

## TODAY'S MASS READINGS

### First reading

A reading from the book of Genesis

The Lord said, 'How great an outcry there is against Sodom and Gomorrah! How grievous is their sin! I propose to go down and see whether or not they have done all that is alleged in the outcry against them that has come up to me. I am determined to know.' The men left there and went to Sodom while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. Approaching him he said, 'Are you really going to destroy the just man with the sinner? Perhaps there are fifty just men in the town. Will you really overwhelm them, will you not spare the place for the fifty just men in it? Do not think of doing such a thing: to kill the just man with the sinner, treating just and sinner alike! Do not think of it! Will the judge of the whole earth not administer justice?' the Lord replied, 'If at Sodom I find fifty just men in the town, I will spare the whole place because of them.' Abraham replied, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this to my Lord, I who am dust and ashes. But perhaps the fifty just men lack five: will you destroy the whole city for five?' 'No,' he replied 'I will not destroy it if I find forty-five just men there.' Again Abraham said to him, 'Perhaps there will only be forty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'for the sake of the forty.' Abraham said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry, but give me leave to speak: perhaps there will only be thirty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'if I find thirty there.' He said, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this, but perhaps there will only be twenty there.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the twenty.' He said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry if I speak once more: perhaps there will only be ten.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the ten.'

The Word of the Lord

### Responsorial Psalm

Response: On the day I called, you answered me, O Lord.

### Second Reading

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

You have been buried with Christ, when you were baptised; and by baptism, too, you have been raised up with him through your belief in the power of God who raised

him from the dead. You were dead, because you were sinners and had not been circumcised: he has brought you to life with him, he has forgiven us all our sins. He has overridden the Law, and cancelled every record of the debt that we had to pay; he has done away with it by nailing it to the cross.

The Word of the Lord

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! The Word was made flesh and lived among us: to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God. Alleluia!

### Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Once Jesus was in a certain place praying, and when he had finished one of his disciples said, 'Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.' He said to them, 'Say this when you pray: "Father, may your name be held holy, your kingdom come; give us each day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive each one who is in debt to us. And do not put us to the test."' He also said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend and goes to him in the middle of the night to say, "My friend, lend me three loaves, because a friend of mine on his travels has just arrived at my house and I have nothing to offer him"; and the man answers from inside the house, "Do not bother me. The door is bolted now, and my children and I are in bed; I cannot get up to give it you." I tell you, if the man does not get up and give it him for friendship's sake, persistence will be enough to make him get up and give his friend all he wants. 'So I say to you: Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you. For the one who asks always receives; the one who searches always finds; the one who knocks will always have the door opened to him. What father among you would hand his son a stone when he asked for bread? Or hand him a snake instead of a fish? Or hand him a scorpion if he asked for an egg? If you then, who are evil, know how to give your children what is good, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'

The Gospel of the Lord



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27th July 2025

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

## REFLECTION

Often I pray to St Anthony and I find what I was looking for. I can't understand why, but it brings up the question of praying for what we want and need. People pray hard for an intention; some pray for ages and are answered, some are not.

We often pray for what may be outside God's control – that someone may give up drink but the person may not want to; that children will be kept safe on the roads but they are killed or injured with the careless and dangerous driving of someone else, maybe under addictive influence.

### Mystery

We are encouraged always to pray with hope and persistence, believing that we always get something. In the asking is the receiving and we never leave prayer worse off than when we began.

Any time we give to prayer we get something. We are transformed. St Ignatius speaks of the effect of prayer – an increase in faith, hope and love. We may not get the specific intention but we always get the Holy Spirit. I have never left prayer the poorer than when I went. Knock and the door will be opened ....in the knocking itself something is opened. In asking and seeking we get something. The first gift of prayer is the love of God. Other gifts follow.

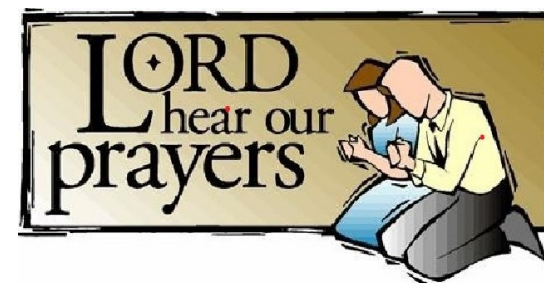
### Trust

Prayer increases our trust in God. That he wants what is for our good and is with us in love.

So we pray for what we need and then leave the prayer with God, to be answered as he can. This is one of the greatest faiths of all.

Our Father, holy be your name, Your kingdom come and will be done within me and in earth and heaven.

Donal Neary SJ



## 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 27 July 2025

**Killeen (9am):** John Condron

Lily Byrne

**Arles (10am):** James & Bridget Nash &  
their daughters Helen Cahill & Patricia McCutcheon

Majella Brophy, Maidenhead (4th Anniv)

**Ballylinan (8pm):**

**(11.30am):** Seamus Morris (10th Anniv)

Kevin & Stella Hovenden

### Anniversaries for 03 August 2025

**Killeen (9am):** John Brophy (25th Anniv)

**Arles (10am):** Anthony Brennan (6th Anniv)

**Ballylinan (8pm):** Michael Walsh (2nd Anniv)

**(11.30am):**

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord



### Light The Fire – August 3rd - Hill of Slane

This is an invitation to witness the Archbishop of Armagh symbolically light the fire of faith, hope and love, first kindled by St. Patrick. Eurovision's Dana will sing her song for St Patrick, Light the Fire. Gathering begins at noon and includes mass, Eucharistic healing, praise and worship and Rosary.

More info at [www.lightthefire.ie](http://www.lightthefire.ie)



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## 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.*

## BLOOD DONATION CLINIC



**Talbot Hotel, Carlow**

**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> July 25**

**Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> July 25**

**Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> July 25**

**Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> July 25**

**From 15:45pm - 20:00pm**

Check your eligibility & book your appointment at [giveblood.ie](http://giveblood.ie) or call us on 1800 222 111

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## Stand for Peace - March for Palestine - Saturday August 2nd



We are heartbroken and outraged by the suffering in Gaza and Palestine. But this is one action we can take, to come together in peaceful solidarity with the people of Palestine.

Please join the Kilkenny Community Palestine Solidarity Group (KCPSG) for a 'March for Palestine' on Saturday, August 2nd at 1pm, beginning at the Kilkenny Castle Main Gates.

In the words of Pope Leo XIV - "From the Gaza Strip, we hear rising ever more insistently to the heavens, the cries of mothers and fathers who clutch the lifeless bodies of their children..."

KCPSG also holds a weekly vigil every Wednesday from 5.30pm to 6pm on the Kilkenny Parade.



## Recollection Weekend

**22nd - 24th August 2025**

Cluain Chiarain Prayer Centre, Clonmacnois.



A retreat for adult Catholics seeking to deepen their spiritual life and grow in holiness. A time for silence, reflection and fellowship with talks from various guest speakers. €180 - all meals and accommodation provided with custom welcome pack.

For more details & booking please visit [www.thecollect.ie](http://www.thecollect.ie)

## Prayer for the Fifth World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

**27 July 2025**

How beautiful are these words of yours, Lord!

Help us to continue our pilgrimage through time,

animated by the hope that comes from You!

Help us in this divisive world,

to bring the hope of communion.

Help us in this world, wounded by wars,

to bring the hope of peace.

Help us in this world, which is dehumanizing,

to bring the beauty of an ancient smile.

Help us to be, for our grandchildren, for our loved ones

and for everyone we meet,

the memory of your tenderness.

Help us to bring, in a world distracted from You,

the Hope of a new life that only You can give!

For in You, Lord, nothing is lost

For in You, Lord, everything begins again! Amen



## Weekly Collections

**Sunday 20th July**

**Arles:** Offertory €118.61

Envelope €302.00

**Ballylinan:** Offertory €209.91

Envelope €194.00

**Killeen:** Offertory €65.60

Envelope €118.00

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

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