



Today's Mass Readings

First reading

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is' he had said 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.' Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.' As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Response: God goes up with shouts of joy; the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.

Second Reading

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

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of

what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named not only in this age but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Go, make disciples of all the nations. I am with you always; yes, to the end of time. Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.

'And now I am sending down to you what the Father has promised. Stay in the city then, until you are clothed with the power from on high.' Then he took them out as far as the outskirts of Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. Now as he blessed them, he withdrew from them and was carried up to heaven. They worshipped him and then went back to Jerusalem full of joy; and they were continually in the Temple praising God.

The Gospel of the Lord



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1st June 2025

Ascension of the Lord

"It appears that humanity has lost its heart"

Irish Bishops

Irish Bishops meeting in Maynooth during the past week offered prayers for peace in the Holy Land, for Ukraine, Sudan and in other troubled parts of the world. In particular, bishops discussed the humanitarian catastrophe in Gaza, stating:

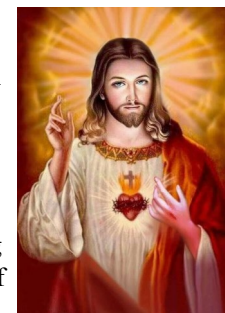
"From all over Ireland, parishioners are reporting their horror and helplessness on seeing images of death and communal destruction in Gaza. Exhausted mothers can no longer nourish their young, children are dying of malnutrition, while aid lorries full of supplies are being refused entry into the territory, or are not safely arriving at their destination.

"We in Ireland must pray for a change of heart. Throughout the month of June – the month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus – we call on everyone to pray for an outpouring of the compassion of God on a heartless world.

"To see the relentless bombardment of civilian areas, the deliberate withholding of food from the starving, as well as the callous holding of hostages, it appears that humanity has lost its heart. In the face of these horrors, we invite everyone to turn to the heart of Jesus

throughout the month of June by praying for the renewal of heart that our world so desperately needs. **We call on all Catholics to make the first Friday, 6 June, a day of prayer and fasting in solidarity with our sisters and brothers who are suffering at this time in the Holy Land.**

"We echo Pope Leo XIV's recent appeal to allow into Gaza 'the entry of dignified humanitarian aid and to put an end to the hostilities, whose heartbreaking price is paid by the children, elderly, and the sick.'"



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 01 June 2025

Killeen (9am):

Arles (10am):

Ballylinan (8pm): Jimmy Farrell
Tom Brennan & deceased family members.
Pauline Moore.

(11.30am):

Anniversaries for 08 June 2025

Killeen (9am): No Mass this Sunday

Arles (10am): Jim & Ned McDonald, Ashfield

Ballylinan (8pm):

(11.30am): Betty Kealy
John Murphy

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord

Notice

Please note there will be no 9am mass next Sunday morning in Killeen due to the road closures in the area to facilitate the car rally.



Dates for your Diary

Graveyard/Cemetery Masses

Mayo - Monday 23rd June at 7.30pm
Ballylinan - Tuesday 24th June at 7.30pm
Killeen - Wednesday 25th June at 7.30pm
Killabban - Thursday 26th June at 7.30pm
Arles - Friday 27th June at 7.30pm

Weekly Collections

Sunday 25th May

Arles:	Offertory	€83.35
	Envelope	€197.50
Ballylinan:	Offertory	€243.99
	Envelope	€223.00
Killeen:	Offertory	€116.85
	Envelope	€112.00

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



Whist Drive

In Arles Hall

Every Thursday Night 8.30pm

All welcome!



Synod News

Two free on-line opportunities to learn more about being a synodal church on mission together – that includes all of us!

The School for Synodality Book Club webinar on the final document of the Synod continues each Wednesday evening, with international guest speakers each week. All sessions are recorded and are available for view afterwards. A great way to come to understand the practical implications of the synod for parishioners, parishes and the diocese. See www.schoolforsynodality.org.uk

'Synodal Hope: The Vision of Pope Francis and the future with Pope Leo: A Conversation with Cardinal Timothy Radcliffe, Op'. Cardinal Timothy Radcliffe will be known to many from his talks and writings, but also as the retreat leader at the two universal synod assemblies. Liturgical Press in the US is hosting a free, live webinar with him on Thursday, June 5 at 4 pm Irish Time. See www.litpress.org/webinar to register.

Safeguarding

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Solemn Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

St. Clare's Graiguecullen
28th April — 23rd June 2025
Time: 7.30pm (Rosary at 7pm)
2nd June

Speaker: Therese Dooley

Former UNICEF Advisor with water, sanitation and hygiene.

St. Pio Glove

in Fitzpatrick's House, Kilberry

Saturday 14th June (11am - 5pm)

For further info: Ann 085 1696189



ICMA Summer School



The Irish Church Music Association annual summer school takes place from 1-3 July in Maynooth.

In this Jubilee Year it is taking as its theme: 'Pilgrims of Hope', bringing together musicians, singers and liturgical leaders to explore the transformative power of music in our Church communities. See www.icmamusic.ie to download the brochure and find out more. Day attendance is possible if you can't make all three days.



Feast Days this coming week

St. Kevin of Glendalough

Tuesday 3rd June



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