

Today's Mass Readings

First reading

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

Moses said to the people: 'Obey the voice of the Lord your God, keeping those commandments and laws of his that are written in the Book of this Law, and you shall return to the Lord your God with all your heart and soul. 'For this Law that I enjoin on you today is not beyond your strength or beyond your reach. It is not in heaven, so that you need to wonder, "Who will go up to heaven for us and bring it down to us, so that we may hear it and keep it?" Nor is it beyond the seas, so that you need to wonder, "Who will cross the seas for us and bring it back to us, so that we may hear it and keep it?" No, the Word is very near to you, it is in your mouth and in your heart for your observance.'

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Response: Seek the Lord, you who are poor, and your hearts will revive

Second Reading

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

Christ Jesus is the image of the unseen God and the first-born of all creation, for in him were created all things in heaven and on earth: everything visible and everything invisible, Thrones, Dominations, Sovereignties, Powers – all things were created through him and for him. Before anything was created, he existed, and he holds all things in unity. Now the Church is his body, he is its head. As he is the Beginning, he was first to be born from the dead, so that he should be first in every way; because God wanted all perfection to be found in him and all things to be reconciled through him and for him, everything in heaven and everything on earth, when he made peace by his death on the cross.

Alleluia, alleluia! The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice, says the Lord, I know them and they follow me. Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

There was a lawyer who, to disconcert Jesus, stood up and said to him, 'Master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' He said to him, 'What is written in the Law? What do you read there?' He replied, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbour as yourself.' 'You have answered right,' said Jesus 'do this and life is yours.' But the man was anxious to justify himself and said to Jesus, 'And who is my neighbour?' Jesus replied, 'A man was once on his way down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of brigands; they took all he had, beat him and then made off, leaving him half dead. Now a priest happened to be travelling down the same road, but when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. In the same way a Levite who came to the place saw him, and passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan traveller who came upon him was moved with compassion when he saw him. He went up and bandaged his wounds, pouring oil and wine on them. He then lifted him on to his own mount, carried him to the inn and looked after him. Next day, he took out two denarii and handed them to the innkeeper. "Look after him," he said "and on my way back I will make good any extra expense you have." Which of these three, do you think, proved himself a neighbour to the man who fell into the brigands' hands?' 'The one who took pity on him' he replied. Jesus said to him, 'Go, and do the same yourself.'

The Gospel of the Lord



Reaching Out to All People

Lord, Jesus Christ,

Truly you are the Good Samaritan, the Divine Neighbour, Who has stopped by the side of the road,

To soothe the wounds of our suffering, our weakness. You call us to be neighbours to one another,

Especially to those most in need of our love and care.

Today I join my prayers, my sacrifices, all that is worthy in these waking hours, With the compassionate work of Catholic charities throughout the world. May those charged with ministering on its behalf see themselves as the loving eyes and heart and hands of Christ.

And may they find, in the persons they serve, the eyes of Christ returning their gaze.

Teach us, O Lord, each day, to search life's roadsides and ditches,

For the fallen, the weary, the wounded, the lonely, the poor.

May we not "pass by on the other side", but, like the Good Samaritan, stoop to help, to heal, to carry the person to an inn of hope.

May this desire burn in the hearts of all who embrace the work of Catholic charities.

To their hearts, I, in this moment and in this day, join my own. Amen

The Word of the Lord.

Religious Services to attend

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 13 July 2025

Killeen (9am): John Oglesby

Brigid Doyle, Rathmore, Naas (3rd Anniv.)

Martin Whelan, Hollymount

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

Arles (10am):

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

Andrew Brennan, Carlow

(11.30am):

Tues. 15th July (10am): Tom & Margaret Delaney, their son Michael & The Moore family, Farnans.

Anniversaries for 20 July 2025

Killeen (9am): William & Peggy Ryan

Arles (10am): Eileen & Willie Keightley & their daughter Bríd Scanlan

Ballylinan (8pm):

(11.30am): Anne O'Meara

Bridget Nolan, Oldcourt (2nd Anniv.)

Anniversaries for 27 July 2025

Killeen (9am): Je	ohn Condron
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- Arles (10am): Majella Brophy, Maidenhead (4th Anniv.)
- **Ballylinan (8pm):** Seamus Morris (10th Anniv.)

Kevin & Stella Hovenden

(11.30am):



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Our parish collection amounted to: €4,176.00

Thank you to all for your kindness and care for those in the Developing World.

Camp Pio Summer Faith Camp

For boys and girls aged 5 -13 years, takes place from Monday 21st – Thursday 24th July in Bloom HQ, Old Convent,

drama and team games



For more info and to book a place please contact camppio2024@gmail.com or phone Caroline 085 2430529 or Laura 087-6313370.

Notice

The Parish Office will be closed next week.

It will reopen on Tuesday 22nd July at 10am.

No newsletter next weekend



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Youth Pilgrimage to **Croagh Patrick**

August 23rd

For young adults (16-35) in the Diocese of Kildare & Leighlin. Buses will depart from: Naas, Carlow

and Portlaoise. 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 6th July Arles: €89.68 Offertory €497.00 Envelope Ballylinan: Offertory €156.93 Envelope €313.50 Killeen: Offertory €106.75 €274.40 Envelope

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

Ceol agus Craic

Sunday 3rd August from 5pm

The Square, Ballickmoyler

Local Musicians will play for the evening. Come along and enjoy the entertainment.

> A Collection held for Arles Graveyard Restoration Fund.

Your support would be appreciated.

24 Hour Silent Vigil for Gaza

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

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

More details from our Suaimhneas Centre, Clane.



PRAGER OF ST Benedict

O gracious and holy God, Give us wisdom to know you, Intelligence to understand you, Diligence to seek you, Patience to wait for you, Eyes to behold you, A heart to meditate upon you,

A life to proclaim you.

To the power of the Spirit of Jesus Christ, Amen.

Blessing

May we see the face of Christ in others.

Amen

May we listen to others with the ear of our heart.

Amen

Notice

Please note there will be no morning mass next Thursday in Arles



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