

First reading

A reading from the book of Exodus

The Amalekites came and attacked Israel at Rephidim. Moses said to Joshua, 'Pick out men for yourself, and tomorrow morning march out to engage Amalek. I, meanwhile, will stand on the hilltop, the staff of God in my hand.' Joshua did as Moses told him and marched out to engage Amalek, while Moses and Aaron and Hur went up to the top of the hill. As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage; when he let his arms fall, the advantage went to Amalek. But Moses' arms grew heavy, so they took a stone and put it under him and on this he sat, Aaron and Hur supporting his arms, one on one side, one on the other; and his arms remained firm till sunset. With the edge of the sword Joshua cut down Amalek and his people.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Response: Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth.

Second reading

A reading from the second letter of St. Paul to Timothy

You must keep to what you have been taught and know to be true; remember who your teachers were, and how, ever since you were a child, you have known the holy scriptures – from these you can learn the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and can profitably be used for teaching, for refuting error, for guiding people's lives and teaching them to be holy. This is how the man who is dedicated to God becomes fully

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equipped and ready for any good work.

Before God and before Christ Jesus who is to be judge of the living and the dead, I put this duty to you, in the name of his Appearing and of his kingdom: proclaim the message and, welcome or unwelcome, insist on it. Refute falsehood, correct error, call to obedience – but do all with patience and with the intention of teaching.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can see what hope his call holds for us. Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus told his disciples a parable about the need to pray continually and never lose heart. 'There was a judge in a certain town' he said 'who had neither fear of God nor respect for man. In the same town there was a widow who kept on coming to him and saying, "I want justice from you against my enemy!" For a long time he refused, but at last he said to himself, "Maybe I have neither fear of God nor respect for man, but since she keeps pestering me I must give this widow her just rights, or she will persist in coming and worry me to death."

And the Lord said 'You notice what the unjust judge has to say? Now will not God see justice done to his chosen who cry to him day and night even when he delays to help them? I promise you, he will see justice done to them, and done speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find any faith on earth?'

The Gospel of the Lord



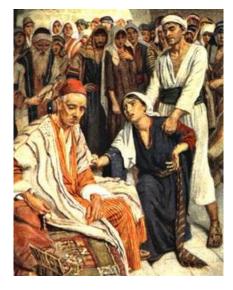
Arles Doonane Parish NEWSLETTER

SERVING ARLES, BALLYLINAN, DOONANE, KILLEEN AND MAYO

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

19th October 2025

Reflection



Support; an important word in our vocabulary today and very much so in our families. Where would any of us be without the support of the family which is the bedrock of society?

Moses had his family, the Israelites of old, and note how they supported him, holding his hands on high, as he interceded for his people when they were engaged in defending the people. No cameras to record it, but what a sight it must have been and a wonderful family story.

We had a wonderful summer of sport this year. Our sportsmen and women did us proud and themselves too. Everybody wants to bask

in the glory of coming out as number one. Only one can make it to the top and yet can we recall the frequency with which we secretly, or openly shouted 'God, O God, can they make it?'

God, O God: I wonder is He always listening! Could he ever be akin to the unjust judge, who even though, apparently, not interested in the dear old lady in the gospel story, granted her request to get her, as it were, 'out of his hair'. I wonder did he still have hair and how long was the widow pestering him.

Isn't this how it is in some families? In the time of large families, it was noticed that younger members easily got what they wanted, their first disco, holidays away from the family, etc., in comparison with the struggle the first members of the family had to endure. Even parents give way to pressure perhaps because of weariness or it could be that they too acquire wisdom over the years.

Being human and trying to communicate with a divine being we use human concepts and the God we call on is sometimes likened to a parent who could possibly know what is best for the children. He may be slow in responding and we wonder why. Is the Almighty mind being changed or is it my request that is being modified?

Sheila Crowe

Missionary Sister of St Columban



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 19 October 2025

Ballylinan (7pm):

Doonane (8pm): Kathleen & John Buggy, Clonbrock

Killeen (9am): Sarah & Brian Condron

Arles (10am): Michael McDonald

Mayo (11.30am): Peter Brennan

Miley Behan, Tolerton

Madeline Casey (nee Graham), Blackrock & late of Tolerton, (Months Mind). And her husband John Casey.

Anniversaries for 26 October 2025

Ballylinan (7pm): Frank Brophy (Months Mind)

Frank McCarthy

Mary Condron, Ballyadams

Doonane (8pm):

Killeen (9am): Kathleen Durkin

Liam & Gloria Cassidy

John & Donal Wall

Leah Walsh & Sheila Mulhall

Arles (10am): Bridget & Thomas McLoughlin

Mayo (11.30am): Eamonn Price (1st Anniversary)

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord

The Autumn Dues Collection

The collectors books for the Autumn

Dues are available in the sacristy of each
church after mass from this weekend for
the October station collection.

A sincere word of thanks to all our collectors who facilitate this collection, and to all who support it so generously.

Carlow Flower Club



Our October/Halloween Demonstration is by Margaret Quinn AOIFA, Teacher and Demonstrator from

North Dublin Flower Club, Tuesday 28th October at 8.00pm Woodford Dolmen Hotel.

All arrangements will be raffled on the night. Competition for all

classes will be "Spooky" an arrangement!.

Visitors welcome, visitors fee ϵ 10. There will be a plant sale on the night.

Parish Office

(083) 8765 800

Closed next Week. It will open on Tuesday 29th October at 10am.

Please note: No Newsletter next weekend

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Community Employment Scheme Vacancies

Crettyard Soccer CES-2396610

Killeshin Soccer CES-2396615 (2 Vacancies Available)



Oisin Park CES-2396613

Office Admin CES-2413648

Anyone interested in a position the application is available on Jobsireland.ie or you can

contact MDCE Project directly on 056 4442711 or email us at mdceproject@gmail.com

Also if anyone over 50 and signing for credits are interested in a position on the CE Scheme please get in contact with me.

ENROLMENT

School Enrolments

The following parish schools are now accepting applications for enrolment for the 2026 / 2027 school year.

St Abban's N.S. Killeen:

visit www.stabbansns.ie or email stabbansnskilleen@gmail.com

Our Lady of Perpetual Help N.S. Arles:

Visit www.arlesnationalschool.ie or email principal@arlesnationalschool.ie

St. Patrick's N. S. Ballylinan:

Visit www.ballylinannationalschool.com or email principal@ballylinanns.com

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Mission Sunday

This weekend, parishes worldwide celebrate World Mission Sunday.

Thank you for supporting in whatever way you can, and please remember, it is more than an appeal for financial help. Mission-

aries also need spiritual support.



Lotto Results 14th October 2025

Winning Numbers

14 15 16 2

Jackpot €7,200

Jackpot - No Winner

Lucky Dip €20 - Pa Brennan (Red Pa)

Lucky Dip €20 - Annette Knowles

Lucky Dip €20 - Phil and Frank Dormer

Lucky Dip €20 - Deirdre Jordan

Next Weeks Jackpot €7,250



Do you wish to become a Minister of the Word in Killeen church?

If so, please contact Christine, 087-6546149. Training will be available for those interested.

Notice

Morning mass resumes in Arles next

Congratulations to the Crettyard men on becoming the Minor County Champions last Sunday in O'Moore Park. They proved too strong for

Portlaoise in the 2nd half!!

Well done to all the panel of players, their manager Ricky, their mentors and selectors, and all who supported the team over the years.

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