



Today's Mass Readings

First reading tain that one man, Jesus Christ, will cause everyone to reign in life who receives the free gift that he does not deserve, of being made righteous. Again, as one man's fall brought condemnation on everyone, so the good act of one man brings everyone life and makes them justified. As by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by one man's obedience many will be made righteous.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory! Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus was led by the Spirit out into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, after which he was very hungry, and the tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to turn into loaves.' But he replied, 'Scripture says: Man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.' The devil then took him to the holy city and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God' he said 'throw yourself down; for scripture says: He will put you in his angels' charge, and they will support you on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone.' Jesus said to him, 'Scripture also says: You must not put the Lord your God to the test.' Next, taking him to a very high mountain, the devil showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour. 'I will give you all these' he said, 'if you fall at my feet and worship me.' Then Jesus replied, 'Be off, Satan! For scripture says: You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone.' Then the devil left him, and angels appeared and looked after him.

The Gospel of the Lord

A reading from the book of Genesis

The Lord God fashioned man of dust from the soil. Then he breathed into his nostrils a breath of life, and thus man became a living being. The Lord God planted a garden in Eden which is in the east, and there he put the man he had fashioned. The Lord God caused to spring up from the soil every kind of tree, enticing to look at and good to eat, with the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil in the middle of the garden. Now the serpent was the most subtle of all the wild beasts that the Lord God had made. It asked the woman, 'Did God really say you were not to eat from any of the trees in the garden?' The woman answered the serpent, 'We may eat the fruit of the trees in the garden. But of the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden God said, "You must not eat it, nor touch it, under pain of death." ' Then the serpent said to the woman, 'No! You will not die! God knows in fact that on the day you eat it your eyes will be opened and you will be like gods, knowing good and evil.' The woman saw that the tree was good to eat and pleasing to the eye, and that it was desirable for the knowledge that it could give. So she took some of its fruit and ate it. She gave some also to her husband who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened and they realised that they were naked. So they sewed fig-leaves together to make themselves loin-cloths.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Response: Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Second Reading

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

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. If it is certain that death reigned over everyone as the consequence of one man's fall, it is even more cer-



ARLES DOONANE PARISH NEWSLETTER

SERVING ARLES, BALLYLINAN, DOONANE, KILLEEN AND MAYO

1st Sunday of Lent

22nd February 2026

The Season of Lent



In the early Church, Lent was the process developed to welcome new members. As they prepared themselves, a season before Easter

evolved of renewal for the already baptized and confirmed. This is what we now call Lent, from the Latin for springtime: new or renewed life.

Lent is about believing in the possibility of love, of God's dream of reconciliation, of restoration, of people living together with all creatures and creation, in love. And yes, Lent is about what we can and must do to allow the Spirit to pierce our hearts with the arrow of God's fiery, passionate love.

We don't mark one another with ashes to be morose about our sinfulness and mortality or to defy the Gospel warning against performing religious acts just to be noticed. Rather, a



smudgy cross mark reminds us God's love is for real: we come from God and are destined for Him. The cross is a sign seared into our souls that can never be eradicated!

We pray, fast, and give generously to signal our conviction that we live together in the power of Christ's resurrection victory of love. That's the joy and the hope that infuse this entire season of Lent!

Father Francis Gargani, C.Ss.R.



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

We pray for: Michael Storey, Castletown who died during the past week.

Anniversaries for 22 February 2026

Ballylinan (7pm): Fr. O'Shea PE (1st Anniversary)

Mai Delaney

Annie McDonnell, Rahin

Joseph Barry, Kilberry

Bridget & Frank Whelan

Michael & Sarah Loughman

Kitty Farrell

Doonane (8pm): Sean Corcoran (2nd Anniversary)

Killeen (9am): Jimmy Moran, Anna Evans & deceased family members

Margaret & Tom Myron & deceased family members

Arles (10am): Jimmy O'Shea, and parents Mary & James O'Shea

Mayo (11.30am):

Anniversaries for 1 March 2026

Ballylinan (7pm): Kitty Kelly, The Pike

James Davis, Esther & Gavin Brennan

Frances Kieran, Clough

Doonane (8pm): Maureen & Tommy Nash

Bob Murphy, Doonane Road

Ann Delaney, Dromagh (2nd Anniversary)

Killeen (9am):

Arles (10am):

Mayo (11.30am):

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord

Living Lent: Some Suggestions for the Week

- + Make the sign of the cross when leaving your home/passing a church/cemetery/before & after a meal
- + Give up social media for an evening (or more!)
- + Take some time to go on a walk and say a prayer along the way
- + Go to daily Mass and offer it for your loved ones



Bingo Knockbeg College

Thursday 19th of March starts at 7.30pm (doors open at 6.30pm). Entry Booklets cost €10 and are available from the Knockbeg office (05991 42127) or on the night. Prizes €20 for a line, €30 for two lines and €50 for a full house.

In aid of Knockbeg Parent's Association and New Pitch Development. All support is greatly appreciated.



Carlow Flower Club

Carlow Flower Club will hold a flower arranging demonstration by Brenda Joyce on Tuesday 24th February at 8pm in the Woodford Dolmen Hotel. Non members welcome to attend, Fee for non-members €10.



Arles Doonane Parish Office

(083) 8765 800

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

Please contact the Office if you require an Anniversary Mass booking, a copy of a Baptismal Certificate or if you wish to book a Baptism or Wedding in the Parish.

✉ arlesdoonane parish@gmail.com

Envelope Boxes and Trócaire boxes will be distributed throughout the parish over the next week or so.

Offering Envelopes



The envelope collection is the primary way of supporting our parish.

Many thanks to those who continue to offer their support in these difficult times.

A sincere word of thanks also to all our distributors for giving up their time to help distribute the boxes.



Lotto Results

18th February 2026

Winning Numbers

13 17 18 22

Jackpot €8,000

Jackpot - No Winner

Lucky Dip €20 - Catherine Roe

Lucky Dip €20 - Patrick Rowan

Lucky Dip €20 - John Behan

Lucky Dip €20 - Mary Wheatley

Next Weeks Jackpot €8,050

REMINDER:- ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION IS NOW DUE FOR RENEWAL.

COST IS €90 PER YEAR FOR 50 DRAWS

Please play at <https://sll.ie/crettyard-gaa> or with any committee member

Ballylinan ICA, St. Brigid's Ladies Football & Ballylinan Ploughing

HOST
KILQUAN PLAYERS PERFORMING
WHO'S BEEN SLEEPING IN MY BED
BY JIMMY KEARY | DIRECTED BY BENNY MILLS
€12 ENTRY FRIDAY 27TH FEBRUARY - 8 PM (SHARP)
ST. ANN'S HALL, BALLYLINAN
TICKETS MUST BE PRE-BOOKED
087-4193965/059-8625125
DON'T MISS THE **GRAND FINALE!**

Safeguarding

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

Parish Safeguarding Rep: Christine Oglesby (087) 654 6149



Best Wishes to the students who make their Confirmation this coming Wednesday in Ballylinan,

Killeen & Arles. And we welcome Bishop Denis who will confirm our young people.



Notice

No morning mass in Arles on Wednesday to accommodate the Confirmation ceremonies.



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