

## First reading

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

King Herod started persecuting certain members of the Church. He beheaded James the brother of John, and when he saw that this pleased the Jews he decided to arrest Peter as well. This was during the days of Unleavened Bread, and he put Peter in prison, assigning four squads of four soldiers each to guard him in turns. Herod meant to try Peter in public after the end of Passover week. All the time Peter was under guard the Church prayed to God for him unremittingly.

On the night before Herod was to try him, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, fastened with double chains, while guards kept watch at the main entrance to the prison. Then suddenly the angel of the Lord stood there, and the cell was filled with light. He tapped Peter on the side and woke him. 'Get up!' he said 'Hurry!' – and the chains fell from his hands. The angel then said, 'Put on your belt and sandals.' After he had done this, the angel next said, 'Wrap your cloak round you and follow me.' Peter followed him, but had no idea that what the angel did was all happening in reality; he thought he was seeing a vision. They passed through two guard posts one after the other, and reached the iron gate leading to the city. This opened of its own accord; they went through it and had walked the whole length of one street when suddenly the angel left him. It was only then that Peter came to himself. 'Now I know it is all true' he said. 'The Lord really did send his angel and has saved me from Herod and from all that the Jewish people were so certain would happen to me.'

The Word of the Lord

## Responsorial Psalm

Response: From all my terrors the Lord set me free.

## Second Reading

A reading from the Second letter of St. Paul to the Timothy

My life is already being poured away as a libation, and the time has come for me to be gone. I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith; all there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that Day; and not only to me but to all those who have longed for his Appearing.

The Lord stood by me and gave me power, so that through me the whole message might be proclaimed for all the pagans to hear; and so I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from all evil attempts on me, and bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. Alleluia!

## Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.'

The Gospel of the Lord



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29th June 2025

Saints Peter & Paul, Apostles

## Giving Thanks For Summer

Father, Creator of all, thank You for summer!

Thank you for the warmth of the sun  
and the increased daylight.

Thank You for the beauty I see all around me  
and for the opportunity to be outside and enjoy Your creation.

Thank You for the increased time I have to be with my  
friends and family,

and for the more casual pace of the summer season.

Draw me closer to You this summer.

Teach me how I can pray  
no matter where I am or what I am doing.

Warm my soul with the awareness of Your presence  
and light my path with Your Word and Counsel.

As I enjoy Your creation, create in me

a pure heart and  
a hunger and a  
thirst for You.

- Author Unknown



## 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 29 June 2025

Killeen (9am):

Arles (10am): Frank Feehan (1st Anniversary) & deceased members of the Feehan family

Ballylinan (8pm): Kevin Byrne (28th Anniversary)

(11.30am):

### Anniversaries for 6 July 2025

Killeen (9am): Mary & Billy Kelly, Coolenagh

Arles (10am): Michael Kane (4th Anniversary)

Ballylinan (8pm):

(11.30am):

## Weekly Collections

Sunday 22nd June

|             |           |         |
|-------------|-----------|---------|
| Arles:      | Offertory | €92.50  |
|             | Envelope  | €259.00 |
| Ballylinan: | Offertory | €176.91 |
|             | Envelope  | €157.00 |
| Killeen:    | Offertory | €111.52 |
|             | Envelope  | €164.00 |

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



### Ballylinan Cemetery Mass

This years Collection for the Cemetery amounted to €1,780.00.

The monies will go towards erecting a permanent sheltered area for the celebration of future Cemetery Masses.

*Many thanks to all for your very generous support.*

### Sick and Housebound

Fr. Padraig will attend those in Killeen & Ballylinan areas on Friday morning and those in Arles on Friday afternoon (4th July).



*If you wish to be added to those who are attended monthly, please ring the Parish Office with your details (059) 862 5456.*



### 24 Hour Silent Vigil for Gaza

From 12 noon Saturday 19th July to 12 noon Sunday 20th July at Clane Church Plaza space.

Prayer, silence and reflection in solidarity with the people of Gaza.

More details from our Suaimhneas Centre, Clane.



### Youth Pilgrimage to Croagh Patrick

August 23rd

Join with Bishop Denis and others from across the Diocese as together we climb Croagh Patrick and celebrate Mass at the summit. Buses from Carlow, Nass and Portlaoise.

*Please contact Christine in FDS to book a place on one of the buses. 059 9164084 or fds@kandle.ie*

### Rally for Life 2025

Taking place in Dublin City Centre at 2pm on Saturday July 5th



### Ballylinan Ballyadams Community Employment Scheme vacancies

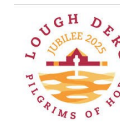
Applications on jobsireland.ie and enquiries to CE Supervisor 087 2232515

### Immediate Start:

Maintenance/Cleaner, Luggacurren Village, Church & Hall – Ref: CES-2384490. Environmental Worker, The Swan - Ref: CES2390107

### Upcoming Vacancies:

Environmental Worker, St Anne's Church & ABK Centre, Ballylinan – Ref: CES-2395933. Environmental Worker, Ballylinan Playground - Ref: CES-2384494. Maintenance Person/Cleaner, St Anne's Hall & Church, Ballylinan – Ref: CES-2395934. Environmental Worker, Ballyadams Church – Ref: CES-2384489. Environmental Worker, Kellyville – Ref: CES-2374708. Maintenance/Cleaner, Killeen Hall & Playground – Ref: CES-2384495. Ballylinan Village – Ref CES2395916



### St Brigid's

### 3-day Pilgrimage to Lough Derg 2025

Friday 4th July – Sunday 6th July and Wednesday 13th Aug – Friday 15th Aug.

Bus pick ups at Monasterevin, Kildare, Newbridge, Naas, Sallins, Clane, Kilcock, Maynooth and Dunboyne M3 park and ride. For information and bookings: Tel Joe 0872467594 or email deirdregleeson@medwise.ie

### Come and See Day

A day to explore priesthood: talks, time for prayer, answering your questions, discerning a vocation, Knock House Hotel F12 R6Y5, Sunday 13th July 11.00am to 4.30pm. Bookings only through Vocations.ie. For more information contact: carol.king@vocations.ie



### Big Mama's Door

Thursday 10th July 8pm - 10pm

Big Mama's Door band play The Methodist Church Woodstock Street Athy.

Fiona McElroy (Wolfhill, living in Ballylinan. Yes...Peggy's daughter) and her band had so much joy and fun last September, they are back again. Please join them

Music starts at 8pm.

Tickets on Eventbrite or call 085 1921 682 for more info.



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