS



First reading

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Paul and Barnabas went back through Lystra and Iconium to Antioch. They put fresh heart into the disciples, encouraging them to persevere in the faith. 'We all have to experience many hardships' they said 'before we enter the kingdom of God.' In each of these churches they appointed elders, and with prayer and fasting they commended them to the Lord in whom they had come to believe. They passed through Pisidia and reached Pamphylia. Then after proclaiming the word at Perga they went down to Attalia and from there sailed for Antioch, where they had originally been commended to the grace of God for the work they had now completed. On their arrival they assembled the church and gave an account of all that God had done with them, and how he had opened the door of faith to the pagans.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Response: I will bless your name forever, O God my King.

Second Reading

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse.

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; the first heaven and the first earth had disappeared now, and there was no longer any sea. I saw

the holy city, and the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, as beautiful as a bride all dressed for her husband. Then I heard a loud voice call from the throne, 'You see this city? Here God lives among men. He will make his home among them; they shall be his people, and he will be their God; his name is God-with-them. He will wipe away all tears from their eyes; there will be no more death, and no more mourning or sadness. The world of the past has gone.' Then the One sitting on the throne spoke: 'Now I am making the whole of creation new.'

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! I give you a new commandment: love one another just as I have loved you, says the Lord. Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

When Judas had gone Jesus said: 'Now has the Son of Man been glorified, and in him God has been glorified. If God has been glorified in him, God will in turn glorify him in himself, and will glorify him very soon. 'My little children, I shall not be with you much longer. I give you a new commandment: love one another; just as I have loved you, you also must love one another. By this love you have for one another, everyone will know that you are my disciples.'

The Gospel of the Lord



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18th May 2025

5th Sunday of Easter

Reflection

Love is what we bring with us at the end of life. 'We will be judged in the evening of life by love (St John of the Cross). Love for those near and close. But gospel love is more than love for just the family, the friend, the attractive one, the neighbour... it is love for all.



Love carries us into wide seas and waters. It involves us with everyone. It obviously doesn't mean we relate to everyone – nor that we even like everyone. Love is when others' lives become at least as important as our own; and in the deepest loves like marriage, friendship often and family, others' lives become even more important.

Love changes – we look back and see how the people we loved make the difference. Life is too short to look love in the face and say no. 'We are moulded and remoulded by those who have loved us, and though their love may pass, we are nevertheless their work' (F Mauriac).

Jesus whose heart is wide enough to love us all, make our hearts like yours.

Donal Neary SJ



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 18 May 2025

Killeen (9am): Sean Connolly (1st Anniversary)

Jim McDonald, Tierernane (2nd Anniversary)

Arles (10am): Mary McDonald (45th Anniversary)

Bridie Nolan

John Browne, The Rushes

Paddy Fenlon, Castletown & deceased members of the Fenlon family

Ballylinan (8pm): Brian McElroy

(11.30am):

Anniversaries for 25 May 2025

Killeen (9am): Kathleen Simpson

Arles (10am):

Ballylinan (8pm): Michael Loughman

(11.30am):

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord

Ballylinan Community Council AGM



Will be held in St Annes Hall at 8pm on Wednesday 28th May.

Safeguarding

DLP: Ailish Higgins, mobile number 085-8021633 and email: dlp@kandle.ie

Parish Safeguarding Rep: Christine Oglesby (087) 654 6149



Charity Auction

(remembering the late Fr. O'Shea)

in aid of

Bothar and The Franciscan Missionary Union

in St. Anne's Hall, Ballylinan

on Sunday 18th of May at 2.30pm.

See posters in Church Porches and shops for details or ring Mags Brennan on 086 3254931 for details.

Weekly Collections

Sunday 11th May

Arles: Offertory €116.52

Envelope €287.00

Ballylinan: Offertory €248.49

Envelope €242.00

Killeen: Offertory €128.78

Envelope €103.10

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



Rosary Prayers at the

Fatima Grotto, Kilkenny Road, Athy

Each Sunday at 7.30pm

Arles Restoration Committee

Meeting next Friday

(23rd May)

at 8pm

in the Church Meeting Room.

Irish Cancer Society's Transport Service Volunteer Drivers Needed



The Irish Cancer Society's Transport Service is seeking compassionate volunteer drivers in your community.

Your time can help to continue the vital service of providing transport for patients attending cancer treatment appointments.

If you have a minimum of 2 days per month to spare, a valid driving license, and a safe, reliable vehicle, you're the perfect candidate to make a significant difference. Your generosity can ease the journey for many during a challenging time, offering comfort and support when it's needed most.

Full training will be provided. For more information: volunteer@irishcancer.ie.



A big well done to all the boys and girls who made their First Holy Communion last weekend in the parish. They were great!

Many thanks to all who helped them reach this special day in their young lives and may the Lord's blessing be with them always.



Solemn Novena to

Our Lady of Perpetual Help

St. Clare's Graiguecullen

28th April—203rd June 2025

Time: 7.30pm (Rosary at 7pm)

19th May

Speaker: Niall Quinn

Former professional footballer, businessman and sports pundit.



Catechism of the Catholic Church Adult Studies

Adult Studies in the Catechism of the Catholic Church National Pilgrimage

Adult Studies in the Catechism of the Catholic Church National Pilgrimage to Ireland's Eucharistic and Marian Shrine takes place in Knock on Saturday 31st May 2025, the liturgical feast of the visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary to Elizabeth.

Morning Session:

11.30am: Sowing Seeds of Hope – Families, Parishes and Workplaces

Venue: St. John's Rest and Care Centre

Schedule of Ceremonies:

2.00pm: Outdoor Stations of the Cross and Rosary Procession

3.00pm: Holy Mass in the Basilica

Eucharistic Adoration and Sacrament of Reconciliation throughout the day.

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