

First reading

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

The king's leading men spoke to the king. 'Let Jeremiah be put to death: he is unquestionably disheartening the remaining soldiers in the city, and all the people too, by talking like this. The fellow does not have the welfare of this people at heart so much as its ruin.' 'He is in your hands as you know,' King Zedekiah answered 'for the king is powerless against you.' So they took Jeremiah and threw him into the well of Prince Malchiah in the Court of the Guard, letting him down with ropes. There was no water in the well, only mud, and into the mud Jeremiah sank. Ebed-melech came out from the palace and spoke to the king. 'My lord king,' he said 'these men have done a wicked thing by treating the prophet Jeremiah like this: they have thrown him into the well, where he will die.' At this the king gave Ebed-melech the Cushite the following order: 'Take three men with you from here and pull the prophet Jeremiah out of the well before he dies.'

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Response: Lord, come to my aid!

Second reading

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

With so many witnesses in a great cloud on every side of us, we too, then, should throw off everything that hinders us, especially the sin that clings so easily, and keep running steadily in the race we have started. Let us not lose sight of Jesus, who leads us in our faith and brings it to perfection: for the sake

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of the joy which was still in the future, he endured the cross, disregarding the shamefulness of it, and from now on has taken his place at the right of God's throne. Think of the way he stood such opposition from sinners and then you will not give up for want of courage. In the fight against sin, you have not yet had to keep fighting to the point of death.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Open our heart, O Lord, to accept the words of your Son. Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I have come to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were blazing already! There is a baptism I must still receive, and how great is my distress till it is over! 'Do you suppose that I am here to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. For from now on a household of five will be divided: three against two and two against three; the father divided against the son, son against father, mother against daughter, daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law, daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.'

The Gospel of the Lord



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17th August 2025

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Day of Prayer for Gaza Sunday 24th August



At the opening of the Jubilee of Youth in a packed St Peter's Square, Pope Leo XIV said: "We must cry out for peace in the world" and he then invited all the young people to join him in saying: "We want peace in the world!" In the words of Cardinal Pizzaballa, the Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem: "Christ is not absent from Gaza. He is there, crucified in the wounded, buried under rubble and yet present in every act of mercy, every candle in the darkness, every hand extended to the suffering".

The images we are watching on nightly news bulletins and on social media feeds are appalling. Many ask what can we do? We can become numb in our sense of helplessness before scenes that speak of "man's inhumanity to man". We feel bewildered when we see and hear about people crushed by hunger or crushed in the stampede for airdropped food. Most upsetting of all is the horrible violence and death that children are experiencing and witnessing.

Archbishop Eamon Martin has called on parishes to set aside Sunday, 24 August as a day of prayer and reflection for Gaza. I echo his call and ask all our parishes in Kildare & Leighlin to observe this day of prayer.

We can light a candle in our family home or local parish church; attend Mass, spend time before the Blessed Sacrament; pray the Rosary; make some small personal penance or sacrifice, and on that day "let the light of hope radiate out from the island of Ireland for peace, for Gaza and for the future of its people."

Bishop Denis



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 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

Anniversaries for 24 August 2025

Killeen (9am): Margaret & Maurice Enright
Ellen Byrne

Arles (10am): Theresa Murphy

Ballylinan (8pm): Eileen Kaye

(11.30am):

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord

Weekly Collections

Sunday 10th August

Arles:	Offertory	€139.01
	Envelope	€355.00
Ballylinan:	Offertory	€235.57
	Envelope	€198.50
Killeen:	Offertory	€137.16
	Envelope	€157.00

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.



Franciscan Brothers

This year the Franciscan Brothers are conducting parish visitation throughout our diocese. Next weekend they will visit our parish and speak about their work and ministry.

By way of introduction Br. Brian says:

"We were founded in Galway in the early 1800s to bring education to the rural poor of Ireland. We were noted in particular for our work with the poor especially during famine times. We also established the first agricultural college in Ireland in Mountbellew Co. Galway in 1904. we now have missions in rural Kenya and Uganda. We run an agricultural college in both countries. Education, we feel is a vital key to progress. During times of drought, famine and conflict we help where we can. We are especially involved in reconciliation, the distribution of food, water and medicine during difficult times."

We welcome Br, Brian to our parish next weekend and we pray God's blessing on his good work.



Jubilee Year at Lough Derg

One Day Retreats – Guided Days of Prayer and Reflection - places available on August 19th, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 30th

National Sacred Heart Crusade – on 23rd, 24th & 25th August.



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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Legion of Mary Young Adult Catholic Conference

Legion of Mary Young Adult Catholic Conference (Ages 18-40) takes place on Saturday 30th August 2025 in De Montfort House, Morning Star Avenue, North Brunswick St., Dublin 7. Ticket Price: €20.00.

Contact: deusetpatria@gmail.com for more information.

