



TODAY'S MASS READINGS

First reading

A reading from the book of Numbers

On the way through the wilderness the people lost patience. They spoke against God and against Moses, 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt to die in this wilderness? For there is neither bread nor water here; we are sick of this unsatisfying food.'

At this God sent fiery serpents among the people; their bite brought death to many in Israel. The people came and said to Moses, 'We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you. Intercede for us with the Lord to save us from these serpents.' Moses interceded for the people, and the Lord answered him, 'Make a fiery serpent and put it on a standard. If anyone is bitten and looks at it, he shall live.' So Moses fashioned a bronze serpent which he put on a standard, and if anyone was bitten by a serpent, he looked at the bronze serpent and lived.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Response: Never forget the deeds of the Lord.

Second reading

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

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not

cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave and became as men are; and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The Word of the Lord

Alleluia, alleluia! We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you; because by your cross you have redeemed the world. **Alleluia!**

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to Nicodemus: 'No one has gone up to heaven except the one who came down from heaven, the Son of Man who is in heaven; and the Son of Man must be lifted up as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.

Yes, God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life. For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved.'

The Gospel of the Lord



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14th September 2025

Exaltation of the Cross

Saint Carlo Acutis

Carlo Acutis was born May 3, 1991, in London, where his father was working. Just a few months later, he moved with his parents, Andrea Acutis and Antonia Salzano, to Milan, Italy.

From a young age, Carlo had a special love for God, even though his parents weren't especially devout. Antonia Salzano, his mom, said that before Carlo, she went to Mass only for her first Communion, her confirmation, and her wedding.

As a young child, Carlo loved to pray the rosary. After he made his first Communion, he went to Mass as often as possible at the parish across from his elementary school. Carlo's love for the Eucharist also inspired a deep conversion for his mother. According to the postulator promoting his cause for sainthood, he "managed to drag his relatives, his parents to Mass every day. It was not the other way around; it was not his parents bringing the little boy to Mass, but it was he who managed to get himself to Mass and to convince others to receive Communion daily."

Salzano spoke to "EWTN News Nightly" in October 2023 about her son's devotion to the Blessed Sacrament. She said: "He used to say, 'There are queues in front of a concert, in front of a football match, but I don't see these queues in front of the Blessed Sacrament' ... So, for him the Eucharist was the centre of his life."

Carlo was a faithful friend. He was known for standing up for kids at school who got bullied, especially kids with disabilities. When a friend's parents were getting a divorce, Carlo made a special effort to include his friend in the Acutis' family life. With his friends, he spoke about the importance of going to Mass and confession, human dignity, and chastity.

Carlo died on Oct. 12, 2006, following his battle with leukaemia. He was buried in Assisi, Italy. Thousands came to pray at his tomb at the time of his beatification in October 2020.

Pope Francis recognized a second miracle attributed to Carlo's intercession in a decree on May 23, 2024. The miracle involved the healing of a 21-year-old girl from Costa Rica named Valeria Valverde, who was near death after seriously injuring her head in a bicycle accident while studying in Florence in 2022. The first miracle that led to his beatification involved the healing of a 3-year-old boy in Brazil in 2013 who had been diagnosed with a malformation of his pancreas since birth.

He was canonized on 7 September 2025, Saint Peter's Square, Vatican City by Pope Leo XIV



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: Peggy Byrne, Ballycorman, and Niamh O'Reilly, Clonagh, who died during this past week.

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.

Anniversaries for 21 September 2025

Killeen (9am): Michael (Mike) Byrne

Arles (10am): Danny Brennan (9th Anniversary)

Br. Damien Brennan (6th Anniversary)

Ballylinan (8pm):

(11.30am): Julia McEvoy

Annie (Nan) & Patrick Julian & deceased members of the Julian family.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord



A special mass will be celebrated in honour of "The Little Flower" in St Joseph's Church, Ballyadams on Wed 1st Oct at 7.30pm

There will be individual blessings with the Little Flower Bone Relic after mass.

Weekly Collections

Sunday 7th September

Arles:	Offertory	€120.38
	Envelope	€255.70
Ballylinan:	Offertory	€220.45
	Envelope	€297.10
Killeen:	Offertory	€97.24
	Envelope	€126.10

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

Ballylinan Community Council



Next meeting will take place on Wednesday, 24th of September, at 8pm in St Anne's Hall.

New members are very welcome to attend.

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.



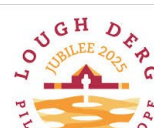
PEACE WITH CREATION
SEASON OF CREATION 2025

1st September – 4th October 2025

"Future generations will never forgive us if we miss the opportunity to protect our common home. We have inherited a garden; we must not leave a desert for our children." Joint statement from Pope Francis, the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew and Archbishop Justin Welby of Canterbury.

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



Lough Derg Pilgrimage

St Brigid's one day pilgrimage to Lough Derg on Sunday 21st September 2025. Bus departs Monasterevin at 5.30am, calling at Kildare, Newbridge, Naas, Sal-lins, Clane, Kilcock, Maynooth, Dunboyne M3 P&R. Arrive in Pettigo to begin service by 10am. Depart for home at 4.30pm. €50 for the island including light lunch and €40 (TBC) for bus. To book contact Deirdre Gleeson 0872467594 (after 6pm) deirdregleeson@medwise.ie

Safeguarding

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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.



Arles Art Group

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

€40 for 5 weeks.

All welcome.



Top Ten Ways to Help Pollinators: Think twice about getting a hive of honeybees

On the island of Ireland, we have one honeybee species, and it is not in decline. Most honeybees are 'domesticated pollinators', living in hives and managed by beekeepers. Our 100+ wild bee species are under threat. If we have too many honeybee hives in the landscape, they can compete for food with our struggling wild pollinators. You should only get a honeybee hive if you want to start a new hobby, but it is not the best thing to do for biodiversity.



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