

Today's Mass Readings



First reading

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In the days to come the mountain of the Temple of the Lord shall tower above the mountains and be lifted higher than the hills. All the nations will stream to it, peoples without number will come to it; and they will say: 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the Temple of the God of Jacob that he may teach us his ways so that we may walk in his paths; since the Law will go out from Zion, and the oracle of the Lord from Jerusalem.' He will wield authority over the nations and adjudicate between many peoples; these will hammer their swords into ploughshares, their spears into sickles. Nation will not lift sword against nation, there will be no more training for war. O House of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Response: I rejoiced when I heard them say: 'Let us go to God's house.'

Second reading

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

You know 'the time' has come: you must wake up now: our salvation is even nearer than it was when we were converted. The night is almost over, it will be daylight soon – let us give up all the things we prefer to do under cover of the dark; let us arm

ourselves and appear in the light. Let us live decently as people do in the daytime: no drunken orgies, no promiscuity or licentiousness, and no wrangling or jealousy. Let your armour be the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help. Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to his disciples, 'As it was in Noah's day, so will it be when the Son of Man comes. For in those days before the Flood people were eating, drinking, taking wives, taking husbands, right up to the day Noah went into the ark, and they suspected nothing till the Flood came and swept all away. It will be like this when the Son of Man comes. Then of two men in the fields one is taken, one left; of two women at the millstone grinding, one is taken, one left.

'So stay awake, because you do not know the day when your master is coming. You may be quite sure of this that if the householder had known at what time of the night the burglar would come, he would have stayed awake and would not have allowed anyone to break through the wall of his house. Therefore, you too must stand ready because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

The Gospel of the Lord



ARLES DOONANE PARISH NEWSLETTER

SERVING ARLES, BALLYLINAN, DOONANE, KILLEEN AND MAYO

1st Sunday of Advent

30th November 2025

Our Hope for Peace



Advent is a holy season where we direct our hearts and minds to the presence of Christ among us.

Christ was born into our world on that first Christmas, and His uplifting presence has never left our side. In this period of waiting we allow that belief to well up in our hearts. We pray for the grace to be able to sense the power of the Spirit in our lives.

As a time of waiting, Advent also reminds us that while we wait to celebrate the Saviour's birth at Christmas, God waits for us too. Our loving Creator waits for us to open our hearts to His presence so that he may bestow upon each of us the gift of peace: a peace that speaks of healing, hope and solidarity. He says to each of us at this time: 'do not worry for I am here'.



Advent Prayer

Loving God,

On this Advent day we turn to you in prayer.

As we wait for the coming of your Son, we ask your blessing on each of us.

Bring your healing upon us and help us to welcome your light into our lives, a light that gives us the gift of peace.

May your peace guard our heart, our mind and our home.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Come. Lord Jesus.



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: Tues. 11am-1pm (Killeen), Wed. 10am-9pm (Doonane) & Fri. 7.30pm-8.30pm (Ballylinan)

In Memoriam

Anniversaries for 30 November 2025

Ballylinan (7pm): John & Bridie Maher
Anna Mulhall
May & Stephan Murphy

Doonane (8pm): Kevin Kelly, Crettyard
(2nd Anniversary)

Killeen (9am): Peter Kenna

Arles (10am): Patrick & Mariah Kealy
Paddy Lawler, The Strand

Anna & James Kealy, Ashfield, & their daughter Anita Brennan

Jim McDonald & Ellen Nolan, Tennisrath

Mayo (11.30am): Mary Doyle, Turra
Patrick, Hellen & Padraigh Patterson, Monavea

Anniversaries for 07 December 2025

Ballylinan (7pm): Luke Renchan (3rd Anniversary)

Doonane (8pm): Bridget Carpenter, Farnans
(3rd Anniversary)

Killeen (9am): Bridie Moran (2nd Anniversary)
Rita & Mick Farrell

Arles (10am): May & Paddy Nolan
Sean Kenna
Michael & Kitty Browne, Ballinakill
Betty Byrne, Ballickmoyler
& deceased members of the Hurley family, Aughanure.

Mayo (11.30am): Seamus & Noreen Graham,
Tolerton

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord



Novena of Masses

for those on the November Dead List

Celebrated each morning at our 10am weekday masses in Arles church.

The final mass will be on Tuesday 2nd Dec.

All are welcome to remember our dead.

Killeen Altar Society

Annual Christmas Flower Collection on this Sunday Nov. 30th.

As usual, your support is greatly appreciated



St Anne's AFC

Local Parish Soccer team St Anne's AFC Ballylinan will be selling tickets outside Centra in Ballylinan this coming weekend Saturday and Sunday. The fabulous main prize is a 2026 Kia Sportage. The draw takes place January 6th 2026. Get your tickets this weekend for a chance to be entered into a Black Friday draw for €500 cash also.



All money generated will go into the floodlight fund as we currently have no floodlights due to the storm last November.



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Signed Christmas Mass Cards

Available in the Parish Office

While stocks last



Crettyard Ladies GFC

REMEMBRANCE TREE

Annual Lighting of Remembrance Tree

Sunday 30th Nov at 5pm Newtown Cross

Ribbons available in all local stores, and will also be avail through any committee member or ladies player.

Cake Sale in Newtown NS afterwards.

Special guest Santy will be there!

Everyone is welcome to come along and take part in this special event.



#HaveYourSay about your Catholic School

For Attention of Parents of children attending Primary Schools or have yet to start:

The Department of Education is currently conducting a Primary School Survey that will determine the future provision of Primary Schools and crucially could lead to lasting changes in your school. In simple, direct terms, you are being asked if you want your school to stay a Catholic school or if you want that to change. Don't leave it to others, have your say before 16 December 2025.

See - <https://www.gov.ie/en/department-of-education/campaigns/primary-school-survey/>

Lotto Results

25th November 2025

Winning Numbers

10 11 16 23

Jackpot €7,550

Jackpot - No Winner

Lucky Dip €20 - Marty O'Shea

Lucky Dip €20 - Geraldine Fennelly

Lucky Dip €20 - Michael Mulhall

Lucky Dip €20 - Annie Gahan

Next Weeks Jackpot €7,600



Sunday 30th November 11am—3pm

Homemade Home Décor, Pottery & Gifts

St. Anne's Hall, Ballylinan



Crettyard GAA Club AGM

In the Clubhouse

8.30pm Friday 5th December

Carlow Choral Society Concert

Bach Magnificat

and a selection of Christmas carols will be performed on Saturday 6th December at 8pm in Carlow Cathedral.

With the Marlborough Baroque Orchestra.

Tickets from choir members or Eventbrite.ie. Suggested patronage for people over 16yrs is €25.

