

## First reading

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus

The My son, be gentle in carrying out your business, and you will be better loved than a lavish giver. The greater you are, the more you should behave humbly, and then you will find favour with the Lord; for great though the power of the Lord is, he accepts the homage of the humble. There is no cure for the proud man's malady, since an evil growth has taken root in him. The heart of a sensible man will reflect on parables, an attentive ear is the sage's dream.

The Word of the Lord

## Responsorial Psalm

Response: In your goodness, O God, you prepared a home for the poor.

## Second reading

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

What you have come to is nothing known to the senses: not a blazing fire, or a gloom turning to total darkness, or a storm; or trumpeting thunder or the great voice speaking which made everyone that heard it beg that no more should be said to them. But what you have come to is Mount Zion and the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem where the millions of angels have gathered for the festival, with the whole Church in which everyone is a 'first-born son' and a citizen of heaven. You have come to God himself, the supreme Judge, and been placed with spirits of the saints who have been made perfect; and to Jesus, the mediator who brings a new covenant and a blood for purification which pleads more insistently than Abel's.

The Word of the Lord

## TODAY'S MASS READINGS

Alleluia, alleluia! If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him. Alleluia!

## Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

On a Sabbath day Jesus had gone for a meal to the house of one of the leading Pharisees; and they watched him closely. He then told the guests a parable, because he had noticed how they picked the places of honour. He said this, 'When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take your seat in the place of honour. A more distinguished person than you may have been invited, and the person who invited you both may come and say, "Give up your place to this man." And then, to your embarrassment, you would have to go and take the lowest place. No; when you are a guest, make your way to the lowest place and sit there, so that, when your host comes, he may say, "My friend, move up higher." In that way, everyone with you at the table will see you honoured. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the man who humbles himself will be exalted.' Then he said to his host, 'When you give a lunch or a dinner, do not ask your friends, brothers, relations or rich neighbours, for fear they repay your courtesy by inviting you in return. No; when you have a party, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; that they cannot pay you back means that you are fortunate, because repayment will be made to you when the virtuous rise again.'

The Gospel of the Lord



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31st August 2025

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Prayer for the Earth

Pope Francis



All-powerful God,

you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures.  
You embrace with your tenderness all that exists.  
Pour out upon us the power of your love,  
that we may protect life and beauty.

Fill us with peace, that we may live  
as brothers and sisters, harming no one.  
O God of the poor,  
help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of  
this earth,

so precious in your eyes.

Bring healing to our lives,  
that we may protect the world and not prey on it,  
that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction.

Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain  
at the expense of the poor and the earth.  
Teach us to discover the worth of each thing,  
to be filled with awe and contemplation,  
to recognize that we are profoundly united with every creature  
as we journey towards your infinite light.

We thank you for being with us each day.  
Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle  
for justice, love and peace.

*The Season of Creation is our special time for the Creator and each other. From September 1 to October 4 (the Feast of St Francis of Assisi), Christians around the world celebrate the Season of Creation.*



EARTH DAY

## 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 31 August 2025

**Killeen (9am):**

**Arles (10am):** Sadie Conway, Farnans

Tadhg O'Donovan

Patrick & Maureen Mulhall, Coolan-  
owle, their daughter Catherine Walsh (2nd Anniversary)

Jack Pound, Toomevara.

**Ballylinan (8pm):** Judy & Mick Shortall

John & Joanna Doyle

**(11.30am):** Jaydn Kelly (6th Anniversary)

### Anniversaries for 7 September 2025

**Killeen (9am):**

**Arles (10am):** Elsie O'Reilly

**Ballylinan (8pm):**

**(11.30am):**

**Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord**

## Weekly Collections

Sunday 24th August

Arles:	Offertory	€150.48
	Envelope	€302.50
Ballylinan:	Offertory	€198.43
	Envelope	€319.00
Killeen:	Offertory	€129.03
	Envelope	€89.00

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



## Kildare and Leighlin Liturgy Conference

It is Good for us to be here (Mark 9:5)

Come and join us for a day of personal enrichment as we explore many aspects of the celebration of Mass and liturgy in our parishes - taking place in the Cathedral of the Assumption and Carlow College on Saturday, 20th September.

We start with registration in Carlow College from 9-9:30am, Morning Prayer in the Cathedral at 9:30am followed by a day of keynote speakers and workshops, concluding at 5 pm. Look out for the poster and brochure in the church or go to [www.kandle.ie/LiturgyConference](http://www.kandle.ie/LiturgyConference) for more details. Booking is now open on [kandle.ie](http://kandle.ie) and workshops will fill on a first come basis.



## Invitation to Meditation

Carlow Meditation

Group meets on Monday evenings from 7 pm to 7:45 pm in the Cathedral Parish Centre, College Street, Carlow - excluding bank holidays.

Meditation, the universal practice of silent contemplation, can awaken the heart, deepen our spiritual sensitivity and promote our wellbeing.

All are welcome - no experience needed. No need to book – just turn up on any Monday evening! (Noel Keating, 087 2251183)

## Special Invitation

### Killeen Indoor Bowls

Each Tuesday

(7.15pm-9pm: From 2nd September)

Very mild exercise. Very good fun.

Great company. Tea / Coffee etc.

*Don't want to play? Come along and look.*



### 1st September – 4th October 2025

This year's Season of Creation has as its theme "Peace with Creation", inspired by the passage from Isaiah 32:14-18; "My people will abide in a peaceful habitation, in secure dwellings, and in quiet resting places." In a world of challenges and division, marked by war and climate change, how can we as people of faith create and work towards peace with creation? Every one of us has a part of play.

For more details: [www.catholicbishops.ie/season-of-creation-2025](http://www.catholicbishops.ie/season-of-creation-2025)



## Stand for Peace

### Regional March for Palestine

#### Saturday September 6th - Carlow

Throughout the world people are heartbroken and outraged by the suffering in Gaza and Palestine. One action we can take is to come together in peaceful solidarity with the people of Palestine.

Carlow IPSC, together with Palestine solidarity groups from Kildare, Kilkenny and Laois, invite you to join them for a Regional March for Palestine on Saturday, September 6th at 1pm, departing from the Liberty Tree in Carlow.

Pope Leo XIV continues to "call for an immediate end to the barbarity of the war and for a peaceful resolution of the conflict."

Cardinal Pierbattista Pizzaballa, patriarch of Jerusalem reminds us that "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."

*Let us walk together in peace and solidarity.*

### Arles Church Restoration Group

Meeting in Church Meeting Room at 8pm on Tuesday 2nd September.



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