

First reading

A reading from the book of Wisdom

That night had been foretold to our ancestors, so that, once they saw what kind of oaths they had put their trust in, they would joyfully take courage. This was the expectation of your people, the saving of the virtuous and the ruin of their enemies; for by the same act with which you took vengeance on our foes you made us glorious by calling us to you. The devout children of worthy men offered sacrifice in secret and this divine pact they struck with one accord: that the saints would share the same blessings and dangers alike; and forthwith they had begun to chant the hymns of the fathers.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Response: Happy are the people the Lord has chosen as his own.

Second reading

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

Only faith can guarantee the blessings that we hope for, or prove the existence of the realities that at present remain unseen. It was for faith that our ancestors were commended.

It was by faith that Abraham obeyed the call to set out for a country that was the inheritance given to him and his descendants, and that he set out without knowing where he was going. By faith he arrived, as a foreigner, in the Promised Land, and lived there as if in a strange country, with Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. They lived there in tents while he looked forward to a city founded, designed and built by God.

It was equally by faith that Sarah, in spite of being past the age, was made able to conceive,

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because she believed that he who had made the promise would be faithful to it. Because of this, there came from one man, and one who was already as good as dead himself, more descendants than could be counted, as many as the stars of heaven or the grains of sand on the seashore.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Stay awake and stand ready, because you do not know the hour when the Son of Man is coming. Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus said 'See that you are dressed for action and have your lamps lit. Be like men waiting for their master to return from the wedding feast, ready to open the door as soon as he comes and knocks. Happy those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. I tell you solemnly, he will put on an apron, sit them down at table and wait on them. It may be in the second watch he comes, or in the third, but happy those servants if he finds them ready. You may be quite sure of this, that if the householder had known at what hour the burglar would come, he would not have let anyone break through the wall of his house. You too must stand ready, because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

The Gospel of the Lord



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Parish Website: arlesparish.ie

10th August 2025

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

A Prayer for the Home

God of mercy and compassion,

You gave your Son a loving, caring home

with Mary and Joseph.

Together they learned to be a family with

all the challenges and rewards that

Sharing a home can bring.



May their story inspire and give courage

To all those who share a home together.

May we, in this home, always cherish one another and be ready to forgive one another daily.



May our home be a place of welcome for

all who come our way.

Amen.

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 10 August 2025

Killeen (9am): Alfred Oglesby
Michael Fitzpatrick

Arles (10am): Kevin Fitzpatrick, Farnans (23rd Anniv)
Nicholas & Kathleen Maher, The Strand & their son James & daughter Eileen

Ballylinan (8pm): William Farrell, Ballycorman
Lily Howe

(11.30am): Ann Hutchinson

Anniversaries for 17 August 2025

Killeen (9am):

Arles (10am): Margaret Kenna (Months Mind)
Margaret (Peg) Doogue (9th Anniversary)
Ned Broderick (2nd Anniversary)

Ballylinan (8pm):

(11.30am): Michael Byrne

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord



Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

15th August

Mass times: 9am Killeen, 10am Arles & 11.30am Ballylinan

Weekly Collections

Sunday 3rd August

Arles:	Offertory	€124.81
	Envelope	€292.00
Ballylinan:	Offertory	€312.24
	Envelope	€247.20
Killeen:	Offertory	€213.71
	Envelope	€126.65

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

Eucharistic Adoration

The Kildare & Leighlin Diocesan Adoration Committee invites you to join them with Most Reverend Bishop Denis Nulty, Fr Ruairi O Domhnaill and Guests for a day of Prayer and Adoration.

The day will feature a special Carlo Acutis Exhibition and Eucharistic Miracles exhibition - concluding with concelebrated Holy Mass at three pm. Confessions available.

Location: Mt St Anne's, Portarlinton, R32 WN59. Saturday August 30th from 9.30am - 4.00pm. Refreshments and Lunch - €20.00

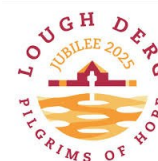
Booking essential - Further details 0861637311.

All welcome.



Jubilee Year Opportunities at Lough Derg this August & September

Three Day Pilgrimages continue until 15th August. Admission €85. Concessions for Seniors, Students and Groups.



One Day Retreats – Guided Days of Prayer and Reflection - places available on

August 19th, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 30th

September 3rd, 6th, 7th, 9th, 13th, 20th, 21st

National Sacred Heart Crusade – a Sacred Heart Statue blessed by Pope Francis will be present for the Day Retreats on 23rd, 24th & 25th August.

Canonisation of Blessed Carlo Acutis on Sun 7th September – special devotions and blessing with Carlo Acutis Relic. Admission €50. Advance Booking Essential

Thursday 21st August, **National Heritage Week 2025** - Lough Derg offers a day to Immerse yourself in the story and heritage of the ancient Sanctuary. Guided Tour of Station Island and Boat Trip at 11am & 2:30pm. Admission €15.

Pilgrim Path Lake Shore Pilgrimage - In the footsteps of pilgrims through the centuries Sunday 31st August. Guided 8km & 12km walk options available. Admission €25.



Quiet Day Retreat – Come apart by yourself, and rest for a while – Friday 2nd September. Admission €40 includes refreshments and lunch.

www.loughderg.org



A Word of Thanks to all who supported the recent collection at the 'Craic agus Ceol' in O'Kelly's, Ballickmoyler, in aid of the Arles Graveyard Restoration Fund.

Special thanks to Ray O'Kelly (Proprietor) & Michael Byrne; and to our musicians Seamus Cooney and Billy Lawlor.

A total of €600 was collected on the night.



Aid to the Church in Need

ACN IRELAND

ACN Pilgrimage to Knock

Papal charity *Aid to the Church in Need Ireland* invites people to join their national pilgrimage to Knock Shrine on Saturday August 30 to highlight the plight of Christians who suffer persecution for their faith in many parts of the world. Mass is in the Basilica at 3pm – all welcome.

For more info, see www.acnireland.org

M Nerney Medjugorje Group Pilgrimage 2025

Depart Dublin to Dubrovnik

Oct 9th - Oct 16th

Cost €855 PPS (Single Supplement + €170). Travel insurance optional extra €35

Accompanied by Spiritual Director

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