



TODAY'S MASS READINGS

First reading

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

When Pentecost day came round, they had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech. Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome – Jews and proselytes alike – Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Response: Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.

Second Reading

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

May People who are interested only in unspiritual things can never be pleasing to God. Your interests, however, are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him. Though your body may be dead it is because of sin, but if Christ is in you then

your spirit is life itself because you have been justified; and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you. So then, my brothers, there is no necessity for us to obey our unspiritual selves or to live unspiritual lives. If you do live in that way, you are doomed to die; but if by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body you will live. Everyone moved by the Spirit is a son of God. The spirit you received is not the spirit of slaves bringing fear into your lives again; it is the spirit of sons, and it makes us cry out, 'Abba, Father!' The Spirit himself and our spirit bear united witness that we are children of God. And if we are children we are heirs as well: heirs of God and coheirs with Christ, sharing his sufferings so as to share his glory.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If you love me you will keep my commandments. I shall ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you for ever. 'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him and make our home with him. Those who do not love me do not keep my words. And my word is not my own: it is the word of the one who sent me. I have said these things to you while still with you; but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you.

The Gospel of the Lord



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8th June 2025

Pentecost Sunday

Pentecost



A Time to Say Yes to the Work of the Holy Spirit in Our Lives

Scholars tell us that the first Pentecost took place during the Jewish Feast of Weeks. This was a festival at which the first fruits of the harvest were offered to God in thanksgiving. But on this particular day, instead of giving our first fruits to God, he gave his first fruit—the Holy Spirit—to us.

And what an amazing gift the Spirit has been! To put it quite simply, Pentecost is all about the fact that Almighty God has come to live in human hearts, making ordinary people into extraordinary saints.

After Jesus rose from the dead, he appeared to the apostles and, breathing on them, said, "Receive the Holy Spirit" (John 20:22). Just as he did at Pentecost, Jesus wants to breathe God's energy into our hearts every day. The spiritual dynamic that was present at that first Pentecost, moving people to love God, to seek out holiness, and to come

together as a church, is still at work today.

How can we tell if this breath of God is active in our lives? We will feel energized by the Spirit, and we will want to set our sights on being like Jesus. We will feel moved to go to work for the kingdom, relying on the Spirit's power and guidance. We will try to be more loving, more kind, and more patient.

Right now, stop and take a few deep breaths. In your mind, imagine yourself breathing in the Spirit. Picture yourself accepting the Lord and his plans, and letting go of your own plans and visions. Jesus has great plans for every member of his church. And that includes you!

"Lord Jesus, breathe on me and make me more alive to God. Come, Holy Spirit, and fill me with your life!"



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 08 June 2025

Killeen (9am): No Mass this Sunday
 Arles (10am): Jim & Ned McDonald, Ashfield
 Bobby Miller, Ballickmoyler
 Ballylinan (8pm):
 (11.30am): Betty Kealy
 John Murphy

Anniversaries for 15 June 2025

Killeen (9am):
 Arles (10am): Seamus McDonald, Birthday Rem.
 Ballylinan (8pm):
 (11.30am): Martin Kinsella

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord



Sincere thanks to everyone who helped in any way at The Charity Auction on May 18th in St. Anne's Hall, Ballylinan. To all who gave donations and supported the Auction by gifts or your presence on the day, Thank you. The Bothar and Franciscan Missionary Union Charities will be the recipients of the total which amounted to €2,117.86.



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 1st June
Arles:	Offertory €102.97
	Envelope €223.00
Ballylinan:	Offertory €275.64
	Envelope €189.00
Killeen:	Offertory €97.87
	Envelope €114.00

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

Sick and Housebound

Fr. Padraig will attend those in Killeen & Ballylinan areas on Tuesday morning and those in Arles on Tuesday afternoon (10th June).



Safeguarding

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

Parish Safeguarding Rep: Christine Oglesby (087) 654 6149

Carlow Choral Society

Mozart Mass in C Minor

Cathedral of the Assumption, Carlow

Friday 13th June at 8pm

Tickets €25



Cemetery Mass

Rathaspic

Wednesday 18th June at 7.30pm

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An Spioraid Naoimh

Praying Community

Third Annual 24-Hour Sponsored Fast: Friday, June 20th, 2025 in Aid Of Mary's Meals Programme to Feed a Child for a School Year.

It costs €22 to Feed a Child in impoverished areas of the world. To Date we have raised €15,270. I appeal to all for your help and support. You can donate via www.spioraidnaoimh.com

Fast Cards Available from B. Reddin 086-8630039 E. Cullinane 087-6595293 M. Nerney 086-8157305

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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)

9th June

Speaker: Richie Power

Former Kilkenny Hurler & All Ireland Winner



Prayer Before an Examination



Dear Lord, as I take this exam, I thank you that my value

Is not based on my performance, but on your great love for me.

Come into my heart so that we can walk through this time together.

Help me, not only with this test, but the many tests of life that are sure to come my way.

As I take this exam, bring back to my mind everything I studied

and be gracious with what I have overlooked.

Help me to remain focussed and calm, confident in the facts and in my ability,

and firm in the knowledge that no matter what happens today you are there with me. Amen



Ballylinan Altar Society

Seeking volunteers

Contact 059-8625125



Notice

The Parish Office will be closed next week. It will reopen on Tuesday 17th June at 10am.



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