

First reading

A reading from the book of Wisdom

What man indeed can know the intentions of God? Who can divine the will of the Lord? The reasonings of mortals are unsure and our intentions unstable; for a perishable body presses down the soul, and this tent of clay weighs down the teeming mind. It is hard enough for us to work out what is on earth, laborious to know what lies within our reach; who, then, can discover what is in the heavens? As for your intention, who could have learnt it, had you not granted Wisdom and sent your holy spirit from above? Thus have the paths of those on earth been straightened and men been taught what pleases you, and saved, by Wisdom.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Response: O Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to the next.

Second reading

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to Philemon

This is Paul writing, an old man now and, what is more, still a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for a child of mine, whose father I became while wearing these chains: I mean Onesimus. I am sending him back to you, and with him – I could say – a part of my own self. I should have liked to keep him with me; he could have been a substitute for you, to help me while I am in the chains that the Good News has brought me. However, I did not want to do anything without your consent; it would have been forcing your act of kindness, which should be spontaneous. I know you have been deprived of Onesimus for a time, but it was only so that

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you could have him back for ever, not as a slave any more, but something much better than a slave, a dear brother; especially dear to me, but how much more to you, as a blood-brother as well as a brother in the Lord. So if all that we have in common means anything to you, welcome him as you would me.

The Word of the Lord

Alleluia, alleluia! I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Great crowds accompanied Jesus on his way and he turned and spoke to them. 'If any man comes to me without hating his father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters, yes and his own life too, he cannot be my disciple. Anyone who does not carry his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. 'And indeed, which of you here, intending to build a tower, would not first sit down and work out the cost to see if he had enough to complete it? Otherwise, if he laid the foundation and then found himself unable to finish the work, the on-lookers would all start making fun of him and saying, "Here is a man who started to build and was unable to finish." Or again, what king marching to war against another king would not first sit down and consider whether with ten thousand men he could stand up to the other who advanced against him with twenty thousand? If not, then while the other king was still a long way off, he would send envoys to sue for peace. So in the same way, none of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions.'

The Gospel of the Lord



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Parish Website: arlesparish.ie

7th September 2025

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

REFLECTION

The city of Santiago, the capital of Chile, is overlooked by a high hill called the Cerro San Cristobal. To commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of the dogma of the Immaculate Conception (1854), the people of the city erected a large statue of Our Lady on the hilltop in 1904. It was called the Mother of Santiago, and stands above the city as a symbol of the people's faith and trust in Our Lady. Through the following prayer, all the different aspects of life in the city are brought before Mary, seeking her intercession.

Monday (8th Sept.) is the Birthday of Our Lady; maybe we could also seek her intercession (like the people of Santiago) for our community, and all that it contains.

Prayer

Mother of Santiago, Immaculate Virgin Mary. Our Lady of San Cristobal, trusting in your goodness and your tenderness we want to offer you our prayers.

Look, dear Mother, upon our community. Here are our homes and towns, our factories, prisons and schools, our hospitals, stadiums and roads. We invoke your protection over us.

May we never want for bread on our tables, nor love in our homes. May our laws be always fair and every single person respected. Look, dear Mother, upon our sick, who plead for health. Look upon the poor and

sad seeking justice and joy. Look upon the neglected and lonely who seek love and understanding. Look upon our families who are in need of dialogue and unity.

Protect our children and young people, and do not forget the absent and travellers.

You are the Mother of love and hope. You, the Mother of the Risen One who has brought life to our sorrows. Help us to trust in the Father. Help us to follow your Son. Help us to listen to the Holy Spirit and to love our church. Make us a country of brothers and sisters. 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

We pray for: Lena Scully, Ballinakill, Ballickmoyler, who died during this past week.

Anniversaries for 7 September 2025

Killeen (9am):

Arles (10am): Elsie O'Reilly

Sheila Graham, Tolerton

Ballylinan (8pm):

(11.30am):

Anniversaries for 14 September 2025

Killeen (9am): Peggy Lennon

Arles (10am): Elizabeth Browne, The Rushes

Ballylinan (8pm):

(11.30am): John-Joe & Angela Brennan & deceased members of the Whelan & Brennan families.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord

Weekly Collections

Sunday 31st August

Arles:	Offertory	€163.83
	Envelope	€345.00
Ballylinan:	Offertory	€224.67
	Envelope	€178.35
Killeen:	Offertory	€86.05
	Envelope	106.00

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

Why Sunday Matters

An invitation to reflect on Sunday Mass

Why Sunday Matters: Pastoral on Sunday

Parishioners are invited to read and reflect on this document from the Irish Bishops on the significance of Sunday. Copies can be found in the Parish Office or free to download on www.catholicbishops.ie

Special Invitation

Killeen Indoor Bowls

Each Tuesday 7.15pm—9pm

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

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?

For more details: www.catholicbishops.ie/season-of-creation-2025



Franciscan Brothers Parish Visitation and Appeal

Br. Brian wishes to extend his sincere thanks to all who supported his recent Mission Appeal for the good work of the Franciscan Brothers in Kenya and Uganda.

A total of €2,002 was collected at our weekend masses.



SAMARITANS

Samaritans Information Night

Got 3 hours a week to spare? Samaritans are looking for listening volunteers for their satellite office in Carlow. Why not come along to Lamberts Coffee House in Dublin Street on Monday 15th September between 6:30 and 8pm and meet some existing volunteers to find out what we do and how you could contribute to answering the 1500 calls for help received every day. We are actively looking for people to join our team, full training will be provided. www.samaritans.ie/volunteer



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 for more details. Booking is now open on kandle.ie and workshops will fill on a first come basis.

Eucharistic Procession

Eucharistic procession in honour of Bl. Carlo Acutis and Bl. Pier Giorgio Frassation's Canonisation.



The procession will be held around the streets of Central Dublin starting at White Friar Street Church, Aungier St. D2 at 3pm today (7th Sept.) and finishing with Mass in St Agatha's Church North Wall D1 at 5pm.



Jubilee Choir

We will be returning after our summer break with our next practice on Thursday September 11th at 7.30pm in St. Anne's Church.

New members always welcome.

Safeguarding

DLP: Ailish Higgins, mobile number 085-8021633 and email: dlp@kandle.ie

Parish Safeguarding Rep: Christine Oglesby (087) 654 6149

Arles Art Group



Starting Friday 19th September in Arles Hall (7-9pm).

€40 for 5 weeks.

All welcome.



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