

TODAY'S MASS READINGS



First reading

A reading from the book of Genesis

The Melchizedek king of Salem brought bread and wine; he was a priest of God Most High. He pronounced this blessing: 'Blessed be Abram by God Most High, creator of heaven and earth, and blessed be God Most High for handing over your enemies to you.' And Abram gave him a tithe of everything.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Response: You are a priest for ever, a priest like Melchizedek of old.

Second Reading

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

This is what I received from the Lord, and in turn passed on to you: that on the same night that he was betrayed, the Lord Jesus took some bread, and thanked God for it and broke it, and he said, 'This is my body, which is for you; do this as a memorial of me.' In the same way he took the cup after supper, and said, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Whenever you drink it, do this as a memorial of me.' Until the Lord comes, therefore, every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are proclaiming his death.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the living bread which has come down from heaven, says the Lord. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever. Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus made the crowds welcome and talked to them about the kingdom of God; and he cured those who were in need of healing. It was late afternoon when the Twelve came to him and said, 'Send the people away, and they can go to the villages and farms round about to find lodging and food; for we are in a lonely place here.' He replied, 'Give them something to eat yourselves.' But they said, 'We have no more than five loaves and two fish, unless we are to go ourselves and buy food for all these people' For there were about five thousand men. But he said to his disciples, 'Get them to sit down in parties of about fifty.' They did so and made them all sit down. Then he took the five loaves and the two fish, raised his eyes to heaven, and said the blessing over them; then he broke them and handed them to his disciples to distribute among the crowd. They all ate as much as they wanted, and when the scraps remaining were collected they filled twelve baskets.

The Gospel of the Lord



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The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ

In Communion

If there is hunger anywhere in the world, then our celebration of the Eucharist is somehow incomplete everywhere in the world ... In the Eucharist we receive Christ hungering in the world. He comes to us, not alone, but with the poor, the oppressed, the starving of the earth. Through him they are looking to us for help, for justice, for love expressed in action. Therefore we cannot properly receive the bread of life unless at the same time we give the bread of life to those in need wherever and whoever they may be. 'Pedro Arrupe SJ

The Feast of Corpus Christi reminds us of our responsibility to be in communion with the whole body of Christ. There is room for everyone at the divine banquet – especially the poor and the hungry.

In today's Gospel story of the feeding of the five thousand, Jesus refuses to leave anyone hungry, even when his own disciples suggest sending the crowds away. There is more than enough bread for everyone.

Notice that Jesus gives the food to his disciples to distribute among the hungry crowd. He is passing on the responsibility to his followers. It is up to all of us to help those in need. Having received Jesus' body and blood in the Eucharist, we are expected to pass it on – to play our part in feeding the hungry and working for justice.

Triona Doherty



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 22 June 2025

Killeen (9am): John Byrne, Ballyfoyle

Mary Coll

Arles (10am):

Ballylinan (8pm):

(11.30am):

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):

Weekly Collections

Sunday 15th June

Arles: Offertory €102.03

Envelope €409.00

Ballylinan: Offertory €241.60

Envelope €263.50

Killeen: Offertory €161.60

Envelope €213.00

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



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



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 Wed 13th Aug – Fri 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



Solemn Novena to

Our Lady of Perpetual Help

St. Clare's Graiguecullen

28th April — 23rd June 2025

Time: 7.30pm (Rosary at 7pm)

16th June

Speaker: Elizabeth Zion

Writer and Advocate for Youth Empowerment



Notice

Please note that there will be no morning mass in Arles this coming week to facilitate our Cemetery/Graveyard masses.



Columbanus Day Celebrations

All paths lead to Carlow this July when the town hosts the XXVI Columbanus Day celebration from 11th July to 13th July 2025. This significant occasion honours St Columbanus, one of Ireland's



most influential early missionaries, recognised for his contributions to the spiritual and cultural foundation of Europe. St Columbanus, patron saint of the Missionary Society of St Columban, was born in Myshall. The three-day event promises a rich blend of cultural, spiritual and communal experiences. Highlights include the launch of the exhibition 'Ireland and the Birth of Europe,' a symposium exploring the relationship between creation and spirituality given by Columban missionary Fr Sean McDonagh, and a walk along the picturesque Columban Way. Visitors can also look forward to engaging talks, such as 'Columbanus, the Man from Myshall,' by former President Dr Mary McAleese, taking place in the Holy Cross Church in Myshall. The celebrations culminate with the XXVI Columbanus Day Mass at the Cathedral of the Assumption, Carlow on Sunday 13th July. We very much look forward to hosting the International Columbanus Weekend, when pilgrims from all over Europe will gather here in our diocese to honour this great Saint. Bookings for various events now open on www.kandle.ie



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