



## Today's Mass Readings

### First reading

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

In days past the Lord humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in days to come he will confer glory on the Way of the Sea on the far side of Jordan, province of the nations.

The people that walked in darkness has seen a great light; on those who live in a land of deep shadow a light has shone. You have made their gladness greater, you have made their joy increase; they rejoice in your presence as men rejoice at harvest time, as men are happy when they are dividing the spoils. For the yoke that was weighing on him, the bar across his shoulders, the rod of his oppressor – these you break as on the day of Midian.

The Word of the Lord

### Responsorial Psalm

Response: The Lord is my light and my help.

### Second Reading

A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians.

I appeal to you, brothers, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, to make up the differences between you, and instead of disagreeing among yourselves, to be united again in your belief and practice. From what Chloe's people have been telling me, my dear brothers, it is clear that there are serious differences

among you. What I mean are all these slogans that you have, like: 'I am for Paul', 'I am for Apollos', 'I am for Cephas', 'I am for Christ.' Has Christ been parcelled out? Was it Paul that was crucified for you? Were you baptised in the name of Paul? For Christ did not send me to baptise, but to preach the Good News, and not to preach that in the terms of philosophy in which the crucifixion of Christ cannot be expressed.

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### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus proclaimed the Good News of the kingdom and cured all kinds of sickness among the people. Alleluia!

### Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Hearing that John had been arrested, Jesus went back to Galilee, and leaving Nazareth he went and settled in Capernaum, a lakeside town on the borders of Zebulun and Naphtali. In this way the prophecy of Isaiah was to be fulfilled: 'Land of Zebulun! Land of Naphtali! Way of the sea on the far side of Jordan, Galilee of the nations! The people that lived in darkness has seen a great light; on those who dwell in the land and shadow of death a light has dawned.' From that moment Jesus began his preaching with the message, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.'

The Gospel of the Lord



# ARLES DOONANE PARISH NEWSLETTER

SERVING ARLES, BALLYLINAN, DOONANE, KILLEEN AND MAYO

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

25th January 2026

## Reflection

Fr. Mil writes ...



Circumstances often force people to move home. This is tragically in evidence with the great displacement of people because of the raging war in Palestine and Gaza. This is also happening in Ukraine and worn torn regions of Africa.

Jesus was forced to move because of the arrest of John the Baptist. Then Jesus decided himself to move from Nazareth to Capernaum. He was prompted to do so to bring news of the coming of the Kingdom of light to a different kind of darkness. Jesus wished his people and the many foreigners living in the bustling fishing towns on the shores of the Sea of Galilee to be the happy recipients of Good News: the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.

For most people the kingdom of heaven, if it exists at all, is remote from real life. Many see God as indifferent to the dramas of human life. Many do not even accept that there is anything to life but the scramble for survival or self-promotion....

Then as now the message of Jesus resounds in the darkness of life: "Repent for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand." Pull back from the pessimism of disbelief and hope in a God who calls in every age to attend to his goodness, his love for all creatures. Jesus, now as then, offers healing to the human family with the Good News of his loving and attentive presence.

Just as then, this good news speaks to the heart of every person and has the power to transform those who heed. But Jesus, now as in times past, also seeks out generous bearers of his healing love and the message of that love. The need for such generous people is immediate. When we are open to the touch of the healing presence of Jesus, we are also moved to bring the news of that to others whose lives we touch. Read all about it in the gospel of today's Mass. It is meant for you.

- *Missionaries of the Sacred Heart, Ireland.*



Morning Mass (Arles): 10am Tuesday - Friday

Recitation of the Rosary (Arles): 9.30am Tuesday - Friday

## Religious Services to attend

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 25 January 2026

**Ballylinan (7pm):** Peter Brennan

John McHugh

Tony, Cissie & Sr. Nora Kaye

**Doonane (8pm):**

**Killeen (9am):** James Julian, Grange

**Arles (10am):** Michael (Mick) Stynes (2nd Anniversary)

Margaret Fenlon

**Mayo (11.30am):** Mary Hackett, Ardough, Bilboa (3rd anniversary)

Tom Dunne

Eddie Deevy, Turra (2nd Anniversary)

### Anniversaries for 1 February 2026

**Ballylinan (7pm):** Mona Morris

Tom McDonnell

Dick Donohoe & his parents Denis & Ellen

**Doonane (8pm):**

**Killeen (9am):**

**Arles (10am):** Paddy Doogue, Maidenhead

Nicholas Boran (Birthday Remembrance -100 on 28th January)

**Mayo (11.30am):**

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord



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## Parish Contact Details

Parish Office: (083) 8765 800

Opening Hours: Tuesday 10am - 1pm & Friday 10am - 1pm



## First Confession

Wednesday 28th January  
at 7pm: Ballylinan NS



Wednesday 11th February at 7pm:  
Killeen NS

*We keep all the children in our prayers  
as they take another step in preparation  
for the celebration of their First Holy  
Communion in May.*

## Safeguarding

DLP: Michele Hughes , mobile number 086-1710643 and email: dlp@kandle.ie

Parish Safeguarding Rep: Christine Oglesby (087) 654 6149

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## Spiritual Exercises

### 5 Day Silent Ignatian Retreat

Led Benedictine monks from St. Joseph Abbey, in France. Starts Thursday 30th April (3pm). Benburb Priory, Co. Tyrone. €450 (all meals & single room).



*Discover the strength that only comes when you stop running and let God speak.*

Book at: <https://soutenir.clairval.com/retreat-benburb-priory>

## Notice

Please note that the Parish Office will be closed next Friday (30th Jan).

## Carlow Flower Club

Carlow Flower Club's January event will be on Tuesday 27th Jan. at 8pm in the Woodford Dolmen Hotel.



Competition for all classes "No Flowers Please" an all foliage arrangement. Visitors welcome €10.

## Ceremony of Light

St. Anne's Church, Ballylinan



Wednesday 4th February at 7pm

*We keep the young people in Arles NS, Ballylinan NS and Killeen NS in our prayers as they prepare for their Confirmation.*



## Notice

No morning mass in Arles on Tuesday and Friday at 10am this week.



Congratulations to Martin Byrne (Arles Kileen) on becoming Chairman of the Leinster Council. It is a great honour for his club and our wider parish.

It is a position of considerable responsibility and we wish him all the best in his term at the helm.



## Lotto Results

### 20th January 2026

#### Winning Numbers

9      21      24

Jackpot €7,800

Jackpot - No Winner

Lucky Dip €20 - Nicola Rowan

Lucky Dip €20 - Patricia McDonald

Lucky Dip €20 - Maureen Brennan

Lucky Dip €20 - John Purcell

Next Weeks Jackpot €7,850

Kildare, Monasterevin & Rathangan Parishes Lourdes Pilgrimage



8th June – 12th June 2026

4 Nights from Cork Airport, €825 pp Sharing

For further information, please contact :  
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