



## Today's Mass Readings

### First reading

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The Rejoice, Jerusalem, be glad for her, all you who love her! Rejoice, rejoice for her, all you who mourned her! That you may be suckled, filled, from her consoling breast, that you may savour with delight her glorious breasts. For thus says the Lord: Now towards her I send flowing peace, like a river, and like a stream in spate the glory of the nations. At her breast will her nurslings be carried and fondled in her lap. Like a son comforted by his mother will I comfort you. And by Jerusalem you will be comforted. At the sight your heart will rejoice, and your bones flourish like the grass. To his servants the Lord will reveal his hand.

The Word of the Lord

### Responsorial Psalm

Response: Cry out with joy to God all the earth.

### Second Reading

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

The only thing I can boast about is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom the world is crucified to me, and I to the world. It does not matter if a person is circumcised or not; what matters is for him to become an altogether new creature. Peace and mercy to all who follow this rule, who form the Israel of God. I want no more trouble from anybody after this; the marks on my

body are those of Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, my brothers. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.



Alleluia, alleluia! I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia!

### Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

The Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them out ahead of him, in pairs, to all the towns and places he himself was to visit. He said to them, 'The harvest is rich but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest. Start off now, but remember, I am sending you out like lambs among wolves. Carry no purse, no haversack, no sandals. Salute no one on the road. 'Whatever house you go into, let your first words be, "Peace to this house!" And if a man of peace lives there, your peace will go and rest on him; if not, it will come back to you. Stay in the same house, taking what food and drink they have to offer, for the labourer deserves his wages; do not move from house to house. 'Whenever you go into a town where they make you welcome, eat what is set before you. Cure those in it who are sick, and say, "The kingdom of God is very near to you." But whenever you enter a town and they do not make you welcome, go out into its streets and say, "We wipe off the very dust of your town that clings to our feet, and leave it with you. Yet be sure of this: the kingdom of God is very near." I tell you, on that day it will not go as hard with Sodom as with that town.' The seventy-two came back rejoicing. 'Lord,' they said 'even the devils submit to us when we use your name.' He said to them, 'I watched Satan fall like lightning from heaven. Yes, I have given you power to tread underfoot serpents and scorpions and the whole strength of the enemy; nothing shall ever hurt you. Yet do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you; rejoice rather that your names are written in heaven.'

The Gospel of the Lord



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6th July 2025

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Gospel Reflection

Lk 10: 1-12

*We come in peace*



'God save all here' is a traditional Irish blessing, spoken on entering someone's home or arriving at a gathering. It was also used as a general greeting when entering a public house, and is often heard in films depicting life in early 20th century Ireland.

Other variations traditionally spoken on crossing a threshold include 'God bless all here' or 'God bless all in this house'. While not in use as much these days, such greetings serve to set the tone for a visit. They indicate that the visitor has come in peace, with good wishes for all present – he or she bears no ill will to anyone.

Today Jesus recommends a specific greeting for his disciples to use when entering a home: 'Peace to this house!' Whatever house the disciples go into, this should be their greeting.

Like the traditional Irish blessings, these words set a tone. Jesus explains that if a person of peace lives in that house, 'your peace will go and rest on him'. The peace blessing offered by the disciples will spread to those they meet..

Peace should be our number one consideration in our dealings with others.



## 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 6 July 2025

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

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

Ballylinan (8pm):

(11.30am):

#### Anniversaries for 13 July 2025

Killeen (9am): John Oglesby

Martin Whelan, Hollymount

John Moran (2nd Anniv.) & Loretta Moran (3rd Anniv.)

Arles (10am):

Ballylinan (8pm): Margaret Davis, Milltown Rd.

Andrew Brennan, Carlow

(11.30am)

: Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord



### Cemetery Mass Collections

Arles - €2,006.00

Ballylinan - €1,780.00

Killeen - €1,450.00

The monies will go towards the upkeep of the graveyards and cemetery.

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

### Praise Resounds Concert

A gathering of reflection, music and song, celebrating the legacy of Saint Columbanus, Saturday 12th July at 8.00 pm in the Cathedral of the Assumption, Carlow.



### 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

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### Youth Pilgrimage to Croagh Patrick

August 23rd

For young adults (16-35) in the Diocese of Kildare & Leighlin.

Join us for a day of

faith, challenge and community as we undertake the ancient pilgrimage to the summit of Croagh Patrick on Friday, 23rd August. Buses will depart from: Naas, Carlow and Portlaoise. This spiritual journey offers an opportunity for prayer, reflection and connection with fellow young Catholics. Whether you're seeking personal renewal, physical challenge or simply to experience this sacred tradition, all are welcome. Spaces are limited. Registration is essential and a short meeting for all 16-18 year old pilgrims and a parent/guardian will take place on Thursday 14th August at 7.30pm in Portlaoise, Nass and Carlow. For full details and to register, visit: kandle.ie.

### Weekly Collections

Sunday 29th June

Arles: Offertory €111.97

Envelope €309.60

Ballylinan: Offertory €242.38

Envelope €158.30

Killeen: Offertory €103.97

Envelope €102.00

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

### COLUMBAN 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 Week-end, when pilgrims from all over Europe will gather here in our diocese to honour this great Saint. Full programme details and booking links on [www.kandle.ie](http://www.kandle.ie)



### 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.



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